



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The
Light

JULY 12, 2026

XV SUNDAY IN O.T.
XV DOMINGO DEL T.O.



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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, Monthly</i>)

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

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



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
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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



To our newly Baptized,
welcome to the Catholic Church!

- Amelia Elizabeth Thomas



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



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

- Clara Moreno
- Herminia Wirth
- Raul Padron

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

JULY 5TH

Attendance:	1,900
In-Church Collection:	\$ 10,903
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 20,087
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 617
Children's Collection:	\$ 187
Devotional Candles:	\$ 686
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 291

Thank you for your generosity!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Weekend Total: \$ 32,771

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

XV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Celeste Fernandez
7:30 am	+ Gustavo and Rosa Rodriguez
9:00 am	+ Ricky Vera
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Mayte Nunez
5:30 pm	+ Lopez Oña- Nazanal
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, JULY 13TH

Monday of Week XV in Ordinary Time / Memorial of St. Henry

6:15 am	+ Cristobalina Barquin
8:00 am	+ Anne Bova
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

6:15 am	+ George And Peggy Ybarmera
8:00 am	Beatrice and Steven Weinstock Anniversary
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	+ Rene and Mercedes Naranjo
8:00 am	For the COTLF Office Staff
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

Thursday of Week XV in Ordinary Time
Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:15 am	Sr Marie Carmen's Feast Day
8:00 am	Intentions of the Sardiñas Family
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

Friday of Week XV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	Jose Caragol's Birthday
8:00 am	+ Diane Rochler
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

Saturday of Week XV in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis

8:00 am	+ Carlos Sequeira y Zoila Freixas
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SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Francisco Soler
7:30 am	Michael Bolander's Intentions
9:00 am	+ Gustavo Rodolfo Miranda
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Guillermo Delgado Bosque
5:30 pm	In Thanksgiving for Fr. David Zalocco
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

XV Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A, Missal Page 342-347

Sunday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9
Monday	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Is 26:7-9; 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Mt 2:1-5; Ps 104:2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-2
Sunday	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30



MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Throughout this summer, we encourage all parishioners to read the Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas, of Pope Leo XIV, on safeguarding the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence. Over the next several weeks, we will be publishing excerpts from the encyclical for further reflection. The encyclical in its entirety may be found on the Vatican website or you can purchase a physical copy of letter at your preferred religious bookstore or retailer.

4. While Leo XIII spoke in his time of “new things” (rerum novarum), today we cannot limit ourselves simply to repeating his insightful teachings. Instead, we must ask God for the wisdom to interpret the great trends of our time, particularly technological advances. In recent years, it has become increasingly evident how rapidly and profoundly digitalization, artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics are transforming our world. Technology should not be considered, in itself, as a force antagonistic to humanity. On the contrary, it has formed part of our history since the beginning as “a profoundly human reality, linked to the autonomy and freedom of man.” [5] Over the centuries, technological development has significantly improved the living conditions of humanity. At the same time, each phase of progress has also revealed the ambiguity of tools that can cause harm when not oriented toward the good. Today, however, we find ourselves facing a new situation. The power and prevalence of emerging technologies are interwoven into the fabric of daily life, shaping decision-making processes and deeply affecting the collective imagination: “Never has humanity had such power over itself.” [6] New technologies open up a horizon extending in directions that are imaginable but not yet fully predictable. This complicates the assessment of their potential impact and the long-term effects they may have on both the dignity of individuals and the common good.

5. It now falls to us to face the challenges of our time with clarity of thought and responsibility. It is necessary to establish adequate regulatory tools capable of upholding justice and curbing the distorting effects of technological power. Nevertheless, the issue is not limited to regulation. As Pope Francis warned, we must realistically ask ourselves who holds this power today and how they use it: “It must also be recognized that nuclear energy, biotechnology, information technology, knowledge of our own DNA, and many other abilities which we have acquired... have given those with the knowledge, and especially the economic resources to use them, an impressive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world.” [7] In the past, it was largely up to the State to guide and direct innovation. Today, however, the main drivers of development are private, often transnational, parties that are endowed with resources and the capacity to intervene that surpass those of many Governments. Technological power thus takes on an unprecedented, predominantly “private” aspect, which makes it even more challenging to discern, govern and direct such power toward the common good.

