



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



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MARCH 29, 2026

PAIM SUNDAY

DOMINGO DE RAMOS



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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, Monthlily</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:

- Nina Gabriela Garcia
- Archer Alfred Hills



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

- Robert Grimal & Beatriz Sagarduy Sustacha
- Ernesto Estrada & Marisol San Roman
- Rainier Viego & Brooke Dombrowsky
- Tyler Halfaker & Shannon Turner
- Matheus Ayrolla & Jennifer Marron



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

- Manuel Romas Barbeito

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 22ND

Attendance:	2,610
In-Church Collection:	\$ 10,498
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 21,479
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 1,738
Children's Collection:	\$ 523
Devotional Candles:	\$ 857
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 1,859
<i>2nd Coll- CRS:</i>	<i>\$ 4,731</i>

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Weekend Total: \$ 36,954

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Ignacio & Juana Perez
7:30 am	Michael Bolander
9:00 am	+ Michael Gomez
10:45 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Eduardo Rodriguez-Arias
5:30 pm	Lilian C. Cabrera
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH

Monday of Holy Week

6:15 am	+ Emma Hernandez
8:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:15 am	George Groeve
8:00 am	+ Armando Salcedo
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:15 am	For the Holy Father's Intention
8:00 am	For All Parish Benefactors
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

Holy Thursday

8:00 pm	For the Priests of the Church of the Little Flower
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FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00 Noon	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
3:00 pm	<i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>
7:00 pm	<i>Via Crucis en Español</i>
8:00 pm	<i>Liturgia de la Pasion</i>
9:15 pm	<i>Procesion Anual</i>

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Holy Saturday

8:00 pm	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 am	+ Elisa Pereira
9:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
10:45 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Raul Diaz
5:30 pm	+ Enrique Gallardo
7:00 pm (Italian)	+ Alba Rosa

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

Palm Sunday - Year A, Missal Page 198

Sunday	Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab, 6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Various - Please see Missal Pages
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

During his Sunday Angelus Address last week, Pope Leo XIV reflected on the liturgies of Holy Week that begin today:

The liturgy thus invites us... to relive the events of the Lord's Passion – the entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the trial, the crucifixion, the burial – so that we may grasp their most authentic meaning and open ourselves to the gift of grace they contain.

These events are fulfilled in the risen Christ, who has conquered death and lives within us through Baptism, for our salvation and the fullness of life.

His grace illumines this world, which seems to constantly search for novelty and change, even at the cost of sacrificing important things – time, energy, values, affections – as if fame, material goods, entertainment and fleeting relationships could fill our hearts or make us immortal. It is a symptom of a longing for the infinite that each of us carries within us, a need that cannot be satisfied by passing things. Nothing finite can quench our inner thirst, for we are made for God, and we find no peace until we rest in him (cf. Confessions, I, 11).

We enter Holy Week burdened by so many things, yet we are called to walk with our Lord on the way to the Cross. The liturgies of this week draw us deeper into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection and challenge us to cast aside our burdens to embark on this journey with Jesus.

Imagine being at the gates of Jerusalem with palms in your hands to triumphantly welcome the Lord. Then sitting with Jesus at the Last Supper to partake in the First Eucharist and having your feet washed by the hands of the Master. Watch him be arrested like a common criminal and put in chains. "Behold the Man" when he stands before the treacherous crowds thirsting for blood as he quietly stands there tortured and beaten yet looking on all of us with love. Journey with him down the Via Dolorosa as he struggles to carry his cross up to Calvary, falling along the way, yet encouraged by the sight of his Mother and our Mother. Feel the pain of those nails as they pierce the gentle and loving hands of our Good Shepherd who willingly lays his life down for his sheep. Look up as he is raised on the cross between two criminals with the crowd jeering at him, his Mother weeping, and with what little breath he has, he forgives us and thirsts for us. Feel the sorrow of Mary as she sees her Son commend his spirit to his Father and draw his last breath. It is finished. The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world has been slaughtered for our offenses. "Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed (Isaiah 53:4-5)."

We were healed. By the blood our Lord shed on the cross, our sins have been washed away. As we begin this Holy Week contemplating the Lord's Passion, we look ahead to bright promise of the Resurrection. This is the week that changed the world. Walk every step with our Lord as we brace for the hope that Easter Sunday will bring. Immerse yourself in the liturgies of this week, and quench your thirst for the transcendent, for the living God who conquers sin and death.

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Durante su alocución del Ángelus del domingo de la semana pasada, el Papa León XIV reflexionó sobre las liturgias de la Semana Santa que comienzan hoy:

La liturgia nos invita así a revivir, a la luz de la inminente celebración de la Semana Santa, los acontecimientos de la Pasión del Señor –la entrada en Jerusalén, la última cena, el juicio, la crucifixión, el entierro– para percibir su sentido más auténtico y abrirnos al don de la gracia que contienen.

De hecho, es en Cristo Resucitado, que vence a la muerte y que vive en nosotros por la gracia del Bautismo, en quien estos acontecimientos encuentran su culmen, para nuestra salvación y plenitud de vida.

Su gracia ilumina este mundo, que parece estar en una búsqueda constante de novedades y cambios, incluso a expensas de sacrificar cosas importantes –tiempo, energías, valores, afectos– como si la fama, los bienes materiales, el entretenimiento o las relaciones pasajeras pudieran satisfacer nuestro corazón o hacernos inmortales. Es el síntoma de una necesidad de infinito que cada uno de nosotros lleva dentro, pero cuya respuesta no puede depositarse en lo efímero. Nada de lo creado puede saciar nuestra sed interior, porque estamos hechos para Dios, y no encontramos paz hasta que descansamos en Él (cf. Las Confesiones, I,1).

