



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

BULLETIN/BOLETIN

FEBRUARY 2ND
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 DE FEBRERO
LA PRESENTACION DEL SEÑOR



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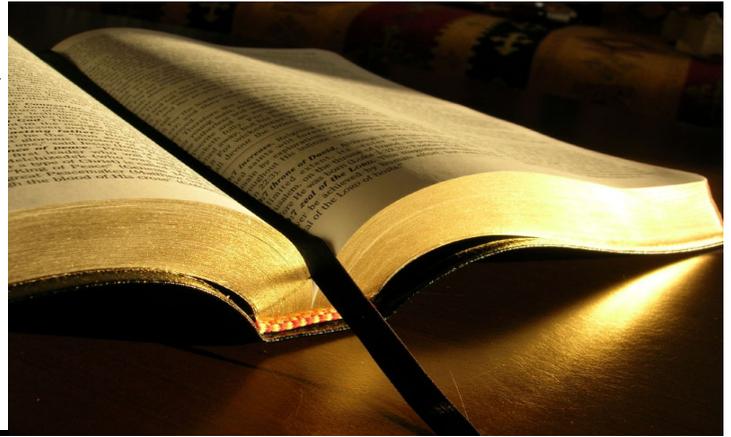
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*Together, Worshipping the Lord, Forming Disciples, Serving in the Name of Jesus
Juntos, Adorando al Señor, Formando Discípulos, Sirviendo en Nombre de Jesús*

READINGS OF THE WEEK / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday/Domingo:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Monday/Lunes:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday/Martes:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday/Miercoles:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday/Jueves:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday/Viernes:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday/Sabado:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday/Domingo:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 am	Arijit Sonny Banerjee
9:00 am	Intentions of The Murdock Family
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family
12:30 pm †	Yolanda Alvarez & Familia
5:30 pm †	Lillian Elanor Cabrera

Monday, February 3rd

Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

6:15 am	In Thanksgiving for Aristides Rivera
8:00 am †	Lucas & Catalina Santibáñez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, February 4th

Tuesday of Week IV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	Rolando Uria's Health
8:00 am †	Jose A. Rodriguez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, February 5th

Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

6:15 am	Birthday of Diana Galvis
8:00 am	Birthday of Diana Galvis
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, February 6th

Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am †	Cristina Maria Parlade
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, February 7th

Friday of Week IV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am †	Eneleida Alfonso
8:00 am	For the Benefactors of the Parish
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, February 8th

Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani

8:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
5:00 pm	Helena & Rafael Ruiz' 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, February 9th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Elizabeth Diskin
9:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family
12:30 pm †	Ricardo Ramirez
5:30 pm †	Ana Maria Monasterio, Urbano Monasterio, & Angel Gonzalez

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2nd

	Marriage Covenant Bake Sale
	STS Gala Tickets on Sale
9:00 am	Scouts Mass - C
2:00 pm	Baptisms - C

Monday, February 3rd

7:00 pm	Bible Study - RPC
7:00 pm	Cristo en Cuba - CAF
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres - RPC

Tuesday, February 4th

9:15 am	ESL Classes - RPC
7:00 pm	RCIA - RPC
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary - LH
7:30 pm	Talleres de Oracion: Matrimonios - RPC
8:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group - RPC

Wednesday, February 5th

4 & 7pm	Religious Education Classes
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus - RPC
7:30 pm	Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC
7:30 pm	Legion de Maria (Español) - LH

Thursday, February 6th

All Parish Ministry Meetings Cancelled Tonight!

7:30 pm	Parish Formation Night: "Rediscovering the Mass" - CH
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Friday, February 7th

7:30 pm	Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC
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Saturday, February 8th

8:30 am	Confessions - C
9:00 am	First Communion Parent Retreat - CAF
10:00 am	Religious Education Classes
12:00 pm	Baptisms - C
3:00 pm	Wedding: Brendan M. Horan & Nicole Marimom
7:30 pm	STS Gala

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 am	STS 4th Grade Mass - C
2:00 pm	Baptisms - C



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous response to the ABCD appeal last week. We got so many envelopes returned that by the time I sat down to write this, we are still tallying up how much was pledged. ABCD Sunday was a success and I communicated to the Archdiocese how much you enjoyed the video presented. If you have not seen the video or have not made your pledge, I encourage you to go to our parish Facebook page to see the video, and you can make your pledge at www.isupportabcd.org. May God bless your generosity with the charities of our local church.

