



# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The  
Light

AUGUST 2, 2026

XVIII SUNDAY IN O.T.  
XVIII DOMINGO DEL T.O.



**PASTOR**

Rev. Manuel F. Alvarez

**PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Andrew J.  
Vitrano-Farinato

**PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE**

Rev. Juan Escamez  
Rev. Francis Gnanasegaram  
Rev. Stephen Saawuan  
Rev. Fidelis Uko

**PERMANENT DEACONS**

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Deacon Miguel Parlade  
Deacon Srinath Perera  
Deacon Gustavo Roversi

TOGETHER, WORSHIPPING THE LORD, FORMING DISCIPLES, SERVING IN THE NAME OF JESUS  
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>1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Contact

P. (305) 446-9950  
F. (305) 482-6183  
www.cotlf.org



## OFFICE STAFF

Michelle Bodenmiller - Ext 303  
Parish CRE / Campus Minister

Luis Cuza - Ext 308  
Director of Music Ministries, Choirmaster, & Organist

Juan del Sol - Ext. 310  
Weddings Coordinator

Ashley Dominguez - Ext. 309  
Director of Development

Lauren Michalski - Ext. 300  
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Lily Portu - Ext. 302

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Denise Sainz - Ext 314

Parish Finance Manager

Jorge Santibáñez - Ext 307

Parish Manager / Chief of Staff

Charlotte Ushela - Ext. 304

Parish Secretary / Virtus Coordinator

Nubia Vivas

Custodian

Rene Denis - *Commodore, Prop. Mgmt.*

Maintenance



## SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### School Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:15 am - 3:15 pm

### Address

2701 Indian Mound Trail  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Contact

(305) 446-1738  
www.stscg.org

*Administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of L.A. - Sr. Rosalie, Principal*

## SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



To our newly Baptized, welcome to the Catholic Church!

- Lucas Angel Corradino
- John Paul Billoch
- Valentia Mia Martinez
- Giancarlo Guillermo Leal
- Rafael Jordi Fonts
- Vincent Alan Castillo Truong
- Emma Lauren Hernandez



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

- Yhosvani Enrique Cerro & Gala Arias



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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://cotlf.org/weddings) para mas información.

## SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

JULY 26TH

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Attendance:</i>          | 1,912            |
| In-Church Collection:       | \$ 9,557         |
| Online Giving Offertory:    | \$ 17,375        |
| Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:  | \$ 708           |
| Children's Collection:      | \$ 200           |
| Devotional Candles:         | \$ 821           |
| Poor Box/Charities:         | \$ 402           |
| <i>Misión Co-Op Appeal:</i> | <i>\$ 10,725</i> |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*¡Gracias por su generosidad!*

Weekend Total: \$ 29,063

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## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

## OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|                    |                                                                |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm (Vigil)    | Yamila Sardiñas' Intentions                                    |
| 7:30 am            | In Thanksgiving for Aileen Baida                               |
| 9:00 am            | Intentions of the Murdock Family                               |
| 10:30 am           | <i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family |
| 12:30 pm (Spanish) | Cumpleaños de Rene Denis                                       |
| 5:30 pm            | Eli and Matt Kinder's Anniversary                              |
| 7:00 pm (Italian)  | + Agnese Balzelli Chizzini                                     |

### MONDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### Monday of Week XVIII in Ordinary Time

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6:15 am           | Jennifer Maria Sandori's Health       |
| 8:00 am           | Madonna Rodgers McCutcheon's Birthday |
| 5:30 pm (Spanish) | <i>Misa Comunitaria</i>               |

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### Wednesday of Week XVIII in Ordinary Time Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6:15 am           | Intentions of the Murdock Family |
| 8:00 am           | Votive Mass to Saint Joseph      |
| 5:30 pm (Spanish) | <i>Misa Comunitaria</i>          |

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### Friday of Week XVIII in Ordinary Time St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6:15 am           | Intentions of the Murdock Family |
| 8:00 am           | For All Parish Benefactors       |
| 5:30 pm (Spanish) | <i>Misa Comunitaria</i>          |

