



# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

**BULLETIN/BOLETIN**

**DECEMBER 29TH**  
THE HOLY FAMILY

**29 DE DICIEMBRE**  
LA SAGRADA FAMILIA



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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, January 4th

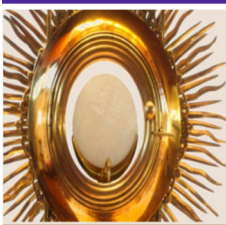
Time	Language	Presider
8:00 am	English	Fr. Angulo
5:00 pm	English	Fr. Stephen

### Sunday, January 5th

Time	Language	Presider
7:30 am	English	Fr. Uko
9:00 am	English	Fr. Flores
10:30 am	English	Fr. Manny
12:30 pm	Español	Fr. Flores
5:30 pm	English	Fr. Stephen

## 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  
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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:

- ◆ Ignacio Alexander Gamez
- ◆ Gianna Valentina Marie Monzon
- ◆ Nicolas Lorenzo Rodriguez



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

- ◆ Stefan Diaz-Espinosa & Alessandria San Roman
- ◆ Jesus A. Briceño & Faviola M. Angulo
- ◆ Jorge Peñalver-Leon & Marie Joelle itteloud



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

- ◆ Paul McCaffrey
- ◆ Berta Pimienta
- ◆ Manuela Perez
- ◆ Antonio F. Frexis

## 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.

## COTLF Charities

## DO YOU KNOW WE HAVE A POOR BOX?

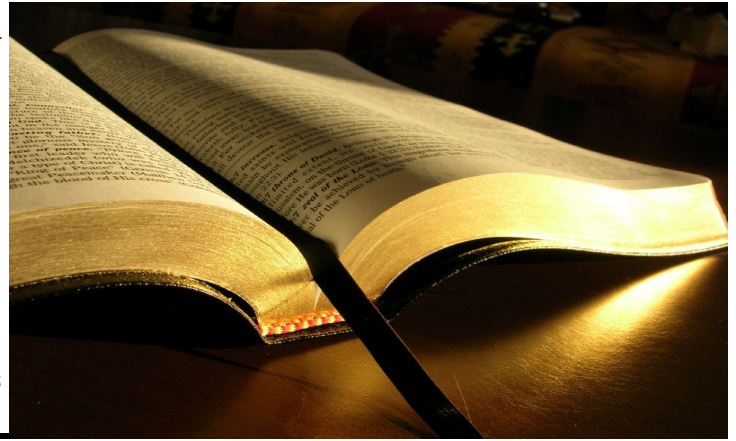
Though sometimes hard to find, our Poor Box is located in the vestibule/entrance of the church, inside the back wall, near the Saint Anthony statue.

100% of the gifts and donations placed in the Poor Box are utilized to assist the poor, the needy, and those in emergency circumstances of our parish and within our parish territory, through the good work of our "COTLF Charities" Ministry.

*Thank you for considering providing a gift of support to assist the most vulnerable.*

## READINGS OF THE WEEK / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Sunday/Domingo:</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
<b>Monday/Lunes:</b>	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
<b>Tuesday/Martes:</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Wednesday/Miercoles:</b>	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Thursday/Jueves:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Friday/Viernes:</b>	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Saturday/Sabado:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Sunday/Domingo:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

*Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

7:30 am	† Dora Mendoza
9:00 am	† Elena Leon Santibáñez
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family</b>
12:30 pm	† Eduardo Rodriguez Arias
5:30 pm	† Norberto Carbon and Family

### Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

6:15 am	† Jose Arrastia
8:00 am	The Redmond Family
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

6:15 am	Bango-Hopkins Family
8:00 am	† Florencio Gomez
5:30 pm	<b>Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family</b>

### Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

9:00 am	Members of The Parish Family
10:30 am	Intentions of The Murdock Family
12:30 pm	Bango-Hopkins Family
5:30 pm	† Emma Hernandez

### Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

6:15 am	† Federico Fantes
8:00 am	† Emma Hernandez
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus*

6:15 am	Intentions of The Murdock Family
8:00 am	For the Benefactors of our Parish
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

*Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

8:00 am	Intentions of The Murdock Family
5:00 pm	† Michelle E. Davis

### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

*Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

7:30 am	† Paul McCaffrey
9:00 am	† Maria Gonzalez Suarez
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family</b>
12:30 pm	† Armando Riestra & Maria Teresa Riestra De Mon
5:30 pm	† Adrian Lopez

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>



### Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

*Parish Office Closed Today*

### Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

*Parish Office Closed Today - Happy New Year!*



### Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 pm	Cursillos - RPC
7:30 pm	Men's Emmaus - RPC

### Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 pm	Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC
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### Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am	Confessions - C
9:00 am	Clases de Preparacion Bautismal - RPC
10:30 am	Baptisms - C
6:45 pm	Wedding: <b>Marcel Urbina &amp; Maria Fernanda Cortez</b>

### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm	Baptisms - C
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*My dear Little Flower Family,*

We gather together these days to continue our Christmas celebration, to celebrate the Feast of the Holy family, and to ring a new year and a new decade! Last week in the bulletin I wrote that at the center of Christmas was the love of family and at the center of the love of family is Jesus Christ. We commend all our families to the intercession of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May our parish families model their family life after the simple, quiet life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

As we enter a new decade, we are excited as a parish family because this decade our school and our parish celebrate their 100th anniversaries in 2025 and 2026 respectively. The dawning of a new year always brings us hope for the future, the desire to better our lives through resolutions, and the expectation of better things to come. We also look back on this past year and thank the Good Lord for the blessings he has bestowed on us and the adversities that he has helped us overcome.

As I personally look back on 2019, I thank our Lord for bringing me to Coral Gables to serve as your pastor. Through my first six months here at Little Flower, I have witnessed the hand of God at work in so many of your lives. Through the celebration of the sacraments I have seen children be brought into the sacramental life of the Church through baptism, young couples begin their journey together as a married couple, souls that have been distant from God return to him through confession, and on a daily basis, so many come to encounter the Lord in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist where we encounter Christ in body, soul, and divinity. I have said it repeatedly: I am in awe of the amount of people that come to Mass on a daily basis to feed themselves at the table of the Lord.

Yet whenever a new year begins, we look back, much like we do when Lent begins, and reflect on the things that we can do better. Our parish does so many beautiful things...but is capable of so much more! Over the last two months, there have been two words

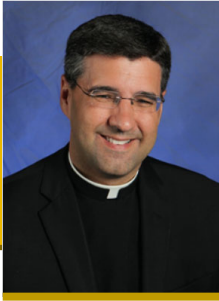
that have kept coming to me in prayer and in discussion with your fellow parishioners: **ADORATION** and **FORMATION**. I shared this with our Pastoral Council a few weeks ago. I see the love our parish has for the Eucharist and the faithful who come to worship the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration in the limited time that we offer adoration on weekday mornings. I would like to extend hours of Eucharistic Adoration in 2020, but we need your help. We need people to dedicate themselves to an hour of adoration each week. In the coming months, expect to see sign-up sheets where we can all commit to that hour of adoration. Once we see when our people are willing to come and adore, then we will adjust our adoration hours. This is going to be a slow process, but my desire is that our parish eventually has 24/7 Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sure it may not happen in 2020, but we need to start somewhere because there is such a strong desire in the hearts of so many parishioners to grow ever closer to the Eucharistic Christ. Imagine how much stronger our parish will be when we become more prayerful and are sanctified in the presence of the Lord. I ask you to start praying about how much time you want to devote to Eucharistic Adoration in the new year.

The other big word I mentioned was formation, and since I am out of space (and really want you to ponder on Adoration a bit more), I will talk about formation in next week's bulletin which is most appropriately on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord.

May God bless you and your families in this new year and may he take us as a parish to where he wants us to be.

Happy New Year!

*God bless you all,*



## DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

### *Mi querida familia de Santa Teresita,*

¡En estos días nos reunimos para continuar nuestra celebración de la Navidad, para celebrar la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia y para celebrar un año nuevo y una década nueva! La semana pasada en el boletín escribí que en el centro de la Navidad estaba el amor de la familia y en el centro del amor de la familia está Jesucristo. Encomendamos a todas nuestras familias a la intercesión de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Que nuestras familias parroquiales modelen su vida familiar siguiendo la vida simple y tranquila de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret.

