



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



BULLETIN/BOLETIN

MARCH 3RD
8TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

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8 DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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PASTOR
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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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English
5:30 pm	Español

Saturday, March 9th

Time	Language	Next Week's Celebrant
8:00 am	English	Fr. Angulo
5:00 pm	English (Vigil)	Archbishop Wenski

Sunday, March 10th

Time	Language	Next Week's Celebrant
7:30 am	English	Fr. Uko
9:00 am	English	Fr. Flores
10:30 am	English	Fr. Davis
12:30 pm	Español	Fr. Garreaud
5:30 pm	English	Fr. Flores

*All Priest assignments subject to change

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 8:30 am - 10:00 am in the Church
or by appointment at the Reilly Parish Center

saint snippets



Press forward
and fear nothing.

St. Katharine Drexel
She gave up an inheritance of \$7 million to enter religious life and then created a system of Catholic schools for African-Americans

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March 3



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER REILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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(305) 446-9950
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Administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of LA - Sr. Rosalie, Principal

SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church!
Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

- ◆ Lily Amelia Hoffmann
- ◆ Jacob Ashton Melo
- ◆ Ronin Bodhi Tables
- ◆ Wyatt Joseph Tables



Congratulations and God's Blessings to those Joined in Holy Matrimony:

- ◆ Manuel Pinto
 & Adriana Quesada
- ◆ Michael Offereins
 & Katia Palenzuela



Rest in Peace. We Pray for those who have Entered Eternity:

- ◆ No Funerals This Week

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Private on Saturdays or Group on Sundays at 2:00pm. Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance.
- Privados los sábados o en grupo los domingos a las 2:00 pm. Arreglos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación.

SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP



Attendance	2,134
In-Church Adult Collection.....	\$8,035
Loose Collection	\$3,892
Late, Drop-off, Mail-in	\$1,468
Children's Collection	\$538
Online Giving	\$5,482
Devotional Lights	\$809
Poor Box/Charities	\$71

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

*Thank you for your generosity!
¡Gracias por su generosidad!*

Grand Total

\$20,295

READINGS OF THE WEEK / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday/Domingo:	Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday/Lunes:	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday/Martes:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday/Miercoles:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday/Jueves:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday/Viernes:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday/Sabado:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday/Domingo:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 3

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	(†) Haydee & Armando Nodal
9:00 am	Complete Healing of Bob Sanchez
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the COTLF Parish Family
12:30 pm	(†) Caridad Anillo
5:30 pm	(†) Aldo Luis Vasquez

Monday, March 4 - St. Casimir of Poland

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	(†) Eloina Jui
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, March 5 - Tuesday of Week 8 in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	Carlos Chialastri's Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	(†) Augustin Arrieta
12:15 pm	Prayer Service - No Communion
4:00 pm	Prayer Service - No Communion
5:30 pm	(†) Lydia Sanchez
7:00 pm	Steven Befera's Health

Thursday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	Anthony Reus' Health
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, March 8 - St. John of God, Religious

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	(†) Eleanor A. Hunt
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 am	(†) Jose F. Casal
5:00 pm	(†) Evaristo Luis Garcia, Maria del Rosario Nuñez, & Flora Vera

Sunday, March 10

1st Sunday of Lent

7:30 am	(†) Yolanda Brennan
9:00 am	(†) Michael Nagy
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the COTLF Parish Family
12:30 pm	(†) Armando Caló
5:30 pm	(†) Mercedes Medina & Jorge Hernandez

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3

Second Collection - Church in Latin America

Women's Emmaus Bake Sale

9:00 am	STS Mass
10:30 am	Closing Mass: Marriage Covenant & RCIA Penitential Rite
2:00 pm	Baptisms - C

Monday, March 4

8:30 am	Regnum Christi Men's Group - RPC
3:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Church Tours - C
7:00 pm	English Bible Study - RPC
7:00 pm	Cristo en Cuba - CAF
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres - RPC

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 am	ESL Classes - RPC
7:00 pm	RCIA - RPC
8:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group - RPC

Wednesday, March 6

4:00 pm & 7:00 pm	Religious Ed Classes in Church
7:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion - RPC
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus - RPC
7:30 pm	Grupo de Oracion Carismatico - CHP

Thursday, March 7

7:00 pm	Cub Scouts - CAF
7:00 pm	Men's Emmaus - RPC
7:30 pm	Holy Land Pre-Departure Meeting - CH
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts - SCT
7:30 pm	Cursillo - RPC

Friday, March 8

Women's Emmaus Retreat Begins

6:00 pm	Via Crucis (Español) - C
7:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida - RPC
7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross (English) - C
7:30 pm	Grupo de Oracion Carismatico - RPC

