



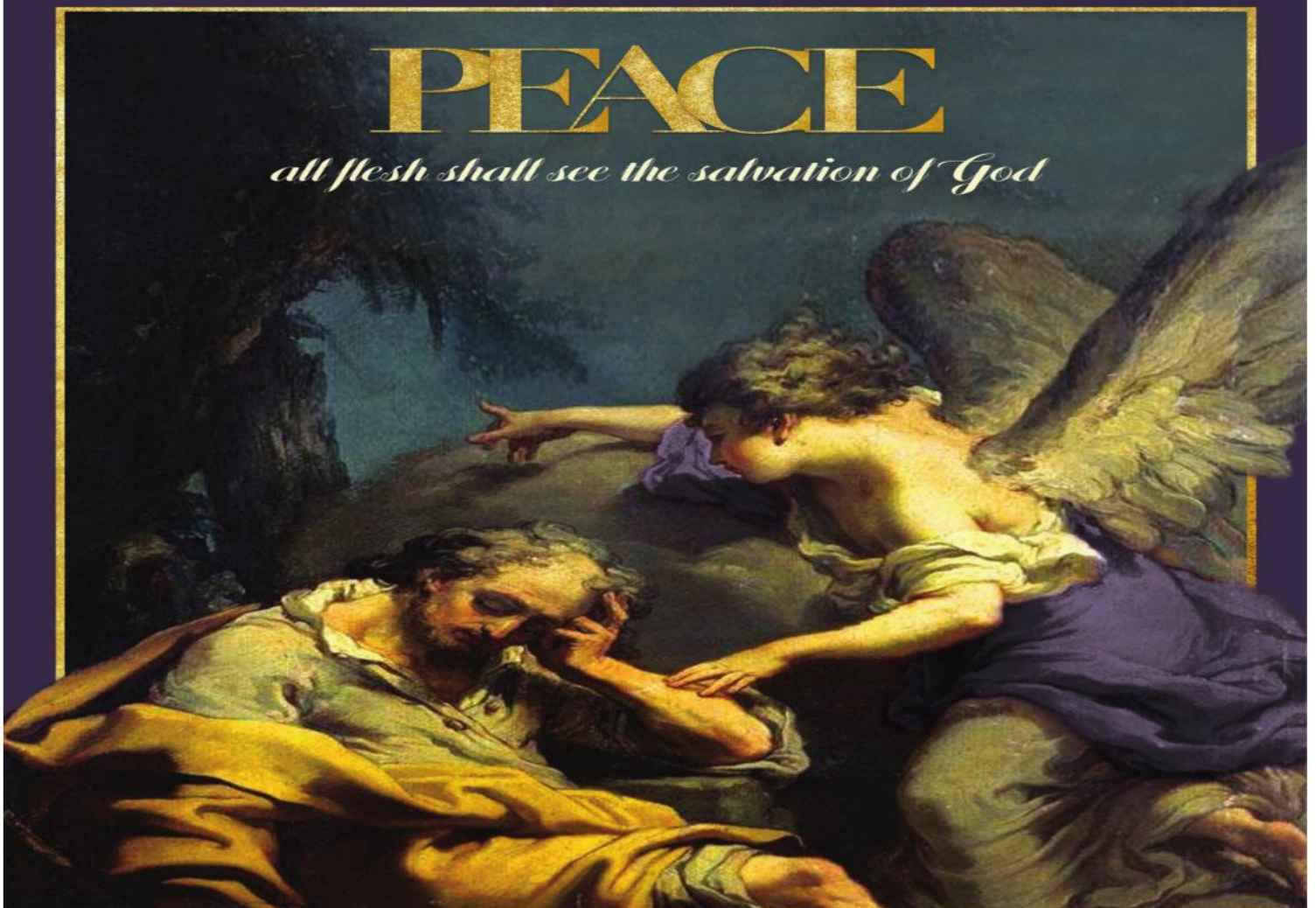
# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

*December 4th*  
II SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*4 de Diciembre*  
II DOMINGO DEL ADVIENTO

## PEACE

*all flesh shall see the salvation of God*



### *Pastor*

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

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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

Time	Language
8:00 am	English
5:00 pm	English Vigil

### Sunday

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

## CONFESSIONS

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



## ST. JOSEPH PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Visit [www.cotlf.org/adoration](http://www.cotlf.org/adoration) for more details



## CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - REILLY PARISH CENTER

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Contact

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## SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### School Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:15 am - 3:15 pm

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2701 Indian Mound Trail  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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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

- † Benjamin Manuel Diaz Wattiez
- † James Alexander Guerra
- † Olivia Maria Jones
- † Ian Joseph Rodriguez
- † Nathaniel James Rodriguez
- † David Seguias
- † Michael Urbano Quiles



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

- † Nicolas Platt & Rachel Serrano
- † David Palacio & Yuleinee Padron
- † Justin Gutierrez & Tiffany Trujillo
- † Jonathan Rodriguez & Jessica Acurio



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

- † Maria Jimenez

## 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. Visit [cotlf.org/weddings](http://cotlf.org/weddings) for more information.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación. Visitar [cotlf.org/weddings](http://cotlf.org/weddings) para mas información.

## SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

Mass Attendance:	1,246
Online Giving Offertory:	\$11,341
In-Church Collection:	\$12,220
Drop-off & Mail-in Offering:	\$958
Children's Collection:	\$589
Devotional Candles:	\$914
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$280
<i>*Combined in-person and online</i>	
Thanksgiving Masses:	\$2,262

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

**Grand Total:  
\$28,564**



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

II Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Sat + Alberto & Virtudes Torre de Alba  
 7:30 am + Nicholas J. Cirillo  
 9:00 am Intentions of The Murdock Family  
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**  
 12:30 pm + Jose Raul Fox  
 5:30 pm + Fernando F. Rey

### Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday of Week II of Advent

6:15 am Chialastri Family Intentions  
 8:00 am Michael Bolander  
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

### Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop

6:15 am Aida Morejon's Health  
 8:00 am Intentions of The Murdock Family  
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

### Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am Intentions of The Murdock Family  
 8:00 am + Francisco H. Recio  
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

### Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 am Intentions of The Murdock Family  
 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Palenzuela & Fernandez Family  
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**  
 7:00 pm Anduiza Family Intentions

### Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:15 am  
 8:00 am 50th Wedding Anniversary of Norberto & Fabiola Ferradaz  
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

### Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 am + Martin J. Bradley Jr.

### Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

III Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Sat + Zoraida & Oscar Leal  
 7:30 am  
 9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Lopez Aguiar & Del Rosso Family  
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**  
 12:30 pm + Marta Ramirez De Yavorski  
 5:30 pm + Laureano Rodriguez

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

### SUNDAYS

1:30 pm Homeless Ministry Service Days (Comber Hall Parking Lot)  
 2nd Sunday, Monthly – [homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com](mailto:homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com)

### MONDAYS

10:00 am Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom)  
 Mercy Gonzalez, [drmom92@gmail.com](mailto:drmom92@gmail.com)  
 7:00 pm Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Cafeteria)  
 Maru de Castro, [leo12mariposa@gmail.com](mailto:leo12mariposa@gmail.com)  
 7:00 pm Cristo en Cuba (Chapel Conference Room)  
 Adriano Garcia, [adrianogar@aol.com](mailto:adrianogar@aol.com)  
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Group (Zoom)  
 Julie Otero, [JOtero@vistacolor.com](mailto:JOtero@vistacolor.com)  
 7:30 pm Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conference Room)  
 Marcia Iglesias, [marcia@amprex.net](mailto:marcia@amprex.net)  
 7:30 pm Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room)  
 Pedro D. Gonzalez, [pdgv209@gmail.com](mailto:pdgv209@gmail.com)

### TUESDAYS

6:30 pm Reaching for a Smile Rosary (St. Joseph Chapel)  
 Maru de Castro, [305-335-4104](tel:305-335-4104)  
 7:00 pm RCIA Classes (Cafeteria)  
 7:00 pm Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Morras Conference Room)  
 Nathalie, [305-496-6425](tel:305-496-6425)  
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)  
 Maria Lopez, [786-247-3872](tel:786-247-3872)  
 8:00 pm English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room)  
 Felipe Vizcarrondo, [fevmd@bellsouth.net](mailto:fevmd@bellsouth.net)

### WEDNESDAYS

4p & 6:30p Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)  
 Visit [www.COTLFReligiousEd.org](http://www.COTLFReligiousEd.org) for full calendar  
 7:00 pm Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conference Room)  
 7:30 pm Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room)  
 Marifer Ordoñez, [mfordonez@earthlink.net](mailto:mfordonez@earthlink.net)

