



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



BULLETIN/BOLETIN

DECEMBER 1ST
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1 DE DICIEMBRE
PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



PASTOR

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

PAROCHIAL VICAR

REV. LUIS A. FLORES

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE PERMANENT DEACONS

REV. JUAN ESCAMEZ
REV. STEPHEN SAAWUAN
REV. FIDELIS UKO

DEACON ROBERTO FLEITAS
DEACON MIGUEL PARLADE

*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

Sunday

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English

PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDER ASSIGNMENTS.

Thank you!

CONFESSIONS

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



The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every weekday morning from **9:00 am to 12 Noon** in the Parish Office Chapel.



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

Contact

(305) 446-9950
www.cotlf.org



OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Irma Aguilar - Ext 314
Business Manager

Mrs. Maria Elena Chialastri - Ext 306
Administrative Assistant to the Pastor
Office Manager

Mr. Luis Cuza - Ext 308
Associate Director of Music
Parish Resource Officer

Mr. Juan del Sol - Ext 311
Weddings Coordinator

Dr. Dawn Fontana - Ext 305
Director of Liturgical Music

Mr. Jorge Perez - Ext 318
Director of Advancement & Stewardship

Ms. Jessica Rodriguez - Ext 300
Receptionist
COTLF Charities Coordinator

Mr. Jorge Santibáñez - Ext 307
Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry
Parish Ministries Coordinator
Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Annette Perez - Ext 302
Curator of Records
Virtus Training Coordinator

Maintenance/Custodial - Ext 309
Mr. Rene Denis
Mrs. Nubia Vivas
Mr. Jose Zuniga

SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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 LA - Sr. Rosalie, Principal

SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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



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

- ◆ Raphael Burkhardt & Jennifer Castrillo
- ◆ Jose Cusido & Belarmina Barrientos
- ◆ Armando J. Ibarra & Jessica Fernandez



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



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.



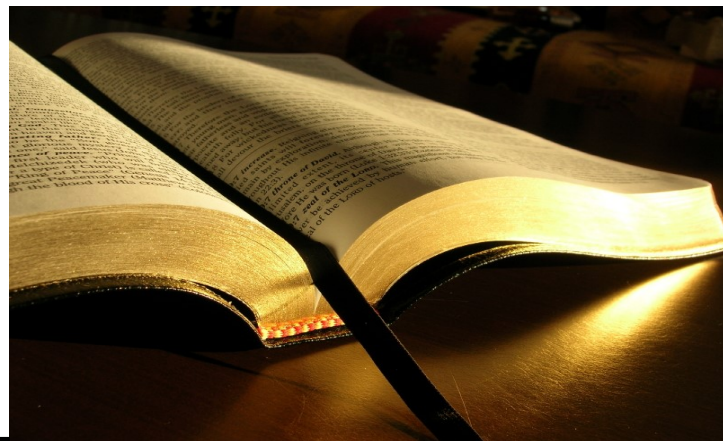
THE COTLF GIVING TREE

Throughout this season of Advent, parishioners are invited to bring **new** and **wrapped** gifts to the COTLF Giving Tree, which will soon be placed in the vestibule/entrance of the Church, by the Ushers' closet. Please be sure to mark donated gifts with a tag identifying the appropriate age range of the recipient and whether the gift would be suitable for a boy or for a girl.

All donated gifts are collected by Sr. Eva and the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. Your generosity in support of those on the margins of our local community is greatly appreciated!

READINGS OF THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday/Domingo:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday/Lunes:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday/Martes:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday/Miercoles:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday/Jueves:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday/Viernes:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday/Sabado:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday/Domingo:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 1st

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am	† Perfecto Arango
9:00 am	† Mariana Chevallier Boutell
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo <i>For All Members of the Parish Family</i>
12:30 pm	† Lea Maria Sampedro
5:30 pm	† Francisco Ormazza Fernandez

Monday, December 2nd

Monday of Week I of Advent

6:15 am	Santibáñez Family Intentions
8:00 am	† Consuelo Menendez Vazquez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, December 3rd

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:15 am	† Isabel Ramirez
8:00 am	† Maria Antonia Gonzalez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, December 4th

Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	† Frank Parrella
8:00 am	Health of Pepe Del Aguila
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, December 5th

Thursday of Week I of Advent

6:15 am	In Thanksgiving for Fair Committee and Volunteers
8:00 am	† Bernardo & Elena Martinez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, December 6th

Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop

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

Saturday, December 7th

Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am	Arijit Sonny Banerjee
5:00 pm	† Cristina Parlade

Sunday, December 8th

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am	† Geraldo Delgado
9:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo <i>For All Members of the Parish Family</i>
12:30 pm	† Ricardo Ramirez
5:30 pm	† Otmaro Rodriguez

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1st

10:30 am	RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming - C
2:00 pm	Baptisms - C

Monday, December 2nd

7:00 pm	Bible Study - RPC
7:00 pm	Cristo en Cuba - CH
7:30 pm	Nativity Scene Blessing
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres - RPC

Tuesday, December 3rd

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

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00 pm	Talleres de Oración y Vida - RPC
7:30 pm	Noche de Reflexion de Adviento - CH
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus RPC
7:30 pm	Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC
7:30 pm	Legion de Maria (Español) - LH

Thursday, December 5th

8:45 am	Parish Finance Council Meeting - RPC
7:00 pm	Cursillos - RPC
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts - CAF
7:30 pm	Advent Evening of Reflection - CH
7:30 pm	Men's Emmaus - RPC
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts - SCT

Friday, December 6th

6:00 - 11:00 pm	PARISH FAIR
7:30 pm	Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC

Saturday, December 7th

3:00 - 11:00 pm	PARISH FAIR
6:45 am	First Saturday Devotion - C
8:30 am	Confessions - C
9:00 am	Clases de Preparacion Bautismal - RPC
9:00 am	Holiday Bazaar - CH
10:30 am	Baptisms - C
3:00 pm	Wedding: <i>Alexander Mora & Vanessa Paz</i>

Sunday, December 8th

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for the Religious Archdiocesan Welcome Weekend	
12:00 - 8:00 pm	PARISH FAIR
10:30 am	Holiday Bazaar - CH
2:00 pm	Baptisms - C



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear friends,

This Sunday we begin the beautiful season of Advent. It is a time of waiting and hope.

Waiting: because we wait for the newborn Christ who will bring light to the darkness of this world.

Hope: because this child is the promise of salvation of the Most High.

The Advent wreath is present near our altar for all Masses during Advent. Catholic.net gives us a beautiful catechesis on the origins of the wreath:

"The Advent wreath has its roots in pre-Christian customs of Germany. During the cold and dark December, they would gather wreaths of green branches and lighted fires as signs of hope in the coming of spring. But the Advent wreath is not a concession to paganism but on the contrary, it is an example of the Christianization of culture. The old now takes a new and full content in Christ. He came to make all things new... The wreath contains several symbols:

The circular shape: The circle has no beginning or end. It is a sign that God's love is eternal, without beginning and without end, and also our love for God and neighbor that should never end.

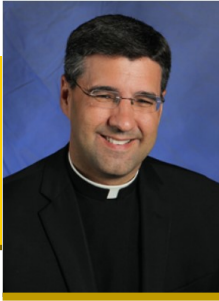
The green branches: Green is the color of hope and life. God wants us to wait for His grace, the forgiveness of sins and eternal glory at the end of our lives. The most important desire in our lives should be to achieve a closer union with God our Father.

The four candles: Turns our thoughts to the darkness caused by sin that blinds man away from God. After the first fall of man, God was gradually giving a hope of salvation that illuminated the universe like candles of the wreath.

As darkness dissipates with each candle we light, the centuries were illuminated as we grew closer to the coming of Christ to our world. Four candles that are placed in the wreath and are lit one at a time during the four Sundays of Advent when we gather for family prayer.

My prayer is that all our families, as they decorate their homes for Christmas, may find a space for the Advent wreath and that it is lit every night when the family gathers for dinner. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and our hope is that His light may come soon. COME, LORD JESUS, come quickly!

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Este domingo comenzamos la hermosa temporada de Adviento. Es un tiempo de espera y esperanza.