6. For this reason it is necessary to begin a shared discernment process for identifying the spiritual and cultural roots of ongoing transformations. If we focus only on contingencies, we risk letting the succession of emergencies dictate the direction of our path. We are living through a rapid phase of transition, a “change of era,” in which — while some are vying for the future of new technologies and others dedicate themselves to reflecting on the matter — most people are watching and waiting, observing from afar and merely hoping for the best. For this very reason, crucial questions impose themselves on our conscience and can no longer be avoided: Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as a people and as a human community?



MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

A lo largo de este verano, animamos a todos los feligreses a leer la Carta Encíclica, Magnífica Humanitas, del Papa León XIV, sobre la salvaguarda de la persona humana en la era de la Inteligencia Artificial. Durante las próximas semanas, publicaremos extractos de la encíclica para una mayor reflexión. La encíclica en su totalidad se puede encontrar en el sitio web del Vaticano o puede comprar una copia física de la carta en su librería religiosa o distribuidor preferido.

4. Si en su momento León XIII hablaba de “nuevos asuntos” (rerum novarum), hoy no podemos limitarnos simplemente a repetir sus valiosas enseñanzas, sino que debemos pedirle a Dios la sabiduría para interpretar las grandes tendencias de nuestro tiempo, en particular los avances de la técnica. En los últimos años se ha hecho cada vez más evidente cuán rápida y profundamente la digitalización, la inteligencia artificial (IA) y la robótica están transformando nuestro mundo. La técnica no debe considerarse, en sí misma, como una fuerza antagónica respecto a la persona; por el contrario, está arraigada en nuestra historia desde el principio, en cuanto es «un hecho profundamente humano, vinculado a la autonomía y libertad del hombre». [2] A lo largo de los siglos, el desarrollo tecnológico ha contribuido a una mejora significativa de las condiciones de vida de la humanidad; al mismo tiempo, cada etapa del progreso también ha puesto de manifiesto el lado ambiguo de instrumentos capaces de causar daño cuando no se orientan hacia el bien. Hoy, sin embargo, nos encontramos ante una situación nueva, en la que el poder y la omnipresencia de las tecnologías emergentes se entrelazan con el tejido de la vida cotidiana, moldean los procesos de toma de decisiones e inciden profundamente en el imaginario colectivo: «Nunca la humanidad tuvo tanto poder sobre sí misma». [6] Las nuevas tecnologías abren un horizonte que se extiende en direcciones que, aunque intuitivos, aún no podemos prever por completo. Esto hace que sea más complejo evaluar su impacto y sus efectos a largo plazo sobre la dignidad de las personas y el bien común.

5. Ahora nos corresponde asumir con lucidez y responsabilidad los retos de nuestro tiempo. Es necesario adoptar instrumentos normativos adecuados, capaces de salvaguardar la justicia y de contener los efectos distorsionadores del poder tecnológico. Pero la cuestión no se limita a la regulación. Como advertía el Papa Francisco, debemos preguntarnos con realismo quién detenta hoy ese poder y hacia qué fines lo orienta: «No podemos ignorar que la energía nuclear, la biotecnología, la informática, el conocimiento de nuestro propio ADN y otras capacidades que hemos adquirido [...] dan a quienes tienen el conocimiento, y sobre todo el poder económico para explotarlo, un dominio impresionante sobre el conjunto de la humanidad y del mundo entero». [7] En el pasado, eran principalmente los estados los que impulsaban y orientaban la innovación. Hoy, en cambio, los principales motores del desarrollo son actores privados, a menudo transnacionales, dotados de recursos y capacidad de acción superiores a los de muchos gobiernos. El poder tecnológico adquiere así un rostro inédito, predominantemente “privado”, y por ello aún más difícil de discernir, gobernar y orientar hacia el bien común.

