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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday	
Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:30 pm	Español — <i>Livestreamed</i>
Saturday	
Time	Language
8:00 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:00 pm	English Vigil
Sunday	
Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
12:30 pm	Español — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:30 pm	English

CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am.



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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church! Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized

- ◆ Eloise Jade Fernandez
- ◆ Ariella Lynn Gonzalez
- ◆ Marisol Madeline Guedes
- ◆ Rafael Angel Lacayo
- ◆ Mila Rose Medina
- ◆ Nathan Ramirez



Congratulations and God's Blessings to Those Joined in Holy Matrimony

- ◆ Dallas Ketcham
& Natalia Castillo
- ◆ Jordan Hernandez
& Vanessa Noguera
- ◆ Ricardo Fiorani
& Erika Aguirre



Rest in Peace. We Pray for Those Who Have Entered Eternity

- ◆ Lydia Rodriguez
- ◆ Nancy Fernandez

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Private on Saturdays or Group on Sundays at 2pm. 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 2pm. 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

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Attendance 1,498

In-Church Collection..... \$7,414
Late, Drop-off & Mail-in \$3,757
Online Giving \$11,819
Devotional Lights \$919
Poor Box/Charities \$321

Immaculate Conception \$3,668
Second Collection \$4,285

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

Grand Total

\$25,728

DID YOU KNOW?

End-of-Year Giving is an easy way to support the parish while making the most of your tax deductions for the 2021 calendar year. For more details about E-O-Y Giving or how you can support COTLF, please contact our Development Director, Ms. Ashley Sacks, at ASacks@cotlf.org

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK @ COTLF

Sunday, December 19th

4th Sunday of Advent

5pm Sat Vigil + Bernardina Abreu
 7:30 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Del Rosso & Felice Family
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**
 12:30 pm + Mario Alberto Rodriguez
 5:30 pm + Lillian Eleanor Cabrera

Monday, December 20th

Monday of Week IV of Advent

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Kathleen Hasselbach
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Tuesday, December 21st

Memorial of St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:15 am + Ramonin Anchia Lorenzo
 8:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Wednesday, December 22nd

Wednesday of Week IV of Advent

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Paul McCaffrey
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Thursday, December 23rd

Memorial of St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Mercedes & Rene Naranjo
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am For all Expectant Mothers & Families

Saturday, December 25th

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

5pm Fri Vigil For all the Children of our Parish
 Midnight **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**
 9:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**
 12:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Prieto, Perez, and Suarez Families
 5:30 pm + Cristina Maria Parlade ***NOT A SUNDAY VIGIL***

Sunday, December 26th

Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 am + Luis Espino
 9:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**
 12:30 pm + Jesus Rosales
 5:30 pm + Alvaro "Junior" Carreras

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

SUNDAY Mi 5:1-4A; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
MONDAY Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
TUESDAY Sg 2:8-14 OR ZEP 3:14-18A; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
WEDNESDAY 1 SM 1:24-28; 1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD; Lk 1:46-56
THURSDAY MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14; Lk 1:57-66
FRIDAY 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29; Lk 1:67-79
VIGIL: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25; MT 1:1-25 OR MT 1:18-25
SATURDAY **NIGHT:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
DAWN: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
DAY: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; HEB 1:1-6; JN 1:1-18 OR JN 1:1-5, 9-14
SUNDAY SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 OR 1 SM 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 OR Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; COL 3:12-21 OR COL 3:12-17 OR 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

6:30 pm **High School Youth Group** (Comber Hall)
 Andria Parks-Herrera, COTLFYouthGroup@gmail.com
 7:30 pm **Young Adult Group** (RPC Hall)
 Ceci Cristobal, **305-528-1780**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

10:00 am **Seekers Bible Study** (Rear Conference Room)
 Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
 7:00 pm **Cristo en Cuba** (Chapel Conference Room)
 Adriano Garcia, adrianogar@aol.com
 7:00 pm **Adult Bible Study Group** (Zoom)
 Julie Otero, JOtero@vistacolor.com
 7:30 pm **Emaus de Hombres** (RPC Hall)
 Andres Hernandez, hernandezandres@hotmail.com
 7:30 pm **Ejercicios Espirituales** (Rear Conference Room)
 Marcia Iglesias, marcia@amprex.net