### THURSDAYS

6:00 pm Young Adults Praise & Worship Holy Hour (St. Joseph Chapel)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (STS Music Room)  
 Luis Cuza, [LCuza@cotlf.org](mailto:LCuza@cotlf.org)  
 7:00 pm Scouts (STS Cafeteria)  
 St Theresa Pack 16, [stspack16@gmail.com](mailto:stspack16@gmail.com)  
 7:30 pm Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room)  
 Core Team, [contact@littlefloweremmaus.org](mailto:contact@littlefloweremmaus.org)

### FRIDAYS

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Morras Conference Room)  
 3rd Fridays, Monthly, Katy Dunn, [305-443-5947](tel:305-443-5947)  
 7:00 pm Amor en Accion Monthly Meeting (STS Cafeteria)  
 1st Fridays, Monthly  
 8:00 pm English Marriage Covenant (Zoom)  
 Janetsy Christensen, [JanetsyC@bellsouth.net](mailto:JanetsyC@bellsouth.net)

### SATURDAYS

9:00 am Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Conference Room)  
 1st Saturday (ENG), 2nd Saturday (SPA), Monthly  
 4p & 6:30p Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)  
 Visit [www.COTLFReligiousEd.org](http://www.COTLFReligiousEd.org) for full calendar



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*My Dear Friends,*

Remember those Christmases when you were a child when you didn't get the gift you wanted? You kept opening present after present looking for that one gift that you wanted above everything else. But alas, it was not under the tree. You smiled half-heartedly playing with the toys that you received but were disappointed because you had just spent all of December expecting something that never came. As adults, we still long for certain things. Sometimes it's events. For example, many young people long for the day they meet Mr. or Mrs. Right or finish college. For parents, they may long for the day their kids finally graduate or get married. For local sports fans, we long for our Dolphins to win the Super Bowl (sigh). Most of these things may or may not happen, yet there is still a hope that drives us.

Advent is truly a season of hope. We long for something, someone!, to come into our lives. We long for the presence of the Messiah in our life even if we are distracted by all the noise of this time of year as I mentioned in last week's bulletin. Yet we cling to the hope of a Savior who is announced by Isaiah in today's first reading with some truly striking images: "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them (Isaiah 11:6)." Christ comes to restore order to creation. To eliminate hostility. To bring peace into our lives.

All of us long for many things. These longings and wishes are particularly present around this time of year. We long for happiness, peace, financial security, love, health, but unfortunately none of these things will magically appear under our tree on Christmas morning. The only thing we can be certain that we will receive this Christmas is the presence of our Lord. How we receive him

is entirely up to us. We hear the voice of John the Baptist in today's gospel telling us to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths, but the Lord isn't going to force his way into our hearts on Christmas Day. We have to prepare a place for him. We have to clear a direct path, a highway without obstacles or tolls if you will, so that he can totally take over our hearts. And if we do prepare a place for him, he will be all that we need on that day. A heart overflowing with the love of Christ has no need for anything else because it has all that it needs and desires. This Advent season is a time of preparation, a time of filling in valleys and tearing down mountains to ensure that the Lord's path to our hearts is straight and direct. When I was a child, I may not have found the present I wanted underneath the Christmas tree every year, but I did always find a little child lying in a manger. I know now what I didn't know then: Christ is all we need this Christmas.

I would like to end this column by welcoming all our friends visiting us this weekend for our parish fair. As St. Paul tells us today: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you. (Rom 15:7)" I pray you find a warm welcome from our parishioners as we celebrate the love that binds us which is the love of Christ Jesus. I invite everyone to join us at the fair to get to know your fellow parishioners and to welcome all those who visit (and eat great food while you're there). And finally, I want to thank all the volunteers who tirelessly worked for months to make our parish fair a success. What a wonderful way to begin this Advent season: coming together and working together in joy to build up our parish family. See you at the fair!

*God bless you all,*





## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis queridos amigos,

¿Recuerdan esas Navidades cuando eran niños y no recibían el regalo que querían? Siguieron abriendo regalo tras regalo buscando ese regalo que querían por encima de todo lo demás. Pero, por desgracia, no estaba debajo del árbol. Sonrieron a medias jugando con los juguetes que recibieron, pero les decepcionó porque acababan de pasar todo diciembre esperando algo que nunca llegó. Como adultos, todavía anhelamos ciertas cosas. A veces son eventos. Por ejemplo, muchos jóvenes anhelan el día en que conozcan al Sr. O a la Sra. Perfecta o terminen la universidad. Para los padres, pueden anhelar el día en que sus hijos finalmente se gradúen o se casen. Para los fanáticos de los deportes locales, anhelamos que nuestros Dolphins ganen el Super Bowl (suspiro). La mayoría de estas cosas pueden suceder o no, sin embargo, todavía hay una esperanza que nos impulsa.