Espera: porque esperamos al Cristo recién nacido que traerá luz a la oscuridad de este mundo.

Esperanza: porque este niño es la promesa de salvación del Altísimo.

La corona de Adviento está presente cerca de nuestro altar para todas las misas durante el Adviento. Catholic.net nos da una hermosa catequesis sobre los orígenes de la corona:

"La corona de Adviento tiene sus raíces en las costumbres pre-cristianas de Alemania. Durante el frío y la oscuridad de diciembre, recogían coronas de ramas verdes y encendían fuegos como señal de esperanza por la llegada de la primavera. Pero la corona de Adviento no es una concesión al paganismo pero por el contrario, es un ejemplo de la cristianización de la cultura. Lo viejo ahora toma un nuevo y pleno contenido en Cristo. Él vino a hacer todas las cosas nuevas... La corona contiene varios símbolos:

La forma circular: El círculo no tiene principio ni fin. Es una señal de que el amor de Dios es eterno, sin principio y sin final, y también de nuestro amor por Dios y el prójimo que nunca debe terminar.

Las ramas verdes: el verde es el color de la esperanza y la vida. Dios quiere que esperemos Su gracia, el perdón de los pecados y la gloria eterna al final de nuestras vidas. El deseo más importante en nuestras vidas debe ser llegar a una unión más cercana con Dios nuestro Padre.

Las cuatro velas: nos hace pensar en la oscuridad causada por el pecado que ciega al hombre y lo aleja de Dios. Después de la primera caída del hombre, Dios gradualmente estaba dando una esperanza de salvación que iluminó el universo como las velas de la corona.

A medida que la oscuridad se disipa con cada vela que encendemos, los siglos fueron iluminados a medida que nos acercamos a la venida de Cristo a nuestro mundo. Cuatro velas que se colocan en la corona y se encienden una a la vez durante los cuatro domingos de Adviento cuando nos reunimos a hacer la oración en familia.

Mi oración es que todas nuestras familias al decorar sus casas para la Navidad, puedan encontrar un espacio para la corona de Adviento y que la enciendan cada noche cuando la familia se reúna para cenar. Jesucristo es la luz del mundo, y nuestra esperanza es que Su luz pueda venir pronto. VEN, SEÑOR JESÚS, ven rápidamente

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

Fr. Manny

TOGETHER | JUNTOS

ParishSOFT
Connecting People and the Church



IS YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION UP TO DATE?

Last week, we mailed out our annual Parish Christmas Card to all **active, registered COTLF parishioners**. If you did not receive it, you may not be officially registered with us, your parishioner registration information may be listed incorrectly, or you may be listed as “inactive” if your Sunday envelopes aren’t being used regularly.

Registering as a new parishioner **or** updating your family/contact information can be done online or right from your smart devices! Click the “Registration” option in the menu of our parish website (www.COTLF.org) and, once verified by the parish office, you’ll be granted full access to update your family record. With your “**My Own Church**” log-in, you’ll be able to review your family and contact information, easily provide any updates, find your envelope number, review your contribution history, and more. As always, you are also welcome to call or visit the parish office for any assistance with registering or updating your contact information.



A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE

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

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Manny Alvarez.
July 20 - 30, 2020. This wonderful experience is selling fast!

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

HOLY LAND 2020 PILGRIMAGE UPDATES

The pre-departure meeting for the **January/February 2020** Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Michael Davis will be held on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30pm in Comber Hall. Get your itinerary schedules, airline tickets, name tags, insurance certificates, and Holy Land book.

Only a few seats remain for the **March 2020** Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Flores. Contact Irma Aguilar at (305) 446-9950, Ext 314 for more information or to place a deposit and guarantee your spot!



COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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



WORSHIPPING THE LORD | ADORANDO AL SEÑOR



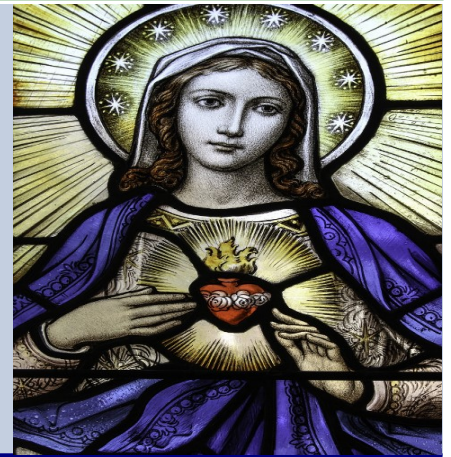
NATIVITY SCENE BLESSING

Join us on Monday, December 2nd at 7:30pm for the annual Nativity Scene Blessing in front of the Church. The short outdoor prayer service will help us usher in the liturgical season of Advent, reminding us to keep Christ at the center of Christmas. A small reception with hot chocolate, eggnog, and Christmas cookies will follow in Comber Hall.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us at 7:00am on Saturday, December 7th for the monthly First Saturday Devotion in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

“I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE UNITED STATES

Because December 8th lands on a Sunday this year, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9th.

We will celebrate our regular Mass schedule that day. The Solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

CELESTIAL CHRISTMAS

featuring the Celestial Singers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019 7:30 PM

Tickets on SALE NOW!

www.CoralGablesMusic.com

LITTLE FLOWER
CONCERT SERIES

FORMING DISCIPLES | FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together?
Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

Sign up at formed.org/advent o para español formed.org/adviento



FORMED® Daily



ADVENT EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION

La parroquia tendrá una noche de reflexión de adviento el miércoles, 4 de diciembre a las 7:30pm en Comber Hall.

Vengan a preparar sus corazones a recibir a Cristo esta Navidad!

The Parish will host an Advent Evening of Reflection on Thursday, December 5th at 7:30pm in Comber Hall.

Come prepare your hearts to receive Christ this Christmas!



2019 PARISH AND SCHOOL FAIR

DECEMBER 6, 7 & 8, 2019

The Fair is the largest fundraiser of the Parish and School each year.
Please support the Fair through:

- Raffle Tickets – one book of 11 tickets is \$10
- Participate as a Sponsor
- Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and family
- Buy tickets at stscg.org/Fair
- Volunteer your time to help make this the best Fair ever
- Come dunk Fr. Manny in the Dunk Tank!





COMING SOON: ST. AUGUSTINE BUS TRIP

Join us on our next Parish Bus Pilgrimage to Historic St. Augustine on March 18th and 19th, 2020! Visit, tour and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of our Lady of the Leche/Mission Nombre de Dios, where the first Catholic Mass in what is known as North America was celebrated. Visit the Fountain of Youth Archeological Park, enjoy a delicious dinner at the world renowned Columbia Restaurant founded in 1905 and still run by the same Hernandez Family for the past 114 years, and close with a tour of and Mass at the Basilica of St. Augustine.

Trip pricing will include all meals, transportation, entrance fees, hotel and tips. Private room is \$340. Double occupancy is \$285 per person. To reserve a spot, a \$100 nonrefundable deposit is required. The balance will not be due until February 14, 2020.



PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING DATES SET

The **Finance Council** will meet on
Thursday, December 5th
at 8:45am in the Reilly Parish Office Center.

The **Parish Council** will be meeting on
Monday, December 9th
at 7:00pm in the Reilly Parish Office Center.

You're invited to come see over 65 local vendors and get your holiday shopping done!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Comber Hall | 1251 Palermo Avenue, Coral Gables, FL

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Get a free raffle ticket with donation!

VIP ADMISSION

VIP guests receive free appetizers and drinks throughout the event and first 200 VIP's get a free Goody Bag!

\$20 IN ADVANCE

\$25 AT THE DOOR

Get your tickets online www.stscg.org/bazaar

 **Doctors Hospital**
BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA

 **CORAL GABLES**
Hospital
A COMMUNITY BUILT ON CARE



Bulletin # 514210.120119
Church of the Little Flower
2711 Indian Mound Trail
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 446-9950

Contact: Jorge Santibáñez
JSantibanez@cotlf.org
Ext 307

MS Publisher 365 Pro Plus
Adobe Acrobat 2017 Standard

MESSAGES: