



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
Light

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

VÍ SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TIEMPO ORDINARIO

GO FIRST AND BE

Reconciled.

MATTHEW 5:24

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Reconciliarte.

MATEO 5,24

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JUNTOS, ADORANDO AL SEÑOR, FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS, SIRVIENDO EN NOMBRE DE JESÚS

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English
5:30 pm	Español

SATURDAY

Time	Language
8:00 am	English
5:00 pm	English (<i>Saturday Vigil</i>)

SUNDAY

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English
7:00 pm	Italiano (<i>1st Sunday, Montefi</i>)

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am in the church.



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - RETILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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for more details



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7:15 am - 3:15 pm

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church!
Congratulations to our
newly Baptized:



Congratulations and
God's blessings to our
newly married couples:



Rest in Peace.
Let us pray for our
recently deceased:

• Maria C Alonso

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit cotlf.org/baptism for more information.
- Arreglos de bautizos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/baptism para mas información.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Visit cotlf.org/weddings for more information.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/weddings para mas información.

SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 8TH

Attendance:	2,204
In-Church Collection:	\$ 13,926
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 20,056
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 1,433
Children's Collection:	\$ 495
Devotional Candles:	\$ 811
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 269

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Grand Total: \$ 36,990

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Fernando Tello
7:30 am	+ Josefina Barrios de Blanco
9:00 am	+ Merido Rangel
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Jesus Cartaya
5:30 pm	Living and Deceased Members of Nino Alzate's Family
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

Monday of Week VI in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	+ Georgina Villaseñor Torres
8:00 am	Cameron Campoamor's Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

Tuesday of Week VI in Ordinary Time /
Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

6:15 am	Lauren Cole's Birthday
8:00 am	+ Caridad Guanche
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Ash Wednesday

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	+ James Strachan
12:15 pm	+ Harold Schwartz
4:00 pm	<i>Family Prayer Service - No Communion</i>
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>
7:00 pm	+ Connie Arnaz

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:15 am	+ Rafael Ramirez
8:00 am	Lilly Rangel-Diaz's Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:15 am	Corrine and Michael Flores' 54 th Wedding Anniversary
8:00 am	Matthias Santibanez' Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 am	+ Miguel Santibañez, Jr
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

I SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Carlota Haller
7:30 am	Intentions of the Murdock family
9:00 am	+ Manuel Joaquin Pereira
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Eduardo Rodriguez-Arias
5:30 pm	Living and Deceased Members of the Garcia-Casals Family
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAYS

11:30 am	Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - <i>Once Monthly</i>
1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Outing (Varies) - <i>Once Monthly</i>

MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conf. Room & Zoom) - <i>Biweekly</i>
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Chapel Conf. Room)
7:30 pm	Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conf. Room)
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conf. Room)

TUESDAYS

7:45 am	That Man is You Men's Group (Comber Hall)
8:30 am	Holy Face Devotion (Church)
7:00 pm	OCIA Adult Formation Classes (STS Cafeteria)
7:30 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)
8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer (Chapel Conf. Room)

WEDNESDAYS

4:00 & 6:30 pm	Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conf. Room)
8:00 pm	Oración Carismática en Español (Morras Conf. Room)

THURSDAYS

7:45 am	Walking with Purpose Women's Group (Comber Hall)
6:00 pm	Amor en Accion (Morras Conf. Room) - <i>Biweekly</i>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus (Comber Hall) - <i>Once Monthly</i>
7:00 pm	Schola Cantorum / Parish Choir (STS Music Room)
7:00 pm	Scouts (Cafeteria)
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)

FRIDAYS

10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Reilly Conf. Room) - <i>3rd Friday</i>
6:00 pm	American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - <i>2nd & 4th Friday</i>
6:30 pm	Singles Ministry (STS Cafeteria)
8:00 pm	Marriage Covenant (Zoom)

SATURDAYS

7:00 am	First Saturday Devotion / Rosary (Church)
9:00 am	Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Parish Center)

OTHER MINISTRIES

Grieving with Great Hope Bereavement Ministry
Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, EMHCs, Lectors, Ushers)

Grayed out ministries are not currently meeting.
Visit www.cotlf.org/ministries for more details about each group.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A, Missal Pages 308-313

Sunday	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

At the end of every Mass that we celebrate with our school children, our principal, Sister Rosalie leads the children in post-Mass prayers. The children kneel down as soon as the priest celebrant has walked out of the church and recessional hymn ends. Sister then leads them in the prayer to St. Michael along with the prayer to their guardian angel, and after a few petitions, she leads the children in a short, simple, but extremely profound prayer.

Thank you, Jesus.

For loving me.

Amen.

On this last Sunday before we begin the Lenten season, the simplicity of this prayer is on my mind and in my heart because Ash Wednesday is fast approaching and maybe we need to approach this coming Lent with childlike simplicity. The other day I was talking to a teacher and she said that the prayer above is her favorite prayer "because sometimes when I have nothing to say I just say 'Thank you Jesus, for loving me.'" And that's how we should approach Ash Wednesday: fully aware that sometimes we have nothing adequate to say to our God and we should empty our hearts enough to allow the Holy Spirit to pray for us. When we strip everything away, when we expel everything from our hearts that does not belong there and relegate those things to, well, ashes, then we are ready to begin our Lenten journey.