El Adviento es verdaderamente un tiempo de esperanza. Anhelamos algo, ¡alguien!, que entre en nuestras vidas. Anhelamos la presencia del Mesías en nuestra vida, incluso si estamos distraídos por todo el ruido de esta época del año, como mencioné en el boletín de la semana pasada. Sin embargo, nos aferramos a la esperanza de un Salvador que es anunciado por Isaías en la primera lectura de hoy con algunas imágenes verdaderamente sorprendentes: "Entonces el lobo y el cordero vivirán en paz, el tigre y el cabrito descansarán juntos, el becerro y el león crecerán uno al lado del otro, y se dejarán guiar por un niño pequeño. (Isaías 11: 6)". Cristo viene a restaurar el orden en la creación. Para eliminar la hostilidad. Para traer paz a nuestras vidas.

Todos nosotros anhelamos muchas cosas. Estos anhelos y deseos están particularmente presentes en esta época del año. Anhelamos felicidad, paz, seguridad financiera, amor, salud, pero desafortunadamente ninguna de estas cosas aparecerá mágicamente debajo de nuestro árbol en la mañana de Navidad. Lo único que podemos estar seguros de que recibiremos esta Navidad es la presencia de nuestro Señor. Cómo lo recibimos depende totalmente de nosotros. Escuchamos la voz

de Juan el Bautista en el evangelio de hoy diciéndonos que preparemos el camino del Señor y enderecemos sus caminos, pero el Señor no va a forzar su camino en nuestros corazones el día de Navidad. Tenemos que preparar un lugar para él. Tenemos que despejar un camino directo, una carretera sin obstáculos ni peajes si se quiere, para que pueda apoderarse totalmente de nuestros corazones. Y si preparamos un lugar para él, él será todo lo que necesitamos ese día. Un corazón rebosante del amor de Cristo no tiene necesidad de nada más porque tiene todo lo que necesita y desea. Esta temporada de Adviento es un tiempo de preparación, un tiempo de llenar valles y derribar montañas para asegurar que el camino del Señor a nuestros corazones sea recto y directo. Cuando era niño, puede que no haya encontrado el regalo que quería debajo del árbol de Navidad todos los años, pero siempre encontré a un niño pequeño acostado en un pesebre. Ahora sé lo que no sabía entonces: Cristo es todo lo que necesitamos esta Navidad.

Me gustaría terminar esta columna dando la bienvenida a todos nuestros amigos que nos visitan este fin de semana para nuestra feria parroquial. Como nos dice San Pablo hoy: "Así pues, recíbanse los unos a los otros, como también Cristo los recibió a ustedes, para gloria de Dios. (Romanos 15:7)" Oro que encuentren una bienvenida cálida de nuestros feligreses mientras celebramos el amor que nos une, que es el amor de Cristo Jesús. Invito a todos a unirse a nosotros en la feria para conocer a sus compañeros feligreses y dar la bienvenida a todos los que visitan (y comer buena comida mientras están allí). Y finalmente, quiero agradecer a todos los voluntarios que trabajaron incansablemente durante meses para que nuestra feria parroquial fuera un éxito. Qué manera maravillosa de comenzar esta temporada de Adviento: uniéndonos y trabajando juntos en alegría para construir nuestra familia parroquial. ¡Nos vemos en la feria!

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,



## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Thursday, December 8th, the Universal Church celebrates the  
*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,*  
the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America.

The Special Mass Schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation is:

**Wednesday, December 7th**

5:30pm Spanish Vigil

**Thursday, December 8th**

6:15am, 8:00am, and 7:00pm in English

5:30pm en Español

## Homeless Ministry Annual Toy Drive

The Homeless Ministry will host it's annual

**Christmas Toy Drive collection**

NEXT WEEKEND, Sunday, December 11th  
from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

A truck will be at the parking lot behind Comber Hall to collect **NEW** and **UNWRAPPED** toys that will be going to the Caring Place at the Miami Rescue Mission. These gifts will be distributed to thousands of at-risk boys and girls, 10 years and older, throughout Dade County.