Last Saturday night, I returned from Washington, DC after taking our young people to the March for Life. The witness of our youth standing up for life was something beautiful to behold. Later in this bulletin you can read some of the testimonies of the young people that represented our parish at the March. We felt your prayers during the three days we spent in DC, and we are already making plans to hopefully take more young people next year. This is the sixth year that I have been part of this pilgrimage from the Archdiocese and each year comes with new blessings. It is an extraordinary gathering of the young people of the Catholic Church of our country each year, and I was edified as a priest seeing hundreds and hundreds of kids in line for confession the morning of the March. I sat with them for close to two hours in what is essentially a club and bar in the basketball arena in Washington. We transformed what is usually a place of revelry into a place where God's mercy was being dispensed. And then

seeing half a million people (yes, this is the biggest March I have ever been a part of) marching towards the Supreme Court and praying as they go was awe inspiring. We must continue to pray that one day we won't have to march because abortion has gone the way of slavery and this country is finally respecting life from conception to natural death.

Finally, this coming Thursday, February 6th, is the first Formation Night in Comber Hall at 7:30pm. I announced this new initiative earlier this month in this space. A reminder that all ministry meetings are cancelled that evening so that everyone can attend the Formation Night. This was also announced by me on January 5 in this space. I really am looking forward to spending this time with you. The topic for that night will be "Rediscovering the Mass." A timely topic as Catholics around the country are struggling with their understanding of the Eucharist. We will have time for questions and discussion, and I will also ask what topics are on your minds so that we may present them at future Formation Nights.

See you Thursday night!

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Manny".



DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Gracias por su respuesta generosa a la apelación de ABCD la semana pasada. Recibimos tantos sobres de vuelta que para cuando me senté a escribir esto, todavía estamos contando cuánto prometieron. El domingo de ABCD fue un éxito y le comuniqué a la Arquidiócesis lo mucho que disfrutaron el video que fue presentado. Si no han visto el video o no han hecho su promesa, los invito a que visite la página de Facebook de nuestra parroquia para ver el video, y puede hacer su promesa en www.isupportabcd.org. Que Dios bendiga su generosidad con las organizaciones benéficas de nuestra iglesia local.

El sábado pasado por la noche, regresé de Washington DC después de llevar a nuestros jóvenes a la Marcha por la Vida. El testimonio de nuestra juventud defendiendo la vida fue algo hermoso para contemplar. Más adelante en este boletín, podrán leer algunos de los testimonios de los jóvenes que representaron a nuestra parroquia en la Marcha. Sentimos sus oraciones durante los tres días que pasamos en DC, y ya estamos haciendo planes para llevar a más jóvenes el próximo año. Este es el sexto año que formo parte de esta peregrinación de la Arquidiócesis y cada año viene con nuevas bendiciones. Cada año es una reunión extraordinaria de los jóvenes de la Iglesia Católica de nuestro país, y fui edificado como sacerdote al ver a cientos y cientos de jóvenes en fila para confesarse la mañana de la Marcha. Me senté con ellos durante casi dos horas en lo que es esencialmente un club y bar en la arena de baloncesto en Washington. Transformamos

lo que generalmente es un lugar de jerga en un lugar donde se dispensaba la misericordia de Dios. Y luego ver a medio millón de personas (sí, esta es la marcha más grande en que he participado) marchando hacia la Corte Suprema y rezando mientras caminaban fue algo inspirador. Debemos continuar rezando para que algún día no tengamos que marchar porque el aborto ha seguido el camino de la esclavitud y este país finalmente está respetando la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

Finalmente, el próximo jueves 6 de febrero, es la primera Noche de Formación en Comber Hall a las 7:30 pm. Anuncié esta iniciativa nueva a principios de este mes en este espacio. Un recordatorio de que todas las reuniones de ministerios están canceladas esa noche para que todos puedan asistir a la Noche de Formación. Esto también fue anunciado por mí el 5 de enero en este espacio. Tengo muchas ganas de pasar este tiempo con ustedes. El tema de esa noche será "Redescubriendo la misa". Un tema oportuno ya que los católicos de todo el país están luchando con su comprensión de la Eucaristía. Tendremos tiempo para preguntas y discusiones, y también les preguntaré qué temas tienen en mente para poder presentarlos durante las Noches de Formación en el futuro.