Al entrar en una década nueva, estamos entusiasmados como familia parroquial porque en esta década nuestra escuela y nuestra parroquia celebran sus 100 años en el 2025 y el 2026, respectivamente. El comienzo de un año siempre nos trae esperanza para el futuro, el deseo de mejorar nuestras vidas a través de resoluciones y la expectativa de cosas mejores por venir. También recordamos el año pasado y agradecemos al Buen Señor por las bendiciones que nos ha otorgado y las adversidades que nos ha ayudado a superar.

Cuando considero personalmente el 2019, agradezco a nuestro Señor por traerme a Coral Gables para servir como su párroco. Durante mis primeros seis meses aquí en Little Flower, he sido testigo del trabajo de la mano de Dios en muchas de sus vidas. A través de la celebración de los sacramentos, he visto a los niños ser llevados a la vida sacramental de la Iglesia a través del bautismo, a parejas jóvenes que comienzan su viaje juntos como una pareja casada, y almas que han estado lejos de Dios regresan a él a través de la confesión, y de hecho diariamente, muchos se encuentran con el Señor en la celebración de la Sagrada Eucaristía, donde encontramos a Cristo en cuerpo, alma y divinidad. Lo he dicho repetidamente: estoy asombrado de la cantidad de personas que vienen a misa diariamente para alimentarse en la mesa del Señor.

Sin embargo, cada vez que comienza un año nuevo, miramos hacia atrás, al igual que lo hacemos cuando comienza la Cuaresma y reflexionamos sobre las cosas que podemos hacer mejor. Nuestra parroquia hace muchas cosas hermosas... ¡pero es capaz de mucho más! Durante los últimos dos meses, han habido dos palabras

que me han venido llegando en oración y en discusión con sus compañeros feligreses: **ADORACIÓN** y **FORMACIÓN**. Compartí esto con nuestro Consejo Pastoral hace unas semanas. Veo el amor que nuestra parroquia tiene por la Eucaristía y los fieles que vienen a adorar al Señor en la Adoración Eucarística en el tiempo limitado que ofrecemos adoración en las mañanas entre semana. Me gustaría extender las horas de Adoración Eucarística en el 2020, pero necesitamos su ayuda. Necesitamos personas que se dediquen a una hora de adoración cada semana. En los próximos meses, esperen ver hojas de inscripción donde todos podamos comprometernos con esa hora de adoración. Una vez que veamos cuántas personas están dispuestas a venir y adorar, ajustaremos nuestras horas de adoración. Esto va a ser un proceso lento, pero mi deseo es que nuestra parroquia eventualmente tenga la Adoración Perpetua del Santísimo Sacramento las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana. Claro que puede que no suceda en el 2020, pero necesitamos comenzar en algún lugar porque hay un deseo tan fuerte en los corazones de muchos feligreses de acercarse cada vez más al Cristo Eucarístico. Imaginen cuánto más fuerte será nuestra parroquia cuando nos volvamos más devotos y seamos santificados en la presencia del Señor. Les pido que comiencen a orar acerca de cuánto tiempo desean dedicar a la Adoración Eucarística en el año nuevo.

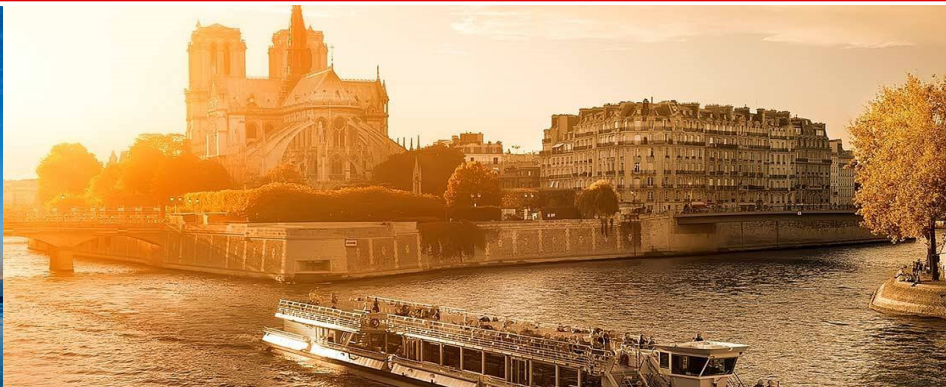
La otra palabra grande que mencioné fue formación, y dado que estoy sin espacio (y realmente quiero que reflexionen un poco más sobre la Adoración), hablaré sobre la formación en el boletín de la semana próxima que es más apropiado sobre la Solemnidad de la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor.

Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias en este año nuevo y que nos lleve como parroquia a donde quiere que estemos.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

*Que Dios los bendiga a todos,*

# TOGETHER | JUNTOS



## 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!**

*An Information Meeting for all interested travelers will be held on Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 6pm in Comber Hall.*

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



### COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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



# WORSHIPPING THE LORD | ADORANDO AL SEÑOR

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD *HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*



**Tuesday, December 31st**

*Vigil of Mary, Mother of God; New Year's Eve*  
5:30pm Bilingual Mass

**Wednesday, January 1st**

*Mary, Mother of God; New Year's Day Masses*  
9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

*Misa, Día de Maria, Madre de Dios; Año Nuevo*  
12:30pm

2020  
*Religious  
Art  
Calendar*



The 2020 Church Calendars will be distributed beginning at the Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31st and at all Masses on Wednesday, January 1st, the Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

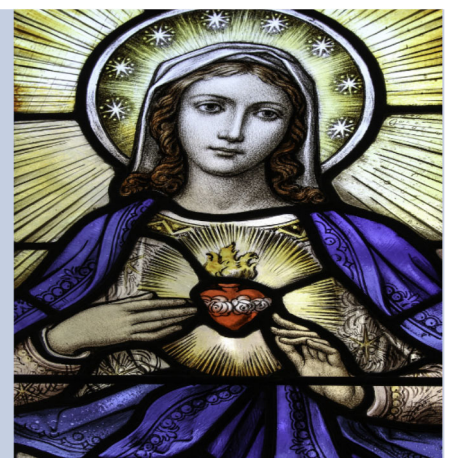
Any remaining calendars will be brought to the Parish Office to be distributed first-come, first-served until they run out beginning Thursday, January 2nd.

We extend a special words of thanks to **Pilar Hopkins & Associates Realty, Inc**, the **Law Office of Patricia Bango Diaz**, and **SeaChange Solutions, Inc** for once again sponsoring the annual COTLF Calendars!

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us at 7:00am on Saturday, January 4th 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."*



# FORMING DISCIPLES | FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS



## UPCOMING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Annual Spirit Day Confirmation Retreat for our STS 8th Graders and our Parish Religious Ed Candidates will be held on **Saturday, January 11th!**

The retreat, for students only, will begin at 9am in the School Cafeteria and will close with the 5pm Parish Vigil Mass.



Next month, from Thursday, January 23rd through Saturday, January 25th, 13 parishioners will be joining Fr. Manny, our Parish DRE Jorge Santibáñez, hundreds of pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Miami and hundreds of thousands of young pilgrims from around the country to promote the beauty and dignity of every human life at the 47th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

**We give thanks to Alexandra, Andria, Gabriella, Isabel, JC, , Juliana, Lauren, Nicole, Priscilla, Siulin, Sofia, Sophie and Waldo for representing our Parish at this powerful gathering as we all pray for an end to abortion and respect for life!**



## JANUARY CONFIRMATION MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP WENSKI

On Tuesday, January 21st, Archbishop Thomas Wenski will be coming to Church of the Little Flower to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our St. Theresa School 8th Grade Class. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

**Please keep these young Candidates, their Sponsors, and their families in your prayers as they prepare to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church!**

All are invited to the Confirmation Mass in support of our young parishioners!





## SAVE THE DATE!

*The 2020 Little Flower  
Food & Wine Festival  
will be held on  
Saturday, February 22, 2020.  
Bigger and better than ever!*

*For more information, please contact Jorge Perez in the Parish Office.*

### **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.

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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!



### **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.

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