

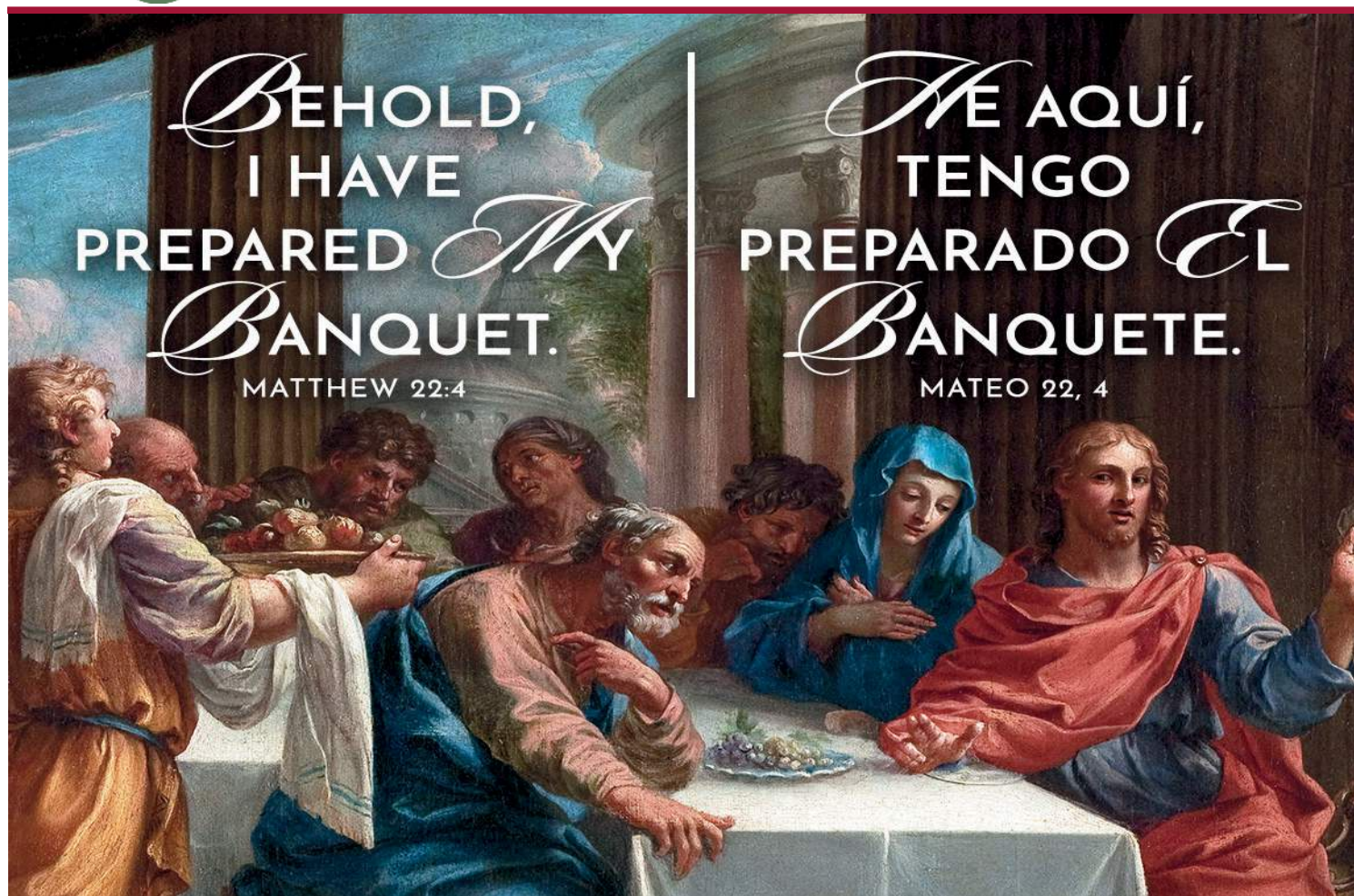


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MASS SCHEDULE

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.



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To our newly Baptized, welcome to the Catholic Church!

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- Lucia Roma Scalise



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

- Zachary Sabo
& Alexia Virue



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

OCTOBER 4TH

Attendance:

3,185

In-Church Collection: \$ 13,234

Online Giving Offertory: \$ 22,893

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Weekend Total: \$ 40,166

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, 5:00 pm	Pilar Stein's Birthday
7:30 am	Thanksgiving for Aileen Baida
9:00 am	+ Fernando Rey
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Joaquin Reyes Torres
5:30 pm	+ Lilian E. Cabrera
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

Monday of Week XXVIII in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	In Thanksgiving for the Staff of Church of the Little Flower
8:00 am	Pilar Hopkins' Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Tuesday of Week XXVIII in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	+ Migdalia Diaz
8:00 am	Intentions of the Cairo Family
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Wednesday of Week XXVIII in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

6:15 am	+ Calixto M. Chavez
8:00 am	Diaz Martinez Family
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	Jackson and Katerina Connell's Wedding Anniversary
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

Friday of Week XXVIII in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious

6:15 am	In Thanksgiving for the Centennial Gala Planning Committee
8:00 am	Sergeant Velier Zaccheo's Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am	Dibe Martin & Nick Di Gregorio's Wedding Anniversary
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, 5:00 pm	Dibe Martin & Nick Di Gregorio's Wedding Anniversary
7:30 am	+ Ray And Georgia Pearson
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)	+ Francisco Pinedo
5:30 pm	+ Arsenio y Ada Gonzalez
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 (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

XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Pgs 39

Sunday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6, 7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5, 6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Eph 1:1-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



CENTENNIAL MASS HOMILY ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today, we gather with hearts full of praise as we celebrate a monumental milestone: the 100th anniversary of the Church of the Little Flower here in Coral Gables. For one century, this parish has stood as a sanctuary of grace and a spiritual home to generations of Catholics. We stand on the shoulders of giants—the pioneers who under the leadership of Msgr. Comber broke ground on this holy site in 1924, and the Sisters of St. Joseph who built the school in 1925. We celebrate a century of faithful souls who loved this parish, built this community, and passed down the light of Christ to us.

It is perhaps providential that this centennial celebration falls on a Vigil of a Sunday where the scripture readings speak powerfully about a vineyard. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah sings a love song of a vineyard dug, cleared, and planted by God. And in today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells the gripping Parable of the Vineyard and the Wicked Tenants.

A vineyard takes time. It takes patience. It takes decades to grow deep roots, it requires careful pruning and daily labor to produce rich, sweet wine. For 100 years, the Church of the Little Flower has been God's chosen vineyard right here in the heart of Coral Gables. God cleared the ground, planted the seed of faith, and has meticulously tended to this community through every season of life—through hurricanes, economic depressions, wars, and cultural shifts.

But Jesus' parable contains a sharp warning. The tenants in the story forgot that they were merely stewards. They began to think the vineyard belonged to them. They closed their hearts to the master's servants and even rejected the master's own son, trying to claim the inheritance for themselves.

And certainly, the history of this parish, like any history forged by fallen men and women, will have both its lights and its shadows. And so, we beg God's forgiveness for those shadows, for our sins of commission and omission. But, at the same time, we cannot deny that, during these past 100 years, God's grace has shone more brightly than any disgrace on our part. And so, as People of Faith, we look back on the past with humility but also with great gratitude.

As we listened to the words of the Scriptures today, we are all reminded of our duties and responsibilities, our calling, and our missions as God's beloved people, as those whom He has chosen and called, to be His disciples, His followers, and trusted stewards. As you celebrate this centenary, you parishioners are called not only to remember the past but to live the present with renewed commitment so that in future years this vineyard that is Little Flower Parish will yield even greater fruitfulness.

We see a powerful symbol of this renewal and fruitfulness in this magnificent, brand-new pipe organ that has just been installed for this centennial year.

Think of how an organ works. It is composed of hundreds of different pipes—some large and deep, some tiny and sweet. Left alone, a pipe is silent. But when the breath of air passes through them, they are brought into brought into harmony by the master musician, they produce a symphony of praise that fills this entire sacred space.

This is exactly what St. Paul is talking about in our second reading when he tells us to focus on "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure." And this is exactly where the gospel meets the heart of your beloved patroness, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower.

Thérèse understood perfectly that she was a tiny, hidden flower in God's vast garden—or perhaps, a single quiet pipe in His great organ. She knew she was not the owner of the vineyard; she was simply a servant called to bloom exactly where the Master planted her. Thérèse did not achieve holiness through grand, world-shaking deeds. She became a Doctor of the Church by discovering her "Little Way" – a path of doing ordinary, everyday things with extraordinary love.