Entramos en la Semana Santa cargados de tantas cosas; sin embargo, estamos llamados a caminar con nuestro Señor en el camino hacia la Cruz. Las liturgias de esta semana nos adentran más profundamente en el misterio de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Cristo, y nos desafían a dejar de lado nuestras cargas para emprender este viaje con Jesús.

Imagina estar a las puertas de Jerusalén, con palmas en las manos, para dar una bienvenida triunfal al Señor. Luego, sentarte con Jesús en la Última Cena para participar de la Primera Eucaristía y ver tus pies lavados por las manos del Maestro. Contempla cómo es arrestado como un vulgar criminal y encadenado. «¡He aquí al Hombre!», cuando se presenta ante las multitudes traidoras, sedientas de sangre, mientras Él permanece allí en silencio –torturado y golpeado–, pero mirándonos a todos con amor. Recorre con Él la Vía Dolorosa mientras lucha por cargar su cruz rumbo al Calvario, cayendo a lo largo del camino, pero alentado por la visión de su Madre –y Madre nuestra—. Siente el dolor de esos clavos al traspasar las manos suaves y amorosas de nuestro Buen Pastor, quien entrega voluntariamente su vida por sus ovejas. Alza la vista mientras Él es elevado en la cruz, entre dos criminales; la multitud se burla de Él, su Madre llora y, con el poco aliento que le queda, Él nos perdona y tiene sed de nosotros. Siente el dolor de María al ver a su Hijo encomendar su espíritu a su Padre y exhalar su último aliento. Todo está consumado. El Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo, ha sido inmolado por nuestras ofensas. «Él soportó nuestros sufrimientos y aguantó nuestros dolores; nosotros lo tuvimos por leproso, herido por Dios y humillado, traspasado por nuestras rebeliones, triturado por nuestros crímenes. Él soportó el castigo que nos trae la paz. Por sus llagas hemos sido curados. (Isaías 53:4-5)».

Hemos sido curados. Por la sangre que nuestro Señor derramó en la cruz, nuestros pecados han sido lavados. Al comenzar esta Semana Santa contemplando la Pasión del Señor, miramos hacia adelante, hacia la luminosa promesa de la Resurrección. Esta es la semana que cambió el mundo. Recorre cada paso junto a nuestro Señor mientras nos preparamos para la esperanza que traerá el Domingo de Pascua. Sumérgete en las liturgias de esta semana y sacia tu sed de lo trascendente, del Dios vivo que vence al pecado y a la muerte.

Dios los bendiga a todos,



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Pipe Memorializations will be recorded in a specially printed booklet which will be provided to each donor at no additional cost early next year. A copy of the booklet will also remain inside the organ in perpetuity, ensuring the lasting legacy of both the instrument itself and of all those who helped to make it possible.

Interior pipes are available for dedication at \$300 each and facade pipes, forever visible on the front of each of the organ’s three major cases, are available for \$1,000 each.



Secure your legacy pipe today!



HOLY WEEK 2026

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 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

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La inscripción del retiro esta disponible en el sitio web de la iglesia.

Escanee el código QR o visita a www.cotlf.org/emaushombres

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Registration is now open for both campers and volunteers!

Learn more at www.cotlf.org/vbs



Catholic Kids Bulletin

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday
Color: Red

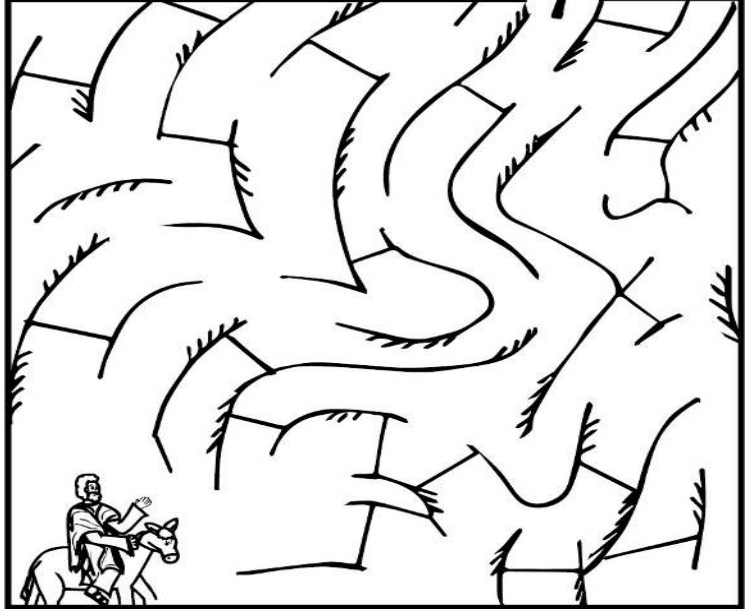


Palm Sunday

Write the beginning letter of each word to see what people said when they saw Jesus in Jerusalem.



Find a path for Jesus through the maze as people sing, "Hosanna!"



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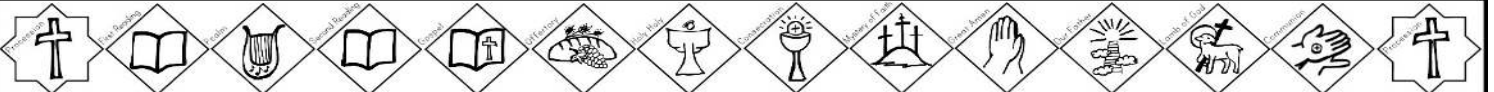
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my God, why
have you
abandoned
me?

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Did you get a palm branch at the beginning of Mass today?
Hold your palm quietly during Mass,
then take it home and keep it in a special place in your house.



Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.



Gospel

The priest is going to read the Gospel at the beginning of Mass today. Jesus goes into Jerusalem, riding on a colt, as people wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means, "Hooray!"



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