Ash Wednesday is a reminder that we have to burn so many things in our lives down to ashes so that we can freely take up the cross of Jesus Christ as he commands us to: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me (Luke 9:23)."

We hear those words in the gospel at Mass on the day after Ash Wednesday. Deny ourselves...daily! Only then can we take up the cross to follow our Lord. Denying ourselves, our pride, our vanity, our arrogance, our worldly attachments means becoming like little children who trustingly look up to heaven and just simply trust in the love and mercy of God.

This simplicity is also a reminder that as we approach our Lenten journey and think about what we will sacrifice, what we will add, and what we will do, I urge you to keep things simple and keep in mind three things:

- Will this Lenten sacrifice bring me closer to Jesus?
- Will this Lenten sacrifice bring me closer to my brothers and sisters in Christ?
- Is this a Lenten sacrifice that I can root out of my life for good and not return to it this Easter?

When all is said and done, whatever Lenten discipline we take up should genuinely bring us closer to our lifelong quest to become saints. Which brings me back to our school children and two other things that Sister Rosalie tells them and asks them at the beginning of every school day and along with the simple post-Mass prayer above can guide us during this holy season of Lent.

At the end of morning announcements, Sister asks the children: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" The children respond in unison: "a saint!" Then she reminds them as they head off to class: "Do your best, and God will do the rest." Keep it simple this Lent because when all else fails, we can look up at the cross and simply say, "Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Amen."

God bless you all,

Fr. Manny



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Al final de cada misa que celebramos con nuestros alumnos, nuestra directora, la hermana Rosalie, guía a los niños en las oraciones posteriores a la misa. Los niños se arrodillan en cuanto el sacerdote celebrante sale de la iglesia y termina el himno de recession. La hermana los guía en la oración a San Miguel junto con la oración a su ángel guardián, y tras algunas súplicas, guía a los niños en una oración corta, sencilla pero extremadamente profunda.

Gracias, Jesús.

Por quererme.

Amén.

En este último domingo antes de comenzar la Cuaresma, la sencillez de esta oración está en mi mente y en mi corazón porque el Miércoles de Ceniza se acerca rápidamente y quizá debamos afrontar esta próxima Cuaresma con una sencillez infantil. El otro día estaba hablando con una profesora y me dijo que la oración de arriba es su plegaria favorita "porque a veces, cuando no tengo nada que decir, solo digo 'Gracias Jesús, por amarme'." Y así es como debemos abordar el Miércoles de Ceniza: plenamente conscientes de que a veces no tenemos nada suficiente que decirle a nuestro Dios y debemos vaciar nuestros corazones lo suficiente para permitir que el Espíritu Santo ore por nosotros. Cuando despojamos todo, cuando expulsamos de nuestro corazón todo lo que no pertenece allí y relegamos esas cosas a, bueno, cenizas, entonces estamos listos para comenzar nuestro viaje cuaresmal.

El Miércoles de Ceniza es un recordatorio de que tenemos que quemar muchas cosas en nuestras vidas hasta reducirlas a cenizas para poder tomar libremente la cruz de Jesucristo como Él nos ordena: "Si alguien quiere venir después de mí, debe negarse a sí mismo y tomar su cruz cada día y seguirme (Lucas 9:23)."

Escuchamos esas palabras en el evangelio en la misa del día después del Miércoles de Ceniza. Negarnos a nosotros mismos... ¡A diario! Solo entonces podremos tomar la cruz para seguir a nuestro Señor. Negarnos a nosotros mismos, nuestro orgullo, nuestra vanidad, nuestra arrogancia, nuestros apegos mundanos significa convertirnos en niños pequeños que miran confiados al cielo y simplemente confían en el amor y la misericordia de Dios.

Esta simplicidad también nos recuerda que, al acercarnos a nuestro camino cuaresmal y pensar en lo que sacrificaremos, lo que añadiremos y lo que haremos, os insto a que mantengan las cosas simples y tengan en cuenta tres cosas:

- 1) ¿Este sacrificio cuaresmal me acercará a Jesús?
- 2) ¿Este sacrificio cuaresmal me acercará a mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo?
- 3) ¿Es este un sacrificio cuaresmal que puedo erradicar de mi vida para siempre y no volver a ella esta Pascua?