Every time a volunteer catechized a child in your religious education program, every time a parishioner brought food to the poor, every time someone quietly knelt before this magnificent tabernacle to pray for a suffering neighbor—a choice fruit was harvested for the Kingdom of God. Like individual notes combining to make a glorious hymn on your new organ, the true beauty of your 100-year history is found in the spiritual bouquet of these holy, hidden sacrifices made by you and your fellow parishioners.

How can we feel anything less than gratitude in remembering the great priests and sisters who with great love for Jesus Christ and zeal for souls spent themselves in the service of this vineyard of the Lord which is Little Flower Parish. How could we not remember with gratitude members of the faithful who have worshipped in these pews over the years? I could cite their names – some you would recognize and others you might not. But I won't name names because I fear I would inadvertently omit someone and I don't want to slight anyone. (And, of course, I would hear about it tomorrow!) So, I would ask each one of you to add to your prayers in the silence of your hearts your own list of those you know, who, faithful to their baptism, contributed to the growth of this local parish.

As you step across the threshold into your second century as a parish family, renew your baptismal promises to be faithful, humble workers in Lord's vineyard. Let your lives be like the pipes of our new organ—fully open to the breath of the Holy Spirit, perfectly tuned to the heart of Christ, and singing a symphony of justice, mercy, and love. May you build upon the foundation of the past 100 years, trusting that He who began this good work in Coral Gables will continue to bring it to an abundant harvest.

May the Little Flower continue to shower her roses of grace upon you and may the Lord of the Vineyard find your hearts rich with fruit for His Kingdom. Amen.



+ Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami



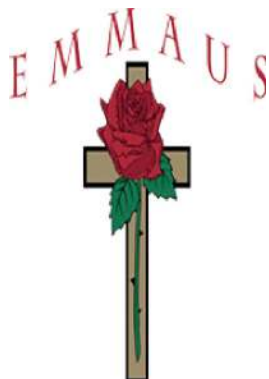
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2027 MASS INTENTIONS

Offering a Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons; for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, for someone who is ill, or for someone celebrating a special occasion.

The 2027 Mass Intentions Book
 will open on Tuesday, November 3rd.



ALL SOULS' DAY NOVENA

Beginning Monday, November 2nd (All Souls' Day) and continuing through Tuesday, November 10th, we will be offering one daily Mass for all intentions offered through the All Souls' Day Novena.

If you receive parish offertory envelopes, you should find a special envelope with space to add names for the Novena. You may also add names to the All Souls' Novena list through our Online Giving platform at www.osvhub.com/cotlf

All Novena envelopes or Online Giving Novena Notes will be placed by the altar for the duration of the Novena as we pray together for all of our deceased loved ones.

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Building on Our Legacy

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CENTENNIAL PRAYER

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.

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CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
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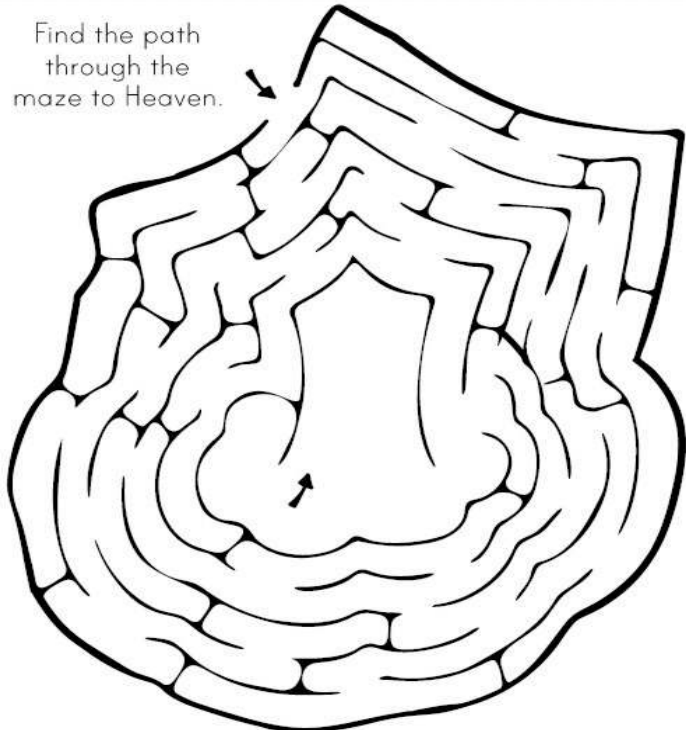


Remember that Mass is a prayer. How should you act during church to help you focus on prayer?



Draw a picture of a party in heaven.

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