



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The
Light

AUGUST 9, 2026

XIX SUNDAY IN O.T.
XIX DOMINGO DEL T.O.



PASTOR

Rev. Manuel F. Alvarez

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Andrew J.
Vitranio-Farinato

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

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

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Deacon Roberto Fleitas
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>1st Sunday, Monthlily</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

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Jorge Santibáñez - Ext 307
Parish Manager / Chief of Staff

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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!

- Benjamin Augusto Rudolph-Calle
- Eva Iris Naranjo Lesnever
- Sebastian Valdes
- Isabella Grace Perez
- Nolan Anthony Rodriguez



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

- Anthony Williams & Stephanie Fleitas



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

- Clementina Salloum

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

AUGUST 2ND

<i>Attendance:</i>	2,279
In-Church Collection:	\$ 11,029
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 19,624
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 1,765
Children's Collection:	\$ 201
Devotional Candles:	\$ 550
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 247
<i>Seminary Burse Fund</i>	\$ 4,845

Thank you for your generosity!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Weekend Total: \$ 33,416

No Envelopes? No Cash? No Problem!
Give Online Now at OSVHub.com/COTLF



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	Ricardo Raul Pollo's Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

Wednesday of Week XIX in Ordinary Time

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

Thursday of Week XIX in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	Kevin Murdock's Intentions
8:00 am	+ Victor Cairo
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

6:15 am	+ Carolyn and Clarence Ushela
8:00 am	Joanie O'Rourke's Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am	+ Jorge Leon
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm (Vigil)	Intentions of the Murdock Family
7:30 am	+ Gustavo and Rosa Rodriguez
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)	+ Carlos Alberto Abaunza
5:30 pm	+ Agustín Arrieta
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	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

XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:44, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Ez 9:1-7, 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-5
Sunday	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

As we gather for Mass this Sunday, there are many of our fellow parishioners who are returning from summer vacation because school begins this week. We pray that everyone had a blessed and restful summer, and we also pray for all our children in our parochial school and those who begin class in other schools may have a wonderful school year. Our teachers returned to work this past week, and I ask you to keep all of them in your prayers as well for all the heroic work that they do in classroom every single day.

Believe it or not, our big Parish Centennial Mass is less than two months away. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Wenski on Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. Preparations are well underway to make this celebration sacred and memorable as is warranted when a parish like ours reaches the unique milestone of 100 years which is rare in our archdiocese. This past week, our Parish Council met to start finalizing some of the plans for the Mass. Our Music Ministry has already begun rehearsing for the liturgy including the Blessing of the Organ. All of this was very present in my mind when I took a few weeks of rest last month, because more important than the events and the fundraising surrounding our centennial is the spiritual preparation of the parish for this jubilee. This is the question that I propose to you this day: "What am I doing to prepare my heart for the 100th anniversary of my parish community?"

Last year around this time, we launched the Hallow app at the parish level. So many of you take advantage of its spiritual benefits daily. I invite everyone to do a novena to our patroness, St. Therese, sometime in the next two months. Pray that she may teach us and that we may implement her "Little Way" in our spiritual lives. I also invite you to take part in our ministries for your spiritual benefit, and above all, aside from more frequent participation in daily Mass, start spending time in our Adoration Chapel to spend quality time with our Lord.

Finally, I ask the entire parish to pray our Centennial Prayer as often as you can. It will be published every week in our bulletin through the end of October when we conclude our jubilee. In fact, let's pray it right now:

O Lord God Almighty,
by sending Your only Son to establish
the One True Church through
the power of the Holy Spirit,
you gave humanity a sanctuary from the world.
We humbly implore your blessing upon
the Church of the Little Flower
and St. Theresa Catholic School
as we observe our Centennial.

Through the intercession of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
Saint Joseph, and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux,
bestow perpetual growth on our parish family
as we take refuge in your infinite grace.

Enlighten us to learn from our past
as we build on the legacy
of our founding parishioners,
and help us to look to the future
so that we may persist
in the work of spreading the Gospel.

Fill us with gratitude in this Year of Jubilee
as we live secure in the certain hope
that you will be with us forever.

We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

God bless,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Mientras nos reunimos para la misa este domingo, hay muchos de nuestros compañeros feligreses que regresan de las vacaciones de verano porque el colegio comienza esta semana. Oramos para que todos hayan tenido un verano bendecido y reparador, y también oramos por todos nuestros hijos en nuestra escuela parroquial y por quienes comienzan clase en otras escuelas que tengan un curso escolar maravilloso. Nuestros profesores volvieron a trabajar la semana pasada, y os pido que los tengáis en oración por todo el trabajo heroico que realizan en el aula cada día.