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am	Baptism Preparation Classes - RPC
10:00 am	Religious Ed Classes
10:30 am	Baptisms - C
5:00 pm	Mass w Knights of the Holy Sepulchre - C
6:45 pm	Wedding: Kevin Drohan & Daniela Machado

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am	STS Mass
10:30 am	RCIA Rite of Sending & Scouts Mass
2:00 pm	Baptisms - C

C - Church; CAF - STS Cafeteria; CHP - RPC Chapel; REC - Rectory;
RPC - Reilly Parish Center; CH- Comber Hall; SCT - Scouts Hut; STS - St. Theresa School



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVIS

This weekend's readings invite us to SEE clearly, so as to be more and more like the Teacher Christ. When we do so, we free ourselves from abundant clutter, and we position ourselves to bear good fruit with our lives, hopefully becoming known for that goodness. After all, wouldn't it be better to be known for producing "good fruit" rather than "thorn bushes?" What would an honest assessment of the current state of our lives reveal? Why would the differences in such a choice be so hard to see and understand? Maybe we need to get rid of some of the "planks" in our eyes.

This theme is, of course, a direct follow-up to last week's message. We should ask ourselves, what in truth do we allow to impact and shape our personalities? What is it that influences our decisions, and our use of time? Whom do we most resemble in life? With whom is our life most aligned? As Saint Paul challenged us last week, we can choose to be like the "earthly man," or we can choose to be like the "spiritual man" with our sight firmly placed on our heavenly destiny. The implication being that if we are not spending our time immersing ourselves in the teachings of Jesus, whose teachings are we living by? And, where are we going? In short, what do we anticipate the "end game" to be?

We must always allow our thinking and discernment to be saturated with divine truth, to respect the God-given dignity of each individual around us, and cultivate our "best selves" in the light of Gospel values. Indeed, Christian authenticity requires a daily choice to foster a spiritual outlook in our lives, so as to sharpen our focus on living life in the footsteps of the Teacher Christ. Why is that so hard to see?

I remember a theology professor of mine, from years ago, speaking about this concept in a class on Christian Spirituality. He said that the

challenge for all of us is to live in such a way that when people encounter us they will say, "if this is what the servant is, what isn't the Master." Indeed, a daunting goal! But one that has practical applications. Wouldn't it be our privilege to live "like" Jesus, the Master?

Throughout life, we have a golden opportunity to create a legacy of charity, kindness, generosity, and concern for the wellbeing of others. Could these be among the elements that might reflect in us good fruit? The problem, of course, is that if the regular messages that we expose ourselves to (through culture, media, entertainment, etc.) are adverse to good character, contrary to Gospel virtue, diminishing to gentlemanly and ladylike dignity, courtesy and etiquette, how can we expect our lives to leave footprints of civility and neighborliness behind? An even more significant series of questions would be: what kind of legacy am I creating for myself? What will I be known for? What will be the epitaph about the "story of our life? Will there have been enough evidence to indicate that we were "like" the Teacher Christ? If you were not on the path to holiness, wholesomeness, and Christian perfection, was heaven really your goal?

Yes. I believe that modern life and its many distractions can often blind us to the deeper questions of our existence, our meaning, and the deepest longings of our hearts. There are a lot of "planks" that need to be adjusted or taken out of our eyes. We should always try to be like the Teacher Christ. Of course we want to know, love and serve him. Of course we want to produce good "fruit" to the glory of our Creator.

I am sure you'll agree, the alternative of thorn bushes, is not a particularly attractive option.



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE DAVIS

Las lecturas de este fin de semana nos invitan a VER claramente, para ser más y más como Cristo, el Maestro. Cuando lo hacemos, nos liberamos del desorden abundante, y nos posicionamos para dar frutos buenos con nuestras vidas, con la esperanza de ser conocidos por esa bondad. Después de todo, ¿no sería mejor ser conocido por producir "frutos buenos" en lugar de "arbustos espinosos"? ¿Qué revelaría una evaluación honesta del estado actual de nuestras vidas? ¿Por qué sería tan difícil ver y entender las diferencias en una elección así? Tal vez necesitamos deshacernos de algunos de los "tarugos" en nuestros ojos.