Cuando todo esté dicho y hecho, cualquier disciplina cuaresmal que empecemos debería acercarnos genuinamente a nuestra búsqueda de toda la vida para convertirnos en santos. Lo que me lleva de nuevo a nuestros hijos y a otras dos cosas que la hermana Rosalie les dice y les

pregunta al principio de cada día escolar y, junto con la sencilla oración posterior a la misa anterior, pueden guiarnos durante esta santa temporada de Cuaresma. Al final de los anuncios matutinos, la hermana pregunta a los niños: "¿Qué queréis ser cuando seáis mayores?" Los niños responden al unísono: "¡un santo!" Luego les recuerda mientras se dirigen a clase: "Haz lo mejor que puedas, y Dios hará el resto." Mantenedlo sencillo esta Cuaresma porque, cuando todo falla, podemos mirar la cruz y simplemente decir: "Gracias, Jesús, por amarme. Amén."

Que Dios Los Bendiga a Todos,



Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial

HELP UNLOAD THE PIPE ORGAN

Fisk Opus 166 will soon be en route from Gloucester, MA to Coral Gables, FL! On Sunday, February 22nd, the first truck will be arriving on campus, delivering all the structural components and case work of our new pipe organ. Two weeks later, on Sunday, March 8th, a second truck will be arriving with the delivery of the 3,000+ pipes!

On both Sundays, parishioners are invited to come out at 2:00pm to help unload the truck, carefully handling each of the pipe organ's pieces as we move them into the church to be installed and made ready to sing the glory of God for generations to come.

As CB Fisk describes it:

The day the organ arrives is also a great opportunity for community building and creating a sense of ownership of the new instrument. At churches, the truck pulls up just after the last service on Sunday, and parishioners are asked to help with the unloading. There are many jobs to be done, even for those of no great strength. Many people have told us that delivery day is an event that brings whole congregations together, and becomes an historic milestone in the life of the church, one that today's children will tell their grandchildren about, "I helped when the organ was delivered, sixty years ago."

What started as a vision and a dream of a few parish staff members over a decade ago is now just a few days away from becoming a permanent reality in the balcony of our church!

THANK YOU, DONORS!

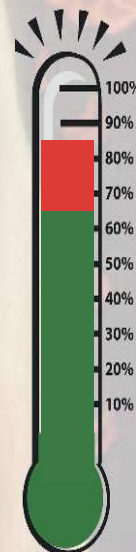
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CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$11,147,797.84 (85.75%)
TOTAL GIVEN: \$8,328,962.53 (64.07%)

Updated as of February 11th





CHURCH OF
THE LITTLE FLOWER

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Gala*

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SATURDAY
7:00 pm

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The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 18th.
All Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated in the main church:

- 6:15 am — English Mass
- 8:00 am — English Mass
- 12:15pm — English Mass
- 4:00pm — Family Prayer Service (No Communion)
- 5:30pm — Misa en Español
- 7:00pm — English Mass

A background image for a seminar featuring a close-up of a person's face in profile, with a focus on the eye and cheek, set against a warm, orange and red color palette. The text is overlaid on the right side.

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WOMEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

February 20 - 22, 2026

The Women's Emmaus Ministry warmly invites you to join us for our next retreat. Enjoy a weekend brimming with joy, hope, and renewal. Connect with new friends and deepen your relationship with God in a serene and loving environment. You will be pampered, cherished, and surrounded by love every step of the way. Don't miss this opportunity to rejuvenate your spirit and experience a beautiful transformation. Come to our Emmaus retreat and find a renewed sense of purpose and peace.

Scan the QR Code to Register!

Registration is \$200.00 per person
and includes room, meals and program.

For more information, please contact:

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MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

March 13 - 15, 2026 • Comber Hall

The Marriage Covenant a weekend retreat where you and your spouse can pause from daily life and reflect upon the importance of marriage.

*How we can make life happier for ourselves and for our families?
What role does God play in our everyday lives? The retreat weekend
is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience!*

The retreat registration fee is \$150 per couple and is considered a non-refundable donation. All meals, materials, and the use of parish facilities are included in the fee. Scholarships are available for those who may have difficulty paying. Please let us know if assistance is needed.

For more information, please contact:

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Catholic Kids Bulletin

February 15, 2026
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Color: Green



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Blessed are
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When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer the Mass.

Saint Valentine

Saint Valentine was a kind man in Rome. The emperor made a rule that young men couldn't marry. Saint Valentine knew this was wrong, so he helped couples get married in secret. The emperor found out and put Saint Valentine in jail.

Even in jail, Saint Valentine was kind. He wrote letters to the jailer's daughter, signed "From your Valentine." This is why people give Valentine's cards to their friends! Saint Valentine showed that love and kindness are powerful. His story reminds us to be brave and spread love.

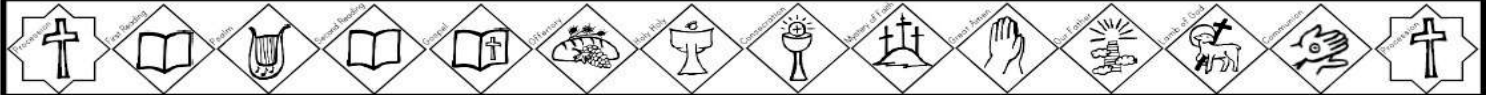
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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.



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Jesus taught his disciples to follow the commandments. Commandments are rules that God asks us to follow.





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