



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
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MARCH 8, 2026

III SUNDAY OF LENT

III DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



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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 - REILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

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

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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

- Matthew Lucas Vidal
- Olivia Islay Rodriguez
- Gia Celeste Cabezas
- Celina Arellano Carrier
- Nicolas Julian Romanov
- Gabriel Andres Navarro
- Nicholas Correa



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

- Hermogenes Abad & Lya Franco
- Fernando Fonseca & Stephanie Seara
- Peter Cancio & Lisa Fernandez
- Kevin Baloyra & Arianna Vazquez



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

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

MARCH 1ST

Attendance:	2,688
In-Church Collection:	\$ 14,414
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 20,241
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 1,348
Children's Collection:	\$ 557
Devotional Candles:	\$ 598
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 360
<i>2nd Coll- Latin America:</i>	<i>\$ 5,797</i>

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Weekend Total: \$ 37,518

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

III SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm (Vigil)	For the Intentions of the Walton Family
7:30 am	Ivette Sequeira's Birthday
9:00 am	+ Martinez Family
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Rodobaldo Lorenzo y Eva Blanco
5:30 pm	+ Agustin Arrieta
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

Monday of Week III of Lent / Memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious

6:15 am	Alejandro Arrabal's Birthday
8:00 am	+ John G. O'Rourke
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

Tuesday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	Marlen Gallardo
8:00 am	+ Pepin Casal
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

Wednesday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	+ Iliana Arrieta
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Horacio and Samuel Varona
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

Thursday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	+ Samuel Rojas
8:00 am	+ Vicente Diaz Peña
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

Friday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	+ Deceased Members of the Rojas Family
8:00 am	Raul Cairo's Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

Saturday of Week III of Lent

8:00 am	+ Antonino F. Granda and Saturnina Suarez
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SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

IV SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Cecilia Puig
7:30 am	+ Michael O'Rourke
9:00 am	Lupe Zumarriga's Birthday
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Giovanni Delgado
5:30 pm	Lilian E. Cabrera
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

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	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	Schola Cantorum / Parish Choir (STS Music Room)
7:00 pm	Scouts (Cafeteria)
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel 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)

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

III Sunday of Lent

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Sunday	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are surrounded by so many parish activities that lift our eyes towards the heavens as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. We have seen an increase in our confession lines on Saturday morning and in people calling to ask for appointments for confessions. To address this joyful need, Father David and I will be adding confession times during the week to accommodate more penitents. On Tuesday, Father David will be in the parish office to hear confessions from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. On Thursdays, I will be hearing confessions in the parish office at the same times.

We would normally do this in the church in our confessionals as we do on Saturday mornings, but the organ installation is ongoing, and we need to be out of the church as soon as weekday Masses end so that the good folks who are building the organ have as much time as possible during the day to accomplish this important task. This is a good segway to remind everyone that we are back in the church for daily Mass, but the church will be closed for prayer for the duration of Lent because of the installation. As you can see as you look towards the balcony, the installation is progressing rather quickly and today we receive the actual pipes. It does require some sacrifice on our part as we don't have full access to our church just yet, and even during Mass there may be a worker or two doing quiet work. But as I reminded our daily Mass goers this past Monday, there have been many a time where I have celebrated a Mass in Europe or in the Holy Land in a church that was undergoing renovations and yet, Mass still continued very devotedly in spite of the noise. Just keep praying for these fine workers and the divine task that has been entrusted to them as we watch our beautiful pipe organ slowly come to life all for the glory of God.

Some other Lenten events that you might want to add to your schedule:

The next Marriage Covenant retreat in English will take place in Comber Hall next weekend, March 13-15. It is a beautiful retreat that is offered to the married couples of our parish, and I invite you to take time out of your busy schedule to reconnect with your spouse and with the Lord during this transformative experience.

The annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 20th in our school cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Knights do a wonderful job with this uniquely Lenten Catholic tradition of a fish fry, and all the proceeds benefit the Carmelite Vocations Fund. And we definitely could use more Carmelite Sisters to teach our children!

The Lenten Stations of the Cross are ongoing every Friday. The Friday morning 8:30a Stations are being held in the Adoration Chapel. Years ago, Father Michael Davis purchased a breathtaking olive wood Stations in the Holy Land that adorn the walls of our chapel, and they are rarely used. We have an opportunity to truly gaze on them this month.