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

6:30 pm **Escuela: Talleres de Oracion y Vida** (Rear Conference Room)
 7:00 pm **RCIA** (STS Cafeteria)
 7:00 pm **Unfolding the Scriptures with Fr. Omar** (Zoom)
 7:00 pm **Legion of Mary** (Legion of Mary House)
 Maria Lopez, **786-247-3872**
 7:00 pm **Reaching for a Smile Rosary** (St. Joseph Chapel)
 Maru de Castro, **305-335-4104**
 8:00 pm **English Charismatic Prayer Group** (Chapel Conference Room)
 Felipe Vizcarrondo, fevmd@bellsouth.net
 8:30 pm **Revelando las Escrituras con el Padre Omar** (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

No Religious Ed Classes Today
 12:30 pm **Parish Office Closing Early**
 7:00 pm **Advent Penance Service with Confessions** (Church)
 7:30 pm **Oracion de Intercesion / Grupo Carismatico** (Zoom)
 Maria Arrabal, uria.bernardo1996@att.net
 7:30 pm **Women's Emmaus** (Chapel Conference Room)
 Marifer Ordoñez, mfordonez@earthlink.net

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

7:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal** (RPC Hall)
 Luis Cuza, LCuza@cotlf.org
 7:00 pm **Cub Scouts** (STS Cafeteria)
 St Theresa Pack 16, stspack16@gmail.com
 7:30 pm **Men's English Emmaus** (Comber Hall Foyer)
 Core Team, contact@littlefloweremmaus.org

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Office Closed — Christmas Eve

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

No Religious Ed Classes Today

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

No Youth or Young Adult Groups Today



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

There's a word that should jump out at all of us as we read/listen to today's readings: the word "small." Today we gather on this last Sunday of Advent to celebrate, to rejoice in, and to remember that salvation came from a small town and from a small human being who also happened to be God. That is the beauty and mystery of Christmas. The small, the meek, the innocent can teach us so much during this blessed season. This past Tuesday our school children put on their annual Christmas Pageant and each of them were so proud of the parts they played: Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, stars, and even the animals in the manger. I remember one time asking a child what role they were playing. He was a first grader and he proudly asserted, "I'm the donkey!" We all have a part to play in salvation... especially the small and especially our children. It's as if they understand Christmas on another level, perhaps they understand what we have forgotten as adults.

Mary, who calls herself the "little one of the Lord" during the Annunciation, visits her cousin Elizabeth in today's gospel, and their children are the protagonists of the story while inside the womb. An unborn child, John, is filled with the Holy Spirit and leaps for joy in the presence of the unborn Christ Child. Yes, Elizabeth's words are powerful, "blessed are you among women," as are Mary's words when she "proclaims the greatness of the Lord," but these two extraordinary women are only too happy to let their children teach us how joyful we should be this time of year as we leap for joy as our salvation draws near.

Last month at the Children's Mass, I brought the children up to the sanctuary to preach to them for the first time since the pandemic started. It was the Solemnity of Christ the King, and the children were so happy to take an active role in the homily. I love preaching to the children because in their innocence and in their responses to the questions I ask them, we all are given valuable insights into our faith. I remember one Advent Sunday years ago when we were a couple of days away from Christmas where

I was preaching to the children, and I pointed out to them the empty crib in the Nativity scene in the church and asked them what it meant. One little girl very astutely explained that it represented our hearts that are preparing to receive Jesus this Advent. This is why I love preaching children's homilies, especially around Christmas, because they "get it." As I asked them if they were excited for Christmas, you could see the excitement and sense of wonder in their eyes, and not just for the upcoming presents, but they boldly explained that it was because Jesus was coming. Our hearts should be as empty, and free from sin, as the empty crib as we grow closer to Christmas to allow the light of the newborn Christ to totally transform us. We need to recapture that childlike innocence as we approach the Nativity of our Lord.

To that end, I invite all of you to take the opportunity to cleanse your hearts in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming Wednesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. We will have plenty of priests available to hear your confessions so that your hearts will be ready to receive the Lord. Yes, confession is difficult, but take a cue from the children and from the theme of "smallness" that runs through today's readings. We must humble ourselves and recognize our sinfulness in order to allow Christ to do great things in us. Jesus being omnipotent became small and frail in that crib at Bethlehem to show us the path to salvation: we must be like children!

So, are we filled with childlike joy as Christmas approaches? We should long to see our God as the shepherds did on that first Christmas night. If not, our prayer these final few days of Advent should be today's psalm response: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." (Psalm 80:4)

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Hay una palabra que debería llamarnos la atención a todos nosotros mientras leemos / escuchamos las lecturas de hoy: la palabra "pequeño". Hoy nos reunimos en este último domingo de Adviento para celebrar, alegrarnos y recordar que la salvación vino de un pueblo pequeño y de un ser humano pequeño que también resultó ser Dios. Esa es la belleza y el misterio de la Navidad. Los pequeños, los mansos, los inocentes pueden enseñarnos mucho durante esta temporada bendita. El martes pasado, nuestros niños de la escuela organizaron su representación anual de Navidad y cada uno de ellos estaba muy orgulloso de los papeles que interpretaban: María, José, pastores, reyes, estrellas e incluso los animales en el pesebre. Recuerdo una vez que le pregunté a un niño qué papel estaba desempeñando. Era un estudiante de primer grado y afirmó con orgullo: "¡Soy el burro!" Todos tenemos un papel que desempeñar en la salvación... en especial los pequeños y en especial nuestros hijos. Es como si ellos entendieran la Navidad a otro nivel, tal vez entiendan lo que hemos olvidado como adultos.

María, que se llama a sí misma la "pequeña del Señor" durante la Anunciación, visita a su prima Isabel en el evangelio de hoy, y sus hijos son los protagonistas de esta historia en el seno maternal. Un niño por nacer, Juan, está lleno del Espíritu Santo y salta de gozo en la presencia del Niño Jesús que también está en el vientre de su madre. Sí, las palabras de Isabel son poderosas, "bendita tu entre las mujeres", como lo son las palabras de María cuando "proclama la grandeza del Señor", pero estas dos mujeres extraordinarias están muy felices de dejar que sus hijos nos enseñen lo felices que debemos estar en esta época del año mientras saltamos de alegría a medida que se acerca nuestra salvación.

El mes pasado, en la Misa de los Niños, llevé a los niños al santuario para predicarles por primera vez desde que comenzó la pandemia. Era la solemnidad de Cristo Rey, y los niños estaban muy felices de participar activamente en la homilía. Me encanta predicar a los niños porque en su inocencia y en sus respuestas a las preguntas que les hago, a todos se nos da información valiosa sobre nuestra fe. Recuerdo un domingo de Adviento hace años, cuando estábamos a un par de días

de la Navidad, donde estaba predicando a los niños, y les señalé el pesebre vacío en la escena de la Natividad en la iglesia y les pregunté qué significaba. Una niña pequeña muy astutamente explicó que representaba nuestros corazones que se están preparando para recibir a Jesús en este Adviento. Es por eso por lo que me encanta predicar homilías a los niños, especialmente alrededor de la Navidad, porque "lo entienden". Cuando les pregunté si estaban emocionados por la Navidad, se podía ver la emoción y la sensación de asombro en sus ojos, y no solo por los regalos que iban a recibir, sino que explicaron audazmente que era porque Jesús iba a nacer en nosotros. Nuestros corazones deben estar como el pesebre que contemplamos hoy: vacíos y libres de pecado, para permitir que la luz de Cristo recién nacido nos transforme por completo. Necesitamos recuperar esa inocencia infantil a medida que nos acercamos a la Natividad de nuestro Señor.

Con ese fin, los invito a todos a aprovechar la oportunidad para limpiar sus corazones en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación el próximo miércoles 22 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. Tendremos muchos sacerdotes disponibles para escuchar sus confesiones para que sus corazones estén listos para recibir al Señor. Sí, la confesión es difícil, pero sigan el ejemplo de los niños y el tema de la "pequeñez" que recorre las lecturas de hoy. Debemos humillarnos y reconocer nuestra pecaminosidad para permitir que Cristo haga grandes cosas en nosotros. Jesús, siendo omnipotente, se hizo pequeño y frágil en ese pesebre de Belén para mostrarnos el camino hacia la salvación: ¡debemos ser como niños!