Este tema es, por supuesto, un seguimiento directo del mensaje de la semana pasada. Debemos preguntarnos, ¿qué es lo que realmente permitimos que impacte y de forma a nuestras personalidades? ¿Qué es lo que influye en nuestras decisiones y nuestro uso del tiempo? ¿A quién nos parecemos más en la vida? ¿Con quién está más alineada nuestra vida? Como San Pablo nos desafió la semana pasada, podemos elegir ser como el "hombre terrenal", o podemos elegir ser como el "hombre espiritual" con nuestra vista firmemente en nuestro destino celestial. La implicación es que si no estamos gastando nuestro tiempo sumergiéndonos en las enseñanzas de Jesús, ¿de qué enseñanzas vivimos? ¿Y a dónde vamos? En resumen, ¿qué anticipamos que será el "juego final"?

Siempre debemos permitir que nuestro pensamiento y discernimiento estén saturados con la verdad divina, de respetar la dignidad que Dios le ha dado a cada individuo que nos rodea, y cultivar nuestro "mejor yo" a la luz de los valores del Evangelio. De hecho, la autenticidad cristiana requiere una selección diaria para fomentar una perspectiva espiritual en nuestras vidas, a fin de agudizar nuestro enfoque en vivir la vida en los pasos de Cristo, el Maestro. ¿Por qué es tan difícil de ver?

Recuerdo a un profesor mío de teología, hace años atrás, hablando sobre este concepto en una clase sobre espiritualidad cristiana. El dijo que el desafío para todos nosotros es vivir de tal manera que cuando las

personas se encuentren con nosotros dirán, "si esto es lo que es ser el sirviente, que no sería el Maestro". ¡De hecho, una meta desalentadora! Pero una que tiene aplicaciones prácticas. ¿No sería nuestro privilegio vivir "como" Jesús, el Maestro?

A lo largo de la vida, tenemos una oportunidad de oro para crear un legado de caridad, amabilidad, generosidad y preocupación por el bienestar de los demás. ¿Podrían estos ser algunos de los elementos que podrían reflejar en nosotros buenos frutos? El problema, por supuesto, es que si los mensajes regulares a los que nos exponemos (a través de la cultura, los medios de comunicación, el entretenimiento, etc.) son adversos al buen carácter, en contra de la virtud del Evangelio, disminuyendo la dignidad, cortesía y etiqueta de caballeros y damas, ¿cómo podemos esperar que nuestras vidas dejen huellas de cortesía y vecindad? Una serie de preguntas aún más significativas sería: ¿qué tipo de legado estoy creando para mí? ¿Por qué será conocido? ¿Cuál será el epitafio sobre la "historia de nuestra vida"? ¿Habría evidencia suficiente para indicar que fuimos "como" Cristo, el Maestro? Si no estábamos en el camino de la santidad, la integridad y la perfección cristiana, ¿era realmente el cielo nuestro objetivo?

Sí. Creo que la vida moderna y sus muchas distracciones a menudo nos pueden cegar a las preguntas más profundas de nuestra existencia, nuestro significado y los anhelos más profundos de nuestros corazones. Hay muchos "tarugos" que deben ajustarse o quitarse de nuestros ojos. Siempre debemos tratar de ser como Cristo, el Maestro. Por supuesto que queremos conocerlo, amarlo y servirlo. Por supuesto que queremos producir buenos "frutos" para la gloria de nuestro Creador.

Estoy seguro de que estaremos de acuerdo, la alternativa de los arbustos espinosos no es una opción particularmente atractiva.

TOGETHER | JUNTOS



HOLY LAND PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING

For those who are scheduled and confirmed to be on the March 29, 2019 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, there will be a “pre-Departure meeting” on Thursday, March 7th, at 7:30pm in Comber Hall. During this meeting Father Davis will distribute all travel information, the rooming list, plane e-tickets, hotel information, the final itinerary, and luggage bag tags.

It will also be an opportunity to field any remaining questions as we prepare for our pilgrimage departure. See you on March 7th.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS

— AND JOIN US FOR OUR —

LUCK OF THE IRISH

— DINNER AND CELEBRATION —

benefiting the Carmelite Sisters

Saturday, March 16, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.

Comber Hall - Church of the Little Flower
2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, Florida



Ticket: \$70 | www.carmelitesistersocd.com/FoCEvent

For more information, please contact
Silvia Esposito | friends-carmel@outlook.com | 786-514-5907

Don't forget to wear your lucky green!



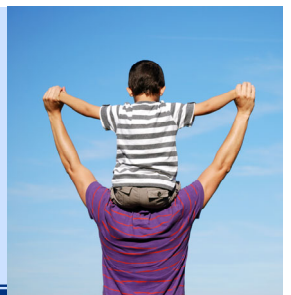
NEXT BUS TRIP BEING PLANNED

The parish is currently organizing a day-trip pilgrimage to visit Ave Maria University near Naples, Florida on Wednesday, May 22nd. There are only 53 seats available on the bus. The journey will depart Little Flower at 8:15am, include a university tour, Mass in the famous Annunciation Oratory parish church, a walk through town square and a panoramic tour of the City of Ave Maria, returning to Coral Gables by 5:30pm.