Father David will offer a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Finally, a small Lenten prayer that I preached on last week taken from one of the psalms. It was the entrance antiphon of the Mass of Wednesday of the first week of Lent: "Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress." (Psalm 25)

God Bless You All,

Fr. Manny



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Mientras continuamos nuestro viaje cuaresmal, estamos rodeados de tantas actividades parroquiales que alzan la mirada hacia el cielo mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el Misterio Pascual. Hemos visto un aumento en nuestras colas para confesiones el sábado por la mañana y en personas que llaman para pedir citas para confesar. Para atender esta necesidad de alegría, el padre David y yo añadiremos horarios de confesión durante la semana para acomodar a más penitentes. El martes, el padre David estará en la oficina parroquial para escuchar confesiones de 9:00 a 10:00 a.m. Los jueves, escucharé confesiones en la oficina parroquial a las mismas horas.

Normalmente lo haríamos en la iglesia, en nuestros confesionarios, como hacemos los sábados por la mañana, pero la instalación del órgano sigue en curso y necesitamos salir de la iglesia tan pronto como terminen las misas entre semana para que la buena gente que construye el órgano tenga todo el tiempo posible durante el día para realizar esta importante tarea. Esto es una buena forma de recordar a todos que estamos de vuelta en la iglesia para la misa diaria, pero la iglesia estará cerrada para orar durante la Cuaresma debido a la instalación. Como puedes ver al mirar hacia el balcón, la instalación avanza bastante rápido y hoy recibimos las tuberías propiamente dichas. Requiere cierto sacrificio por nuestra parte, ya que aún no tenemos acceso completo a nuestra iglesia, e incluso durante la misa puede haber uno o dos trabajadores haciendo trabajo tranquilo. Pero, como recordé a nuestros asistentes diarios a la misa el pasado lunes, ha habido muchas ocasiones en las que he celebrado misa en Europa o en Tierra Santa en una iglesia que estaba en renovación y, sin embargo, la misa continuó con mucha devoción a pesar del ruido. Sigue orando por estos excelentes trabajadores y por la tarea divina que se les ha encomendado mientras vemos cómo nuestro hermoso órgano de tubos cobra vida poco a poco, todo por la gloria de Dios

Algunos otros eventos de Cuaresma que quizá quieras añadir a tu agenda:

El próximo retiro del Pacto Matrimonial en inglés tendrá lugar en Comber Hall el próximo fin de semana, del 13 al 15 de marzo. Es un hermoso retiro que se ofrece a las parejas casadas de nuestra parroquia, y os invito a que saquéis tiempo de vuestra apretada agenda para reconectar con vuestro cónyuge y con el Señor durante esta experiencia transformadora.

La tradicional Fish Fry, los Caballeros de Colón, se celebrará el viernes 20 de marzo en la cafetería de nuestro colegio de 18:30 a 21:00. Los Caballeros hacen un trabajo maravilloso con esta tradición católica cuaresmal única de un fish fry, y todos los beneficios se destinan al Fondo de Vocaciones Carmelitas. ¡Y definitivamente nos vendrían bien más Hermanas Carmelitas para enseñar a nuestros hijos!

Las Estaciones del Vía Crucis de Cuaresma se celebran todos los viernes. Las estaciones del viernes a las 8:30 se celebran en la Capilla de la Adoración. Hace años, el padre Michael Davis compró unas impresionantes estaciones de madera de olivo en Tierra Santa que adornan las paredes de nuestra capilla, y rara vez se usan. Tenemos la oportunidad de observarlos de verdad este mes.

El padre David ofrecerá una Velada de Cuaresma de Reflexión el martes 24 de marzo a las 19:00 horas en la iglesia.

Por último, una pequeña oración cuaresmal que prediqué la semana pasada, tomada de uno de los salmos. Fue la antífona de entrada de la misa del miércoles de la primera semana de Cuaresma: «Recuerda tu compasión, Señor, y tu amor misericordioso, porque son de antaño. No dejemos que nuestros enemigos se regocijen sobre nosotros. Redimídanos, oh Dios de Israel, de toda nuestra angustia.» (Salmo 25)

Que Dios Los Bendiga a Todos,



Building on Our Legacy

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This center photo was taken on Tuesday afternoon. Turn around and see how much more has gone up since this page went to print!