Aunque no lo creas, nuestra gran Misa del Centenario Parroquial está a menos de dos meses. La celebrará el arzobispo Wenski el sábado 3 de octubre a las 19:00. Los preparativos están en marcha para hacer que esta celebración sea sagrada y memorable, como se justifica cuando una parroquia como la nuestra alcanza el hito único de 100 años, algo poco común en nuestra arquidiócesis. La semana pasada, nuestro Consejo Parroquial se reunió para comenzar a finalizar algunos de los planes para la Misa. Nuestro Ministerio de Música ya ha comenzado a ensayar para la liturgia, incluida la Bendición del Órgano. Todo esto estuvo muy presente en mi mente cuando descansé unas semanas el mes pasado, porque más importante que los eventos y la recaudación de fondos en torno a nuestro centenario es la preparación espiritual de la parroquia para este jubileo. Esta es la pregunta que os propongo hoy: "¿Qué estoy haciendo para preparar mi corazón para el centenario de mi comunidad parroquial?"

El año pasado, por estas fechas, lanzamos la app Hallow a nivel parroquial. Muchos de vosotros aprovecháis sus beneficios espirituales a diario. Invito a todos a hacer una novena a nuestra patrona, Santa Teresa, en algún momento de los próximos dos meses. Rezad para que nos enseñe y para que podamos aplicar su "Pequeño Camino" en nuestra vida espiritual. También os invito a participar en nuestros ministerios para vuestro beneficio espiritual y, sobre todo, además de participar con más frecuencia en la Misa diaria, a empezar a pasar tiempo en nuestra Capilla de Adoración para pasar tiempo de calidad sin nuestro Señor.

Por último, pido a toda la parroquia que recen nuestra Oración del Centenario tan a menudo como puedan. Se publicará cada semana en nuestro boletín hasta finales de octubre, cuando concluyamos nuestro jubileo. De hecho, recemos ahora mismo:

Dios Todopoderoso y eterno,
al enviar a tu único Hijo
para establecer la única Iglesia verdadera
mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo,
diste a la humanidad un refugio frente al mundo.

Imploramos humildemente tu bendición sobre
la Iglesia de Santa Teresita
y la Escuela Católica Santa Theresa
mientras celebramos nuestro centenario.

Por intercesión de Nuestra Señora del Carmen,
San José y Santa Teresita de Lisieux,
concede un crecimiento continuo
a nuestra familia parroquial
mientras nos acogemos a tu gracia infinita.

Ilumínanos para aprender de nuestro pasado
mientras edificamos sobre el legado
de nuestros feligreses fundadores,
y ayúdanos a mirar hacia el futuro para perseverar
en la labor de difundir el Evangelio.

Llénanos de gratitud en este Año Jubilar
mientras vivimos seguros
en la esperanza cierta de que
estarás con nosotros para siempre.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Que Dios los bendiga



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.



WELCOME BACK, ST. THERESA STUDENTS AND TEACHERS



This Tuesday, August 11th, we welcome back our STS students and teachers for the start of the 2026-2027 academic year!

Heavenly Father, we turn to you and ask for your help and blessings upon our new school year. Give to each of us the graces and blessings that we need to begin this new school year with grace and energy. Bless our students and their families and give them the graces and blessings they need so we can all work together to realize new growth and learning in both academics and faith. We ask all of this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



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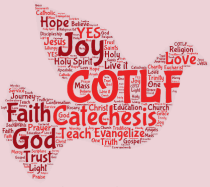
Parishioners have the option of signing up for OSV Online Giving in order to make automatic contributions via a credit/debit card or electronic funds transfer.

This is an easy, fast, safe, and secure way to support the ongoing work and mission of the parish!

Signing up for Online Giving is different than registering as a parishioner in our main database.

If you are interested in registering as parishioner, please visit www.cotlf.org/register first, and then optionally sign up for Online Giving afterwards.





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



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 través 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.

Información para inscribirse: Glenis, 305-546-1892



RETIRO DE EMAUS DE MUJERES

Las mujeres de Emaus te invita para un fin de semana lleno de esperanza, renovación, y júbilo. Este retiro es para mujeres mayores de 21 años y el espacio esta limitado. Inscribase temprano para asegurar su puesto! Esperamos contar contigo en este maravilloso fin de semana de conexión y crecimiento espiritual en el Retiro de Emaús para Mujeres. ¡No te lo pierdas!