To get your name on the list, please contact Jorge Perez at 305-446-9950, ext. 318.

FATHER-SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

A new initiative, several months away, but worthy of mention now, is our plan to have a Father-Son Communion breakfast at Little Flower. The idea is that on June 15th, the day before Father's Day, all grandfathers, fathers and sons together, would come to a Saturday morning Mass at 8:00am, receive Communion together, and afterwards, enjoy a pancake breakfast together in Comber Hall, during which a motivational talk on the importance of the father-son relationship would be presented. More details are forthcoming.



COTLF Parishioners Prayer List

- ♦ Steven Befera (2/17)
- ♦ Bernie Davis
- ♦ Luz Angela Gallo
- ♦ Robert Sanchez
- ♦ Cristina Sierra
- ♦ Jessica Spaeth
- ♦ Jennifer Yudice
- ♦ Patricia Diaz Perez (2/24)
- ♦ Elisa and Enrique Massens
- ♦ Ofelia Sotomayor
- ♦ Gloria L.V. Keigans (3/2)
- ♦ Crystal Martin

Names will be on our published prayer list for three (3) months.
Need to add or keep a name on the prayer list?
Please contact Jorge Santibáñez at the Parish Office.



Donations and the COTLF Charities Poor Box

Effective February 2019, donations of food, clothing, or household items will no longer be collected in the vestibule/entrance of the Church.

Donations of goods can be made directly to
St. John Bosco Parish.

Those wishing to assist the poor and those in need within our parish community are welcome to support COTLF Charities through donations in the Poor Box, located by the statue of St. Anthony.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD | ADORANDO AL SEÑOR

The season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday, March 6th



- 6:15am - ENGLISH MASS
- 8:00am - ENGLISH MASS
- 12:15pm - PRAYER SERVICE w/ ASHES
- 4:00pm - PRAYER SERVICE w/ ASHES
- 5:30pm - SPANISH MASS
- 7:00pm - BILINGUAL MASS

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (sacrificial simplification of our food intake) as well as a day of penitential abstinence from meat products.
- Every subsequent Friday during the Lenten season is also a day of abstinence from meat products.



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The weekly Lenten celebration of the Via Crucis, the Way of the Cross, will take place each Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in Spanish, and at 7:30pm in English. All are welcome.



CATHOLIC LENTEN CASSEROLES RETURN

Join us on three Wednesdays during the LENTEN season for a potluck dinner and evening of spiritual reflection on March 13, April 3, and April 10. Starting at 6:30pm in Comber Hall, everyone is asked to bring a food item, and enjoy a potluck community dinner until 7:30pm, immediately followed by a 45-minute Lenten talk in English on the 1st floor, in Spanish on the 2nd floor. On March 13, Father Davis will offer the talk in English and Father Flores will offer the talk in Spanish. On April 3rd, Father Flores will offer the talk in English and Father Garreaud will offer the talk in Spanish. On April 10th, Father Davis will offer the talk in English and Father Garreaud will offer the talk in Spanish. All are welcome to join us as we journey through the season of Lent and prayer for Holy Week.

ARCHBISHOP WENSKI AND THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER AT COTLF

On Saturday, March 9th at 5:00pm, Archbishop Wenski will be at Little Flower to celebrate Mass with us, in presence of many specially invited guests, the Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. The Knights have an annual gathering with the Archbishop each spring. This year, providentially, it will take place here at Little Flower. The Knights of the Holy Sepulcher are a special papal Order of men and women who foster support for the Christians in the Holy land and the protection and care of the Holy sites that make up the Holy Land, particularly the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The members of the Order will be attired in special Jerusalem ceremonial garb according to many different ranks. All are welcome to be present for this special occasion.



FORMING DISCIPLES | FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS



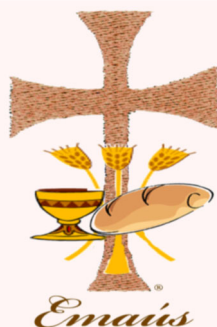
WOMEN'S ENGLISH EMMAUS RETREAT

The Church of the Little Flower Women's Emmaus Ministry cordially invites you to our next retreat. Join us for a weekend of joy, hope and renewal. Make new friends and take time to strengthen your relationship with God. You will be pampered and loved!! Come to an Emmaus retreat and you will never be the same again!