6. Por esta razón es preciso iniciar un discernimiento compartido capaz de profundizar en las raíces espirituales y culturales de las transformaciones que se están produciendo. Si nos limitamos a las circunstancias contingentes, corremos el riesgo de dejar que la sucesión de emergencias decida por nosotros la dirección del camino. Estamos viviendo una rápida fase de transición, un “cambio de época” en el que —mientras algunos se disputan el futuro de las nuevas tecnologías y otros se dedican a reflexionar sobre ellas— la mayoría de las personas permanece a la espera, observa desde lejos y simplemente aguarda a que todo salga bien. Precisamente por eso se imponen en nuestra conciencia preguntas decisivas, que ya no pueden eludirse: ¿Hacia dónde vamos? ¿Hacia qué meta deseamos orientarnos? ¿Qué dirección elegir como comunidad humana y como pueblos?

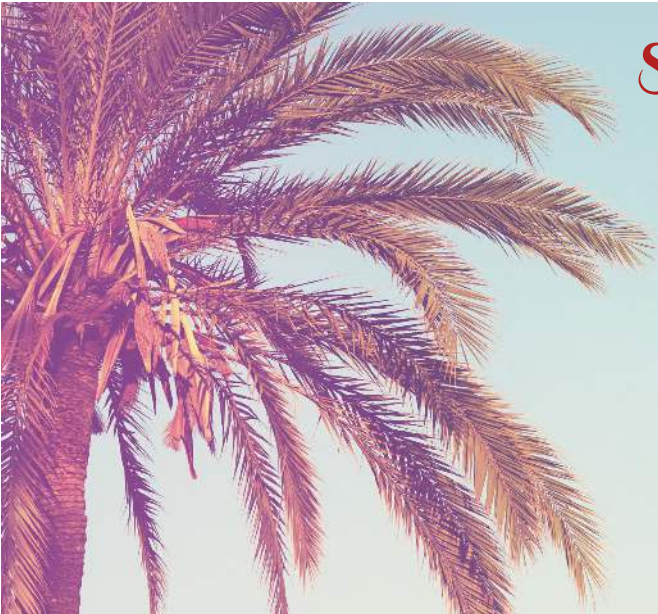


ORGAN VOICING CONTINUES

Over the next few months, the team from CB Fisk will be on site every day to continue the tedious work of voicing and tuning the organ. As beautiful as the organ currently sounds, it is still only about 40% voiced!

Due to the delicate nature of the work and the need for silence in the space while each individual pipe is tuned properly, the church will be generally closed Monday - Friday from 11:00am through 5:00pm until late September.

The team is working to have the organ completed in time for our Centennial Mass on Saturday, October 3rd and the Dedication Concert on Saturday, October 24th



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that from Monday, June 8 through Friday, July 31, the Parish Office will be open Monday - Friday, from 8:30am to 3:00pm, closing for lunch from 12:00pm - 12:30pm.

Daily Masses will continue as regularly scheduled throughout the summer months.



2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: AMERICAN BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS

The Black and Indian Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations: the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians, and the Catholic Negro-American Mission Board.

Each has its own purpose and history, but all seek to fulfill the one Mission to the Missions! Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, each organization cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

Please help support the American Black & Indian Missions through the in-pew collection this weekend or give online now.





COTLF RELIGIOUS ED 2026-2027 REGISTRATION

Whether your kids are just starting to learn about our Catholic faith as a Kindergartner, preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, or continuing to grow in knowledge and love of the Lord through ongoing faith formation classes after reception of the sacraments, the parish Religious Ed program is here to serve you!