¡Nos vemos el jueves por la noche!

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020



“We went sightseeing, we had fun together... but the most important thing we did was give voice to the voiceless; take a stand for those who cannot stand for themselves.” - **Fr Manny Alvarez, Closing Mass Homily**

“What an overwhelming witness for the gift of LIFE! What an inspirational sign of HOPE!! And what a privilege and blessing it was to be able to march together the youth of our parish and the hundreds of thousands of other pilgrims.” - **Jorge Santibáñez, Parish DRE**

“I thought this experience was unbelievable. I never thought I’d see so many people my age come together for this issue, and do so with such passion and energy for a great cause.” - **Alexandra, 21**

“Going to the March for the first time, opened my eyes to a new perspective of women’s empowerment. It also reminded me that my generation is truly pro life, since at least 90% of the marchers were young people. Truly, I am blessed to have gone on this pilgrimage and I won’t stop until abortion is something unheard of in this country.” - **Izzy, 20**

“Attending the March for Life for the first time was a beautiful experience. I am very blessed to be able to stand and march for the unborn. It was amazing to see the amount of young people who participated. We are the Pro-Life Generation!!” - **Sofia, 21**

“I have always been pro-life but going on March for Life really helped open my eyes to how many people and babies were being affected by abortion. What impacted me most about this whole experience was the amount of young people that attended the March. Seeing all the other people my age come together to protest gave me hope that one day abortion might finally come to an end.” - **Juliana, 16**

“I thought it was great to see so many people come together and fight for the same important reason. It was great to meet so many new people from all around the country.” - **Gabby, 16**

“This event impacted me greatly in finally gaining a good understanding of what being prolife means and the reason behind why I went to this March. When I saw the amount of young people marching with us I was amazed. I did not know so many people my age were so involved in this type of movement and I was very happy to see this. This experience meant a lot to me because doing what I did, marching for the voiceless, really made me think how much I will impact a lot of people in this world.” - **Sophie, 16**

“March For Life will be an experience I will never forget. We are the voice for the voiceless!” - **Lauren, 16**

“March4Life is that type of event that you have to experience in order to understand its magnitude. Being witness to thousands of teenagers giving voice to the ones that don’t have, and never will have, the chance to speak for themselves, reminded me of St. John Paul II’s idea for WYD: “These events are a chance for the youth to meet, deepen their faith, and strengthen one another to become *bearers of hope*.” Walking alongside all the priests, nuns, teenagers, and families was a beautiful testimony in answering the call of Christ, who asks great things from all of us. It was a blessing to confirm that we are so many in the journey. - **Siulin Kang, Group Chaperone**



TOGETHER | JUNTOS



***Christ has no body but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours...***

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world, your feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Thank you to all who have already generously responded to the call to be the eyes, hands and feet of Jesus through your gift to the ABCD. As Scriptures remind us, *“Give and it shall be given to you.”*

Thank you for helping our Church to preserve the dignity of all human life and to help the poor, homeless, needy, elderly and sick. Your generosity transforms the hearts and minds of the children in our schools and religious education programs and those serving in our life-changing ministries and programs. The good work of our Church is not possible without you!

If you have yet to respond to this year’s ABCD, we need you!

Please prayerfully consider mirroring the love of Christ by putting your faith into action and make a gift to this year’s ABCD appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference. You can obtain a pledge envelope from the parish office or you can make a gift online at www.adomdevelopment.org.

Thank you and God bless you!

3rd Annual Food & Wine Festival



Tickets are now on sale for our 3rd Annual Food & Wine Festival. Join us on Saturday, February 22, 2019 for a night of delectable food from around the world and over 2 dozen wines to sample at our 3rd Annual Food and Wine Festival. Enjoy delicious cuisine from over 6 countries prepared for you by the Executive Chefs of, A Fancy Fiesta. Receive your complimentary commemorative wine glass and take a culinary journey you will never forget.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include all wine, food, entertainment and commemorative wine glass yours to keep. Buy yours at the parish office or online at:

www.LittleFlowerFoodandWine.com

COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

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| ♦ Robert Sanchez | ♦ Dean Carr | ♦ Gilda de Armas | ♦ Barbara Fernandez |
| ♦ Cristina Sierra | ♦ Maria de Cardenas | ♦ Sean Stockhausen | ♦ Nicholas and Francine |
| ♦ Jennifer Yudice | ♦ Juan Carbonell | ♦ Hugo & Maria Guilarte | Cirillo |
| ♦ Elisa and Enrique | ♦ Manny Nuñez | ♦ Aristides Rivera | ♦ Jose “Ricky” Suarez |
| Massens | ♦ Elena Garcia | ♦ Lee Ramirez | ♦ Riley Valentina |
| ♦ Ofelia Sotomayor | ♦ Bob Needham | ♦ Lillian Maribona | ♦ Jake Duque |
| ♦ Gloria L.V. Keigans | ♦ Augustus Riley | ♦ Otto Crombet | ♦ Daniel Martin |
| ♦ Crystal Martin | ♦ Yolanda Martos | ♦ Pat Ayala | ♦ Alexandra Herrera |
| ♦ Frances Shaheen | ♦ Rene Monteagudo | ♦ Eddy Sanchez | ♦ Luis Landrian |
| ♦ Michele Luciano | ♦ Alex Lacca | ♦ Porfirio Ponce | |

Need to add a name to our parish prayer list? Please contact Jorge Santibáñez at the Parish Office.



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FAITH FORMATION

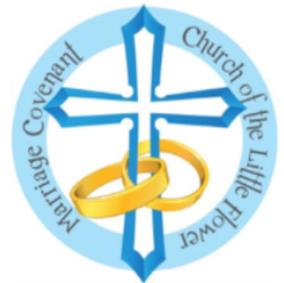
Join Father Manny
for the first of our monthly
Parish Faith Formation Evening
on Thursday, February 6th
at 7:30pm in Comber Hall

Rediscovering the Mass

MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

The Marriage Covenant Experience is a weekend retreat where you and your spouse can pause from daily life and reflect upon the importance of marriage, how we can make life happier for ourselves and for our families, and what role God plays in our everyday lives. It is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience!

When: February 28 - March 1, 2020
Where: Comber Hall
Cost: \$140 per couple



For more information, please contact Lyan & Rodriguez at lyanfdez@aol.com or (305-772-7162)
or Rick and Maria Lavina at Marialavina23@gmail.com or (305) 984-5143

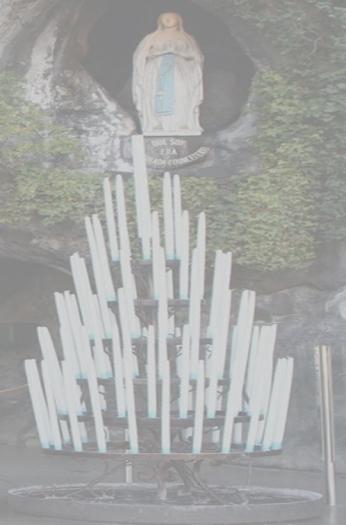
A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE

*Including visits to Lourdes, Lisieux, the Normandy
Beaches, Mont St. Michel, Rouen & Paris*

July 20 - 30, 2020 - Under the Spiritual Direction
of Fr. Manny Alvarez.

This wonderful experience is selling fast!

For more details, please contact Irma Aguilar
at the Parish Office - (305) 446-9950, Ext 314.





Because its never too early to start planning for good things, COTLF is happy to announce a youth pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day in the Summer of 2022!

Though exact dates for WYD Lisboa are not expected to be announced until Holy Week, later this April, we have already begun formulating a list of interested youth pilgrims. WYD is expected to be celebrated in July or August, 2022 and the most likely pilgrimage itinerary will be between 7 to 10 days, with a visit to Fatima built in. Most travel packages will probably be in the \$3,000 - \$4,000 price range. We will NOT begin taking any deposits until dates and packages are officially announced, but if you would like to be added to the information list, please contact Jorge Santibáñez at JSantibanez@cotlf.org or at the Parish Office.



ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate a decade of VBS at COTLF!

June 15 - June 26, 2020

All camp details, including hours, pricing, volunteer application and camper registration, will be available in the Spring!

St. Theresa Catholic School Annual Gala

JOIN US FOR AN
Enchanted Evening

Coral Gables Country Club
February 8, 2020

7:30 PM
Formal Attire

Dinner, Dance, Auction and Raffle
Sponsorship and advertisement opportunities available



Please visit stscg.org/gala



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