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| 8:00 am | + Carlos James Williams |
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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|                    |                                                                |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm (Vigil)    | Intentions of the Murdock Family                               |
| 7:30 am            | Intentions of the Murdock Family                               |
| 9:00 am            | + Enrique and Eloisa Artze                                     |
| 10:30 am           | <i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family |
| 12:30 pm (Spanish) | + Benito Yoli                                                  |
| 5:30 pm            | + Ann Munley                                                   |
| 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>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</i>                    |
| 6:00 pm  | American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - <i>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cotlf.org/ministries) for more details about each group.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A, Missal Page 356 - 361*

|           |                                                                                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21                         |
| Monday    | Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36                                  |
| Tuesday   | Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 |
| Wednesday | Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28                                           |
| Thursday  | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9                              |
| Friday    | Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28                           |
| Saturday  | Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20                                          |
| Sunday    | 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33                     |



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*My Dear Friends,*

As many of us return from summer vacation, I wanted the first bulletin column for the month of August to be sort of a “welcome back” type of message. However, the bishops of the state of Florida issued a powerful pastoral letter on the death penalty this past Monday that deserves of our attention. I’ll leave my scheduled column for next week which is the Sunday before school begins so that I can share excerpts from “A Pastoral Letter on the Death Penalty” which was signed by Archbishop Wenski and all the bishops of Florida. Please read this carefully and pray for the abolition of executions in our state.

*God bless,*

**(Excerpt 1: Introduction)** To the Catholic Faithful and All People of Good Will: The record number of executions in Florida last year, and the increased pace at which they continue to be carried out, call for a response. In 2025, the number of executions conducted by our state more than doubled the previous record and was at least four times higher than any other state in the nation. In addition to Florida’s alarming rate of executions, our state legislature has passed laws in recent years to expand the use of the death penalty. These include repealing the unanimous jury requirement in death penalty sentencing—lowering the threshold to just eight of twelve votes, the lowest of any state—expanding the range of crimes and the class of offenders for which the death penalty may be imposed. As teachers and leaders of the Catholic Church in Florida, we invite a renewed consideration of this topic that looks beyond partisan lines to the teaching of the Church and her moral authority. We desire to reverse these signs of a culture of death and further a culture of life by promoting a greater respect for human life and its inherent dignity for all people and in all circumstances, even those who have committed grave crimes. In this letter, we wish to remind Catholics of the teaching of our Church against the use of the death penalty in situations—like our own—where bloodless means are sufficient to punish offenders and protect public safety. We also appeal to the consciences of all citizens of our state as part of the ongoing public debate over this issue...

**(Excerpt 2: Papal Teachings)** Four years after issuing *Evangelium Vitae*, at a papal Mass in St. Louis, MO, St. John Paul II stated that “a sign of hope” of the new evangelization, which calls followers of Christ to be unconditionally pro-life, “is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done evil,” and then renewed his call “for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary.” Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis subsequently reaffirmed this teaching of the inadmissibility of the death penalty and called for its end. Pope Francis even revised the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2267) to reflect the Church’s official opposition to it, and strongly support efforts to end its use, in these words: Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,” and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide. Pope Leo XIV has repeated the appeal of his predecessors, declaring in an interview that “someone who says I’m against abortion but is in favor of the death penalty is not really pro-life.”

**(Excerpt 3: Conclusion)** In the end, while supporters of capital punishment – who may consider themselves pro-life – claim that it serves a presumed good of justice for the victims and their loved ones, it comes at a much greater expense to the common good of society, and our common humanity. Instead, as with Jesus’ reinterpretation of the *lex talionis* in the context of his Sermon on the Mount, we are called to a higher justice as Christians and a better justice as human beings for our common good and dignity. In closing, let us again listen to the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2267): “Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,” and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.” We do work with determination for its abolition, and we urge all Catholics, and our fellow citizens of good will, to end the practice of capital punishment in our state. As we do so, we make our own the prayer of Bishop Estévez in his pastoral letter, imploring God that the ethic of human dignity will infuse every element of society with respect for persons – from the most innocent unborn child to convicted felons – through people of faith transformed by the Gospel message of Christ’s love and life. Issued: July 27, 2027



# DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARRCO

*Mis Queridos Amigos,*

Al regresar muchos de nosotros de las vacaciones de verano, quería que la primera columna del boletín de agosto fuera una especie de mensaje de bienvenida. Sin embargo, los obispos del estado de Florida publicaron el pasado lunes una contundente carta pastoral sobre la pena de muerte que merece nuestra atención. Dejaré mi columna programada para la próxima semana para poder compartir extractos de la "Carta Pastoral sobre la Pena de Muerte", firmada por el Arzobispo Wenski y todos los obispos de Florida. Les pido que la lean con atención y oren por la abolición de las ejecuciones en nuestro estado.