When: March 8th, 9th & 10th, 2019

Where: Casa Manresa 12190 S.W. 56th Street, Miami, Florida 33183

Registration Forms are available online, at the Parish Center, or you can contact
Yanik Fenton-Espinosa at (305) 905-3714 or by email at yancar@bellsouth.net or
Lizzeet Sobalvarro at (305) 726-7650 or by email at lizzeets@bellsouth.net



RETIRO DE EMAUS DE HOMBRES

El equipo de Emaus de hombres te invita para un fin de semana lleno de esperanza, renovación y júbilo. Nosotros proveeremos comida el Viernes por la noche y todas las otras comidas en el fin de semana.

Fecha: Viernes, 22 de Marzo al Domingo, 24 de Marzo, 2019

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Vacation Bible School is returning for its 9th Summer!

Join us for a ROARIN' GOOD TIME

Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 28th!

The **Camper Registration** (Incoming Kinder-6th Grade)
and **Volunteer Application** (Incoming 7th Grade and up)
will open on **Monday, March 11th.**

Please mark your calendars and begin reviewing all camp details, pricing, and application/registration information, now available at the VBS Website:

vbspro.events/p/cotlf2019



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Terra Nova Testing All Week for Students

March 3: 1st Grade Family Mass, 9:00 a.m.

March 6: All School Mass, 9:30 a.m.

**STS Spring Bazaar coming up on March 20th ~
Make plans to do your Mother's Day shopping early.**

Make a donation to the STS Alumni Plaza. Help us complete this project. Go to www.stscg.org, click on Alumni, then Alumni Plaza



““And it is the Lord, it is Jesus, Who is my judge. Therefore, I will try always to think leniently of others, that He may judge me leniently, or rather not at all, since He says: “Judge not, and ye shall not be judged.” - St. Therese

SERVING IN THE NAME OF JESUS | SIRVIENDO EN NOMBRE DE JESÚS



WORLD YOUTH DAY REFLECTIONS

My name is John Peter (JP) Christensen. I am sixteen years old and I have been an altar server since I was nine years old at our parish. During this time, I have developed a deeper appreciation for the mass and love for the Eucharist. This was part of what led me to want to be part of World Youth Day; to continue to grow in my faith. This experience exceeded all my expectations. From the time we got on the plane and at the airports there was an excitement and joy in the atmosphere. There was singing, chanting and a great anticipation. In Panama,

despite the thousands of youth together cramped into a city; everyone was of one mind. There was praising and dancing on the streets and everywhere we went. There were gestures of hospitality and kindness expressed all around. The Holy Spirit could literally be felt. It manifested itself as a euphoria that captured everyone we met as in one voice we chanted "La Juventud del Papa". I had the privilege of meeting youth from all over the world, bishops, clergy, etc. Despite our different backgrounds we were a united body through our common faith. This became very evident specially during the mass with our Holy Father, Pope Francis. I have come back with a renewed fire and my love for the Mass and Eucharist grew even greater. I am already getting excited about the next World Youth Day in Portugal. I encourage all the youth of our parish to pray and consider going to the next one. My mother once told me that once you have an encounter with Christ, your life can never be the same again. In Panama, I can say beyond any doubt, I had an encounter with Christ!



TOUR OUR CHURCH - LEARN HISTORY, ART, ARCHITECTURE

Father Davis will be personally offering a walk-through tour of our beautiful church, presenting commentary on its history, sacred art, architecture and liturgical furnishings. The tour is designed for anyone wanting to learn about the historical Church of the Little Flower. Join us on **Monday, March 4th** and **Monday, March 25** at 3:30pm or 7:30pm. *All are welcome.*

Eventually: Walking in Faith Through Infertility



If you or someone you know is walking through a difficult season of infertility, miscarriage, baby loss, or failed adoption, you aren't meant to walk alone. Join us for coffee and companionship on **Saturday, March 16th**, from 9am - 11am in the Parish Office at the next gathering of the "Eventually: Walking in Faith" ministry.

You will discover hope, meet others walking a similar journey, and be nourished in your faith, as we support and encourage one another through God's word while waiting with hope in Him. It will be a quaint, confidential group of women or couples.

For more info contact: Gloria Fonts Suarez at 305.338.1446 or via email: gloria@cymbidiumevents.com



Friends of the Holy Land



A SPAGHETTI DINNER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Our local members of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher are organizing an initiative to raise funds for the fledgling Catholic community in Jerusalem, which Father Davis will hand-deliver when he visits the bishop there next month. Join us for a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 24th, immediately following the 5:30pm Mass, in Comber Hall.

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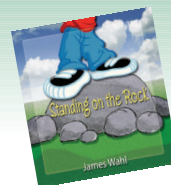
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