· Cuando: 11-13 de Septiembre, 2026

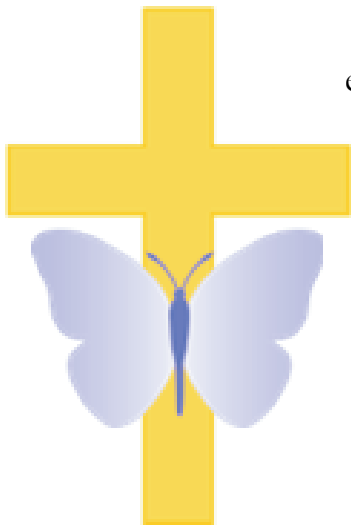
· Donde: Colegio de Santa Teresita, 2701 Indian Mound Trail
Costo: \$220, pero no dejen de asistir por razones de dinero.

Hay becas disponibles.

Escanee el código QR para inscribirse hoy mismo!

Contactos: Carmen de Jongh, cdejongh@colfaxrealty.com

Lizzette Sobalvarro al (305) 726-7650 o lizzetts@bellsouth.net



RETIRO DEL CONVENIO MATRIMONIAL

18 - 20 de Septiembre, 2026 • Comber Hall

¿Sienten que su matrimonio ya no es el mismo? ¿Estan buscando un fin de semana especial para compartir como pareja, para relajarse y para acercarse a Dios? ¿Un fin de semana para compartir ideas sobre como tener un matrimonio más feliz y una familia más armoniosa?

El Retiro de Convenio Matrimonial es un fin de semana de actividades, charlas y ejercicios destinados a fortalecer nuestra relación de pareja.

El retiro provee una oportunidad unica para reflexionar sobre donde estamos, hacia donde vamos y pasar un buen rato con otras parejas en un ambiente divertido y relajado.

Para más información contactarse con:

Emilio Vidaurre, 305-915-2325 o Marlene Remeu, 786-797-2450

Costo de Inscripción: \$150

Inscribase en nuestra aplicación digital.





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!

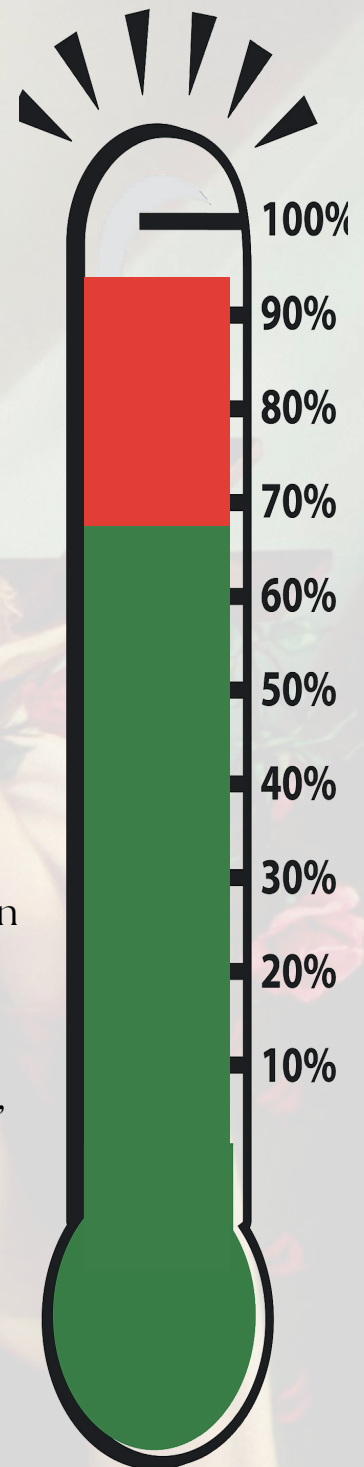
We are grateful to all our campaign donors who have made work on the Centennial projects possible! If you would like to set up a new pledge, increase your current pledge, give a new gift, restart your contributions, or check the status of your campaign giving, please contact Ashley Dominguez, Parish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



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$12,170,441.90 (93.62%)
TOTAL GIVEN: \$9,024,634.26 (69.42%)

Updated as of July 28th





Catholic Kids Bulletin

August 9, 2026
Ordinary Time
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Lord, let us
see your
kindness, and
grant us your
salvation.