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, starting September 16th
4:00p-5:15p — Kinder through 6th Grade
6:30p-7:45p — Confirmation Prep (7th Grade and Up)

The Religious Education Program offers the following
Catechetical/Faith Formation classes:

- † Ongoing religious education for students in all grade levels beginning in Kinder
- † Sacramental Preparation for Baptism of children ages 7 to 16
- † Sacramental Prep for Reconciliation and Eucharist (Starting as early as 1st Grade)
- † Sacramental Prep for Confirmation (Starting as early as 7th Grade)

2026-2027 Registration is now OPEN!
Visit www.cotlfrreligioused.org for more details.

OCIA - ADULT SACRAMENTAL FORMATION

Have you been inspired to join the Catholic Church?
COTLF offers adults an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, beginning once again this September.



The program serves:

- † Unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholics.
- † Those baptized in another Christian Church who are seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- † Catholic adults who were baptized Roman Catholic as infants and need to complete their Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

The 2026-2027 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (“OCIA”) program will meet on Tuesday evenings from September through May. Those who are interested in learning more may register now by visiting our Parish Website at www.cotlf.org/OCIA or by contacting Deacon Roberto Fleitas at RFleitas@cotlf.org

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Los Cinco Amigos

Limited table sponsorships remain! Claim a table before the event sells out! Learn more at www.LFCentennialGala.com





Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial

DID YOU KNOW?

- Since we launched the Centennial Campaign in October 2023, we have had close to 1,000 unique donors/families participate in the campaign, with an average pledge of \$9,000 per family and donations ranging from \$5 per week to one-time, six-figure checks!

Every contribution, no matter how big or how small has been instrumental in the success of this campaign!

- The thermometer to the right does not yet reflect figures from our Centennial Gala, which is on track to sell out soon and raise close to \$700,000 in net proceeds. We remain on track to hit the campaign goal this October!

THANK YOU, DONORS!

We are grateful to all our campaign donors who have made work on the Centennial projects possible! If you would like to set up a new pledge, increase your current pledge, give a new gift, restart your contributions, or check the status of your campaign giving, please contact Ashley Dominguez, Parish Director of Development, at ADominguez@cotlf.org • 305-446-9950, Ext 309



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$12,122,104.76 (93.25%)
TOTAL GIVEN: \$8,959,948.47 (68.89%)

Updated as of July 6th



Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 12, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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The seed that
falls on good
ground will
yield a fruitful
harvest.

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The candles on the altar
remind us that Jesus is
the Light of the World.

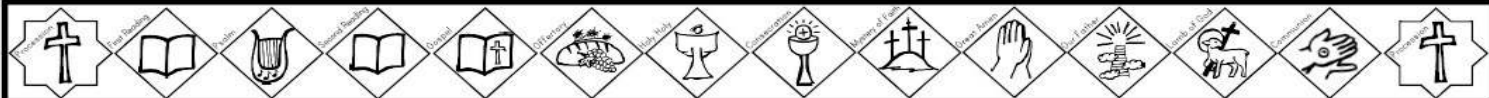
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.



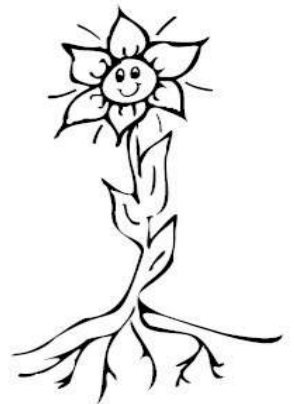
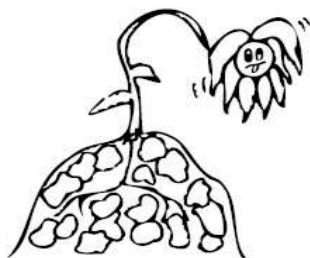
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Kateri's
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Connect the words with the pictures.
Circle the one that will grow and produce fruit.

Seed on good ground	Seed on rocky ground	Seed growing with thorns	Seed on the road
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A farmer threw seeds everywhere. Some didn't grow because the ground wasn't good, but some grew big and strong. Jesus wants our hearts to be like good soil—ready to hear His Word and live it.



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