Entonces, ¿estamos llenos de alegría infantil a medida que se acerca la Navidad? Deberíamos anhelar ver a nuestro Dios como lo hicieron los pastores en esa primera noche de Navidad. Si no, nuestra oración estos últimos días de Adviento debería ser la respuesta del salmo de hoy: "Señor, haz que nos volvamos a ti; déjanos ver tu rostro y seremos salvos". (Salmo 80:4)

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
(VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL)

Missalette #139 (p. 235)

OFFERTORY HYMN (Vigil, 7:30 AM)

LO, HOW A ROSE E'R BLOOMING
(ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN)

Missalette #173 (p. 259)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 AM)

THERE IS A FLOW'R SPRUNG OF A TREE
(STANLEY VANN)

COMMUNION HYMN (Vigil, 7:30 AM)

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
(GABRIEL'S MESSAGE)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame.
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady." Glória!

"How blest among all women you shall be,
Whom ev'ry age will praise continually.
You son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady." Glória!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Glória!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn.
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Glória!

Text: Basque carol; para. by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (10:30 AM)

THE ANGEL GABRIEL
(ARR. MALCOLM ARCHER)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST
(BESANCON)

Missalette #151 (p. 244)

CANTO DE ENTRADA

PREPAREN EL CAMINO
(FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ)

Misal #277 (p. 318)

CANTO DE OFERTORIO

MARÍA: DULCE MADRE
(CAREY LANDRY)

*María, llena de gracia,
el Señor contigo está.
Bendita eres tú entre todas
y bendito es tu fruto y Señor, Jesús.
Ruega, María, Madre de Dios,
por nosotros pecadores
en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.*

*Dulce Madre, luz de Sol,
entre estrellas, resplandor;
dulce Madre, pura flor,
que nos llevas al Señor.*

1. Dios, el Padre, te escogió
para el Hijo que engendró;
entre todas las mujeres
con su Espíritu te cubrió.
2. Bendita tú, María,
y contigo benditos son
todos los que en este mundo
se entregan de corazón.

Text: Hail Mary, based on Luke 1:28, 42. Spanish tr., Juan J. Sosa, Pbro. Text and music © 1975, 1978, 2003, Carey Landry. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

CANTO DE COMUNION

OH VEN, OH VEN, EMANUEL
(VENI EMANUEL)

Misal #280 (p. 320)

CANTO DE SALIDA

SANTA MARIA DEL CAMINO
(JUAN A. ESPINOSA)

Misal #379 (p. 380)



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

*Advent Penance Service
with Individual Confessions*
Wednesday, December 22nd
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Church

Masses for Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24th
5:00 pm - English Children's Vigil Mass
11:30 pm - Christmas Musical Prelude
12:00 am - Bilingual Midnight Mass

Masses for Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25th
9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm - English
12:30 pm - Spanish

*Masses for the Solemnity of the
Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
Sunday, December 26th
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
and 5:30 pm - English
12:30 pm - Spanish

*Masses for the Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy Mother of God*
Friday, December 31st
5:30 pm - Spanish Vigil

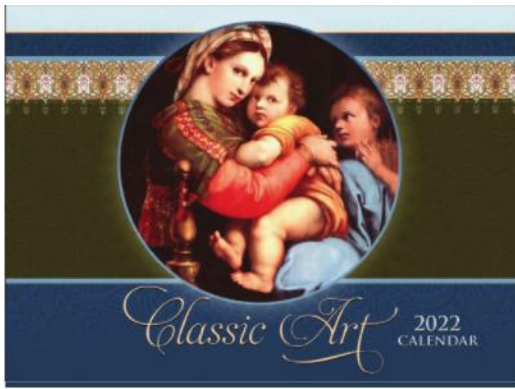
Saturday, January 1st, 2021
8:00 am - English
10:30 am - Bilingual



WHEN CHRISTMAS FALLS ON A SATURDAY

Father Richard Vigoa, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, issued the following instructions regarding the 2021 Christmas season. Christmas is a holy day of obligation regardless of the day of the week it falls. As a result, Catholics are obligated to attend Mass for Christmas, either at a Christmas Eve vigil Mass or Christmas Day Mass, and on Sunday, December 26, the Solemnity of the Holy Family, which will be celebrated solely on Sunday this year (No Saturday Vigil Mass).