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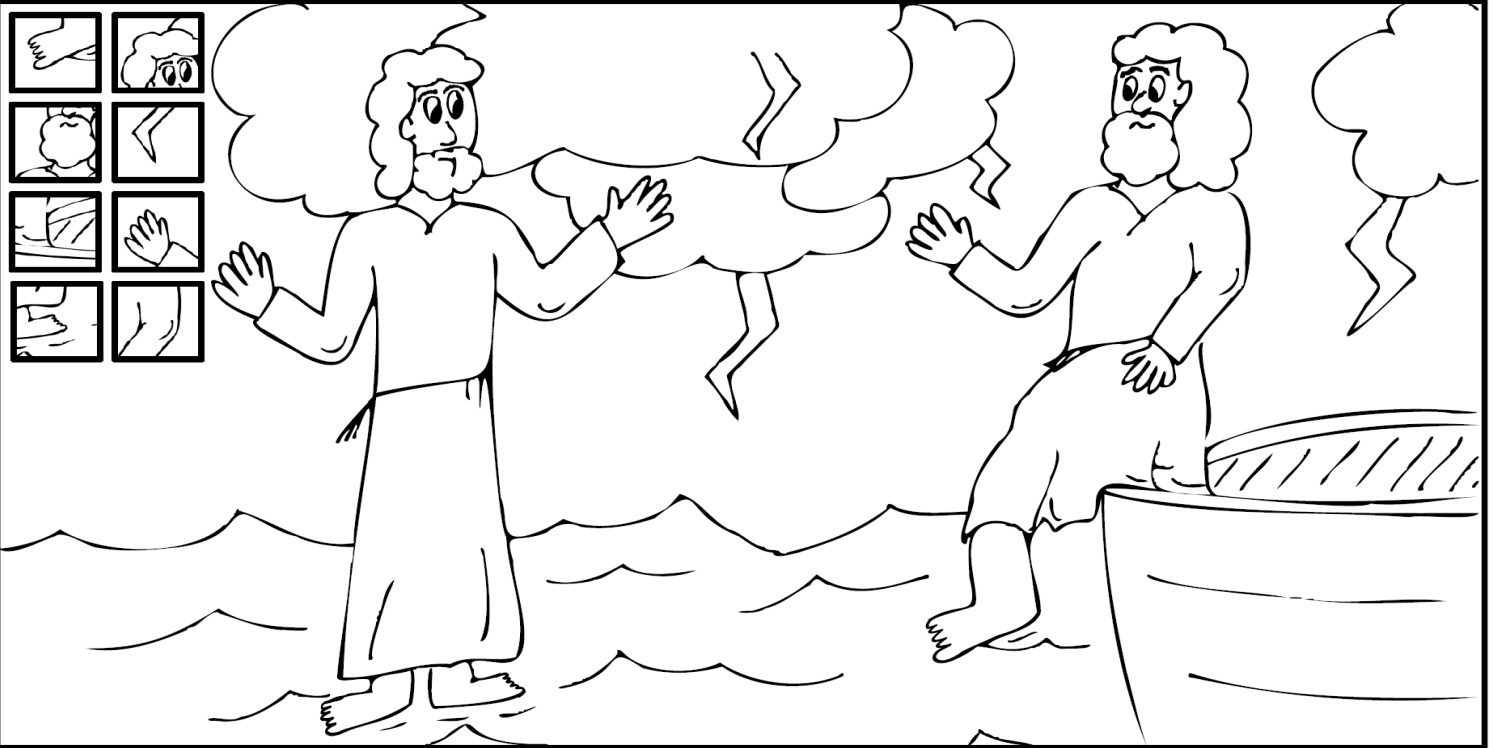
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During Mass, the whole church
celebrates together. Your
participation in Mass is connected to
everyone else who is praying in
Heaven and on Earth.

Saint Moses the Strong

Saint Moses the Strong was a large, strong man who robbed people and led a group of criminals. He hid with some monks, learned about their faith, and became a Catholic! He joined the monastery and worked hard to turn away from his sins. He became a priest and was a great leader for peace in the monastery. Saint Moses the Strong is the patron saint of nonviolence and Africa.



Peter and the disciples were in a boat in the middle of the sea.
They were amazed to see Jesus walking toward them on the water!
Peter needed faith to step out of the boat and walk with Jesus.