*Que Dios los bendiga,*

Fr. Manny

**A LOS FIELES CATÓLICOS Y A TODAS LAS PERSONAS DE BUENA VOLUNTAD:** El número récord de ejecuciones en Florida el año pasado, y el ritmo acelerado con el que continúan llevándose a cabo, exigen una respuesta. En 2025, el número de ejecuciones realizadas por nuestro estado más que duplicó el récord anterior y fue al menos cuatro veces mayor que el de cualquier otro estado de la nación. Además de la alarmante tasa de ejecuciones en Florida, nuestra legislatura estatal ha aprobado leyes en los últimos años para ampliar el uso de la pena de muerte. Estas incluyen la derogación del requisito de unanimidad del jurado en la sentencia de pena de muerte —lo que reduce el umbral a solo ocho de doce votos, el más bajo de cualquier estado— y la ampliación de la clasificación de delitos y de la categoría de ofensores para los cuales se puede imponer la pena de muerte. Como maestros y líderes de la Iglesia Católica en Florida, invitamos a una consideración renovada de este tema que vaya más allá de las líneas partidistas y tenga en cuenta la doctrina de la Iglesia y su autoridad moral. Deseamos revertir estos signos de una cultura de la muerte y promover una cultura de la vida al fomentar un mayor respeto por la vida humana y su dignidad inherente para todas las personas y en todas las circunstancias, incluso para quienes han cometido delitos graves. En esta carta, deseamos recordar a los católicos la doctrina de nuestra Iglesia contra el uso de la pena de muerte en situaciones —como la nuestra— en las que medios incruentos son suficientes para castigar a los ofensores y proteger la seguridad pública. También apelamos a la conciencia de todos los ciudadanos de nuestro estado como parte del debate público en curso sobre este asunto...

**Afirmaciones Papales Reiteradas:** En una Misa papal en St. Louis, MO cuatro años después de publicar *Evangelium Vitae*, San Juan Pablo II afirmó que “un signo de esperanza” de la nueva evangelización —que llama a los seguidores de Cristo a estar incondicionalmente a favor de la vida— “es el reconocimiento cada vez mayor de que nunca hay que negar la dignidad de la vida humana, ni siquiera a alguien que haya hecho un gran mal”, y renovó su llamado “a un consenso para que se decida abolir la pena de muerte, que es cruel e innecesaria”. El Papa Benedicto XVI y el Papa Francisco reafirmaron posteriormente esta enseñanza sobre la inadmisibilidad de la pena de muerte, y llamaron a su abolición. El Papa Francisco incluso revisó el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (2267) para reflejar la oposición oficial de la Iglesia a ella y apoyar firmemente los esfuerzos para poner fin a su uso, con estas palabras: Por tanto la Iglesia enseña, a la luz del Evangelio, que “la pena de muerte es inadmisibile, porque atenta contra la inviolabilidad y la dignidad de la persona”, y se compromete con determinación a su abolición en todo el mundo. El Papa León XIV ha reiterado el llamado de sus predecesores, declarando en una entrevista que “decir ‘estoy en contra del aborto’ pero ‘a favor de la pena de muerte’ no es realmente estar a favor de la vida”...

**Conclusión:** Al final, aunque los partidarios de la pena capital — quienes quizás se consideran a sí mismos defensores de la vida— reclaman que la misma sirve a un supuesto bien de justicia para las víctimas y sus seres queridos, lo cierto es que se impone a un costo mucho mayor para el bien común de la sociedad y para nuestra humanidad compartida. En cambio, como en la reinterpretación que Jesús hace de la *lex talionis* en el contexto de su Sermón de la Montaña, estamos llamados a una justicia más elevada como cristianos y a una justicia mejor como seres humanos, por nuestro bien común y nuestra dignidad. Para concluir, prestemos atención nuevamente a las palabras del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (2267): Por tanto la Iglesia enseña, a la luz del Evangelio, que “la pena de muerte es inadmisibile, porque atenta contra la inviolabilidad y la dignidad de la persona”, y se compromete con determinación a su abolición en todo el mundo. Trabajamos con determinación por su abolición, y exhortamos a todos los católicos, y a nuestros conciudadanos de buena voluntad, a poner fin a la práctica de la pena capital en nuestro estado. Al hacerlo, hacemos nuestra la oración del Obispo Estévez en su carta pastoral, implorando a Dios que la ética de la dignidad humana impregne cada elemento de la sociedad con respeto por las personas —desde el niño por nacer más inocente hasta los condenados por delito grave— mediante hombres y mujeres de fe transformados por el mensaje evangélico del amor y de la vida de Cristo.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will return to full working hours (7:30am - 12:00pm and 12:30pm - 4:00pm) on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note, however, that we will be closed on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> as all church and school staff will be away together for a special Day of Prayer ahead of the start of the new academic and ministerial year.

## SINGLES MINISTRY AUGUST SOCIALS

### *Singles Fellowship Night (Ages 25-45)*

Saturday, August 8th at 7:00 PM | St. Teresa Cafeteria

Enjoy icebreakers, engaging conversation and a potluck dinner designed to help you meet and connect with other single parishioners ages 25-45. Please bring a dish or beverage to share with the group.

### *Singles Domino Night (Ages 40s & 50s)*

Friday, August 21st at 7:30 PM | Reilly Conference Room

Join us for a fun-filled evening playing dominoes and enjoying a potluck dinner and fellowship activities with other single parishioners in their 40s and 50s. Please bring a dish or beverage to share.

For more details or to RSVP to these events, please email Alexandra at [MiamiCatholicSingles@gmail.com](mailto:MiamiCatholicSingles@gmail.com).

## ADOM MISSIONARY CO-OPERATIVE APPEAL

A special word of thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the Missionary Co-Op Appeal last week in support of Fr. Merek Machala of the Pastoral Family Care Foundation in the Diocese of Przemysl, Poland.

Thanks to your generosity, \$10,725 will be sent to the Foundation, aiding their efforts to minister to Ukraining refugees directly affected by the war.



## COTLF IS HIRING!

Church of the Little Flower is seeking to hire a full-time Parish Office Receptionist.

Candidates will perform all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Archdiocese of Miami and COTLF.

Scan the QR Code to view job description and to apply.



## WOMEN'S EMMAUS REFLECTION DAY: THE LITTLE WAY OF LOVE

Saturday, August 8th • 9:00am - 12:00 Noon • Comber Hall

The Women's Emmaus Ministry invites you to a special day of reflection. Join us for 8:00am Mass, an opportunity to go to Confession, some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a light breakfast and a talk by Fr. Andrew.

Please pre-register now by scanning the QR Code so we know how many attendees to expect.

Follow us on instagram @COTLFWemmaus





## 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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.cotlfreligioused.org](http://www.cotlfreligioused.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](http://www.cotlf.org/OCIA) or by contacting Deacon Roberto Fleitas at [RFleitas@cotlf.org](mailto:RFleitas@cotlf.org)

## TAALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA - UNA NUEVA EVANGELIZACION

¿Quieres sanar esas angustias, temores, sufrimientos, ansiedades?

¿Como esta verdaderamente tu relación con Dios?

Te invitamos a participar en un Taller de Oracion y Vida, a traves del cual vivirás un encuentro profundo con Dios, en la Meditación de la Palabra y en el arte de Orar con un caracter experimental y practico.

*Es gratuito!*

Ven a vivir esta experiencia transformadora que te ayudara a sentir y vivir en el Amor, el Perdon, la Paz, y la Felicidad.

**Inicio:** Lunes, 10 de Agosto 2026

**Horario:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

**Duración:** 15 Semanas Consecutivas (1 vez por semana)

**Lugar:** Oficina Parroquial, Salon de Conferencia de la Capilla

El Taller sera impartido en Español. Trae tu Biblia y un cuaderno de notas.

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## RETIRO DE EMAUS DE MUJERES

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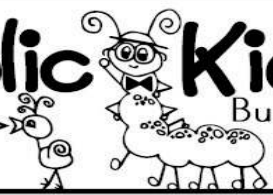
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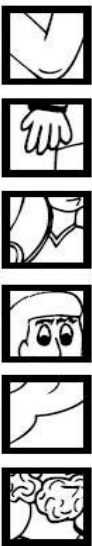


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little girl in this  
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