- **Friday, Dec. 24:** Regular Daily Masses. Vigil Mass is for Christmas.
- **Saturday, Dec. 25:** Christmas. Holy Day of Obligation. Christmas is observed from 4 p.m. on Dec. 24 through 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 25. All Masses must be for Christmas Day. *Evening Mass it is not for Sunday as a vigil. It will be celebrated as a Christmas Day Mass.*
- **Sunday, Dec. 26:** Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Solemnity is observed from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26 only. Mass must be attended on Sunday to fulfill the Sunday obligation.
- **Friday, Dec. 31:** Regular Daily Masses. Vigil Mass is for Jan. 1, Mary, the Holy Mother of God.
- **Saturday, Jan. 1:** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Falls on a Saturday this year and is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Regular Daily Masses, see schedule above. Evening Mass will be celebrated as the Vigil for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.
- **Sunday, Jan. 2:** Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Regular Sunday Masses.



2022 Church Calendars

The 2022 COTLF Church Calendars have arrived and will be distributed **at all Masses this weekend, December 18th and 19th.**

We thank our longtime calendar sponsors,
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for their support and hope you enjoy the beautiful 2022 Calendars!

THE COTLF GIVING TREE

Parishioners are invited to bring **new** and **wrapped** gifts to our annual COTLF Giving Tree, which is located at the entrance of the Church, by the North staircase, from now through Wednesday, December 22nd. 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 for the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. Your generosity in support of those in need from our local community is greatly appreciated!



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 22nd
7:00pm—9:00pm

Holiday Office Closures

With Christmas and New Year's falling on a Saturday this year, please note the following schedule during which the Parish Office will be closed:

Wednesday, December 22nd — Office to close early at 12:30pm
Friday, December 24th — Office Closed (Christmas Eve)
Monday, December 27th — Office Closed (Christmas Observed)
Friday, December 31st — Office Closed (New Years Observed)



UPCOMING MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

The Marriage Covenant Experience, taking place weekend of January 28 – January 30, 2022, is a 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!

The application is now open and can be submitted by following the QR code here:

For any questions, please contact **Janetsy Christensen** at 305-215-2061 or JanetsyC@bellsouth.net





We are so grateful for your faithful support of Church of the Little Flower. This past year, Church of the Little Flower has been busier than ever as we've been blessed with tremendous church growth. Our online worship services have been incredibly successful, in addition to welcoming many, many new parishioners and families. Developments like this wouldn't be possible without supporters like you! This holiday season, we invite you to financially support our parish mission. Please pray about making a year-end gift to our parish to better serve you - it's as easy as visiting www.OSVHub.com/COTLF.

All donations are tax-deductible. May God bless you always!

Estamos muy agradecidos por su apoyo fiel a la Iglesia de Santa Teresita. Este último año, Santa Teresita ha estado más ocupada que nunca, ya que hemos sido bendecidos con un crecimiento tremendo. Nuestros servicios de adoración en línea han sido increíblemente exitosos, además de dar la bienvenida a muchos, muchos feligreses y familias nuevas. ¡Desarrollos como estos no serían posibles sin partidarios como ustedes! En esta temporada navideña, los invitamos a apoyar financieramente nuestra misión parroquial. Por favor, oren acerca de hacer un regalo de fin de año a nuestra parroquia para servirles mejor a ustedes - es tan fácil como visitar al www.OSVHub.com/COTLF.

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VBS 2022 DATES ARE SET!



Mark your calendars! VBS will be making its long-awaited return **June 20 – July 1, 2022**. Join the fun as we go off-roading for a *Monumental* adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Vacation Bible School details, including camper registration, volunteer applications, and all corresponding fees will be announced this coming Spring.