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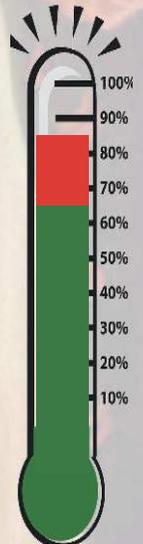
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CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$11,185,200.76 (86.04%)
TOTAL GIVEN: \$8,383,624.83 (64.49%)

Updated as of March 2nd



HOLY WEEK 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

Parish Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00pm
Priest Rectory House Lawn

PAIM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with the exception of
10:30am Mass moved to 10:45am

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 1ST

Evening Lenten Confessions beginning at 7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel will close at 4:00pm
The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual), 8:00pm
Altar of Repose in Comber Hall will remain open until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Office Closed

Special Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land
Stations of the Cross (English), 12:00pm
Liturgy of the Passion (English), 3:00pm
Vía Crucis (Español), 7:00pm
Liturgia de la Pasión (Español), 8:00pm
Procesión Anual / Annual Procession, 9:15pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

No Morning Confessions - Church closed until 6:45pm
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Bilingual), 8:00pm
St. Joseph Adoration Chapel will reopen after the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with the exception of
10:30am Mass moved to 10:45am
Overflow seating available in Comber Hall for 9:00am, 10:45a and 12:30p Masses



THROUGHOUT THE SEASON OF LENT, MASS PARTS WILL BE CHANTED IN LATIN

“Hóly, Hóly, Hóly...”

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.
Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

“ We Procláim Your Death, O Lord...”

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine,
et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
12:00PM**

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY



Friday, March 20th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

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MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

March 13 - 15, 2026 • Comber Hall

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For more information, please contact:

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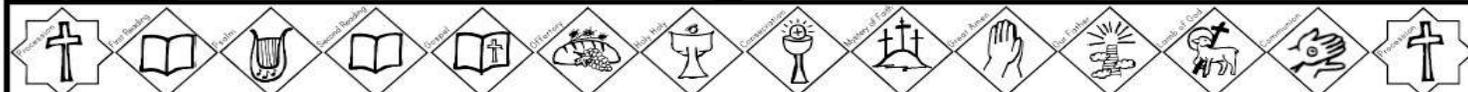
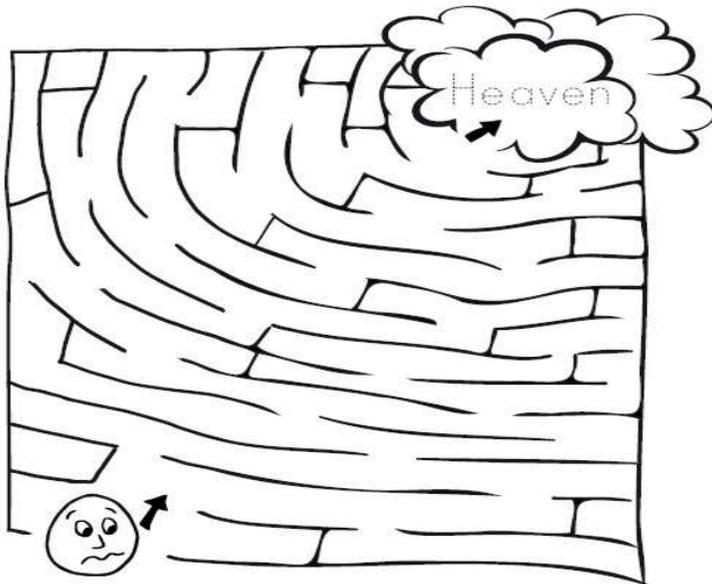
God asks us to choose good friends. Ask them to pray for your friends.

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BPYOURWEARTS
 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
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VOICEPWLHARDENSOANOTPEO

Are you saying extra prayers for Lent? Lent is a time to grow closer to God, and prayer can help you do that.



Gospel A woman gave water to Jesus, and He taught her about the living water that leads to eternal life in Heaven.





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