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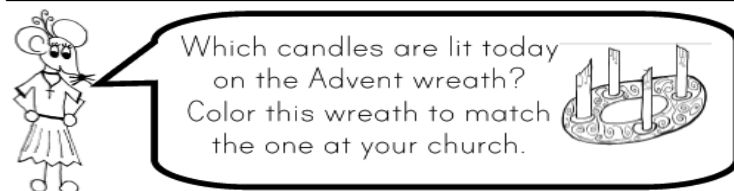
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Lord, make us
turn to you; let
us see your
face and we
shall be saved.
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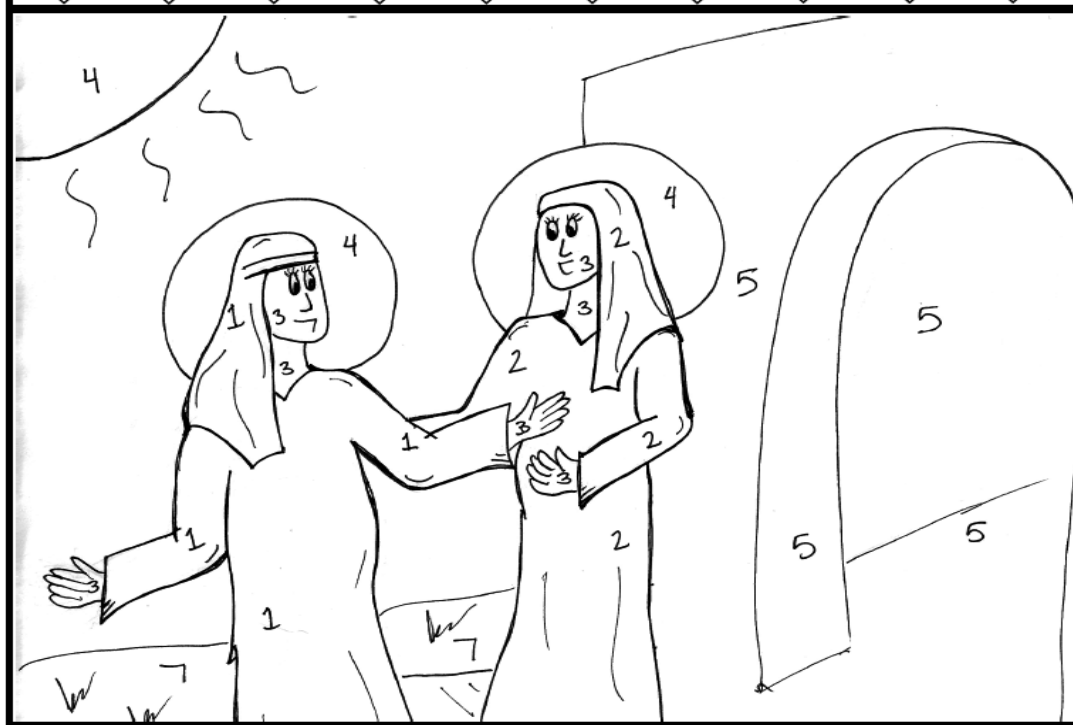
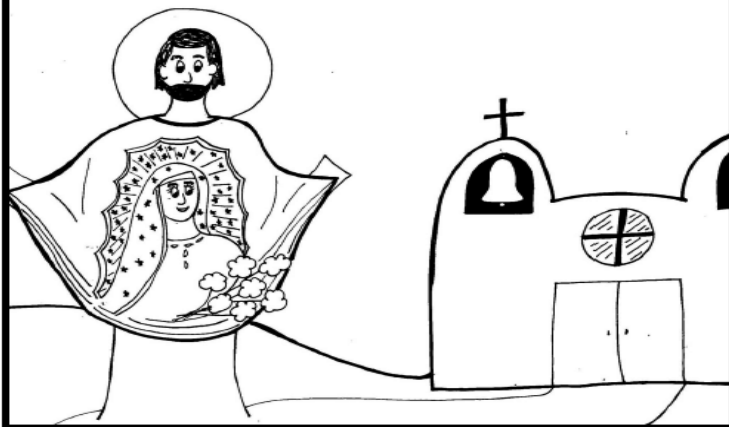
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Saint Juan Diego

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Saint Juan Diego and asked him to build a church. Saint Juan Diego asked the bishop for help to build the church, but the Bishop wanted proof that Juan Diego had seen Mary. Mary told him to pick roses for the Bishop. This doesn't seem special—but it was snowy outside. Roses don't grow in the snow!

Saint Juan Diego carried the roses in his tilma, his coat. When he showed the roses to the bishop, there was a beautiful picture of Mary on his tilma! That picture is a special image of Mary called...

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...

1

Sunday!

Color by Number

- 1: Pink
- 2: Blue
- 3: Skin tone
- 4: Yellow
- 5: Grey
- 6: Light Blue
- 7: Green

Gospel



When Mary found out that she was pregnant with baby Jesus, she went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth is John the Baptist's mom.



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