Every child should have something to look forward to on Christmas morning! Thank you for your generosity!



### Retirement Fund for Religious



### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

*Lighten the load.* An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

*Aliviar la carga.* Un abad escribe: "Su donativo ayuda a reducir nuestras cargas terrenales y nos permite seguir viviendo nuestra misión de buscar a Dios y servir en la Iglesia". Los donativos para la colecta del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos de la semana próxima ayudan a cientos de comunidades religiosas de Estados Unidos a mantener a sus miembros de edad avanzada. Sean generosos.

## LITTLE FLOWER CONCERT SERIES

### DON'T MISS THE SERAPHIC FIRE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

Within a serene candle-lit setting, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season will quiet and the a capella voices of Seraphic Fire will fill the room with musical peace and joy. Enjoy familiar favorites such as the hauntingly simple, yet lush Jesus Christ the Apple Tree and the enchanting Silent Night, and come away cherishing a newly discovered gem. Associate Conductor James K. Bass and the ensemble are pleased to present seasonal carols and heart-warming music in the 20th season of A Seraphic Fire Christmas.

Purchase tickets today at [www.lfconcerts.org!](http://www.lfconcerts.org!)







## THE SYMBOLISM OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Each year, the Advent Wreath is placed prominently in our Sanctuary and its rich symbolism helps guide our spiritual journey through this Advent season.

**The Circle** — The Eternity of God, whom has no beginning and no end

**The Evergreens** — Life and Immortality

**The Four Candles** — The Four Weeks of Advent

**The Purple Candles** — A sign of Prayer, Penance, & Preparation

**The Rose Candle** — A sign of Rejoicing. The Rose candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, as our celebration of Christmas draws near

*We encourage all our families to add an Advent wreath in your homes, as well, and light the candles each night as part of your family prayers!*

## Advent Night of Reflection

Monday, December 19th

7:30pm in Comber Hall

*Special Presentation led by*

*Fr. Matthew Gomez,*

*ADOM Vocations Director*



## ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday Morning

8:30am — 10:00am

Wednesday, December 21st

7:00pm

## 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 21st.

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!





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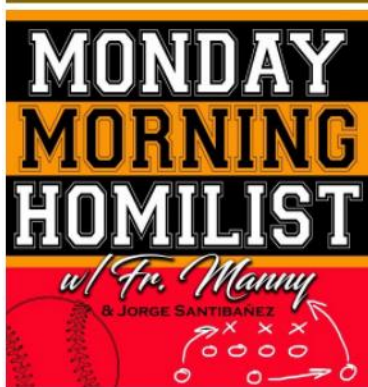
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*Follow the prompts to create or update your profile and select email and/or text messages as your preferred form of contact.*

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The My Parish App will allow you to engage with the parish more regularly, deepen your spiritual formation, and improve your life of prayer through great features such as Daily Mass Readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, and quick and easy access to Online Giving, Confession reminders, our weekly bulletin, our YouTube video archive and so much more!

Download the App today by searching your device's App Store for **MyParishApp** or follow the instructions in the graphic.



## LISTEN TO MMH, THE COTLF PARISH PODCAST!

Join Fr Manny and Jorge Santibañez every Monday Morning as they dive deeper into the readings and preaching of the previous Sunday, and then stick around as they discuss sports and life on the official COTLF Parish Podcast, *Monday Morning Homilist*.

Listen on all major podcast services including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, and Pandora. You can also find the Podcast on the MyParish App. Check your favorite Podcast service for new episodes around 11am every Monday!

## COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

As the number of names being added to our Parish Prayer List has continued to grow, we've moved the list online, under the Perpetual Adoration page of our parish website.

Please visit [www.cotlf.org/Adoration](http://www.cotlf.org/Adoration) to view those added to the list and please pray for them during your next visit to the Adoration Chapel.

To add or remove the name of a parishioner, relative, or friend to our Prayer List please contact us at the Parish Office or submit your request via the MyParish App.







## FRANCE PILGRIMAGE STILL OPEN

The June 2023 Pilgrimage to France is filling up quickly, but limited spots still remain. The pilgrimage will travel to Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes and San Sebastian (Spain) and highlights include the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, Omaha Beach, Mont St. Michel, the Basilica of St. Therese and so much more! Scan the QR code for full trip details and call the parish office for information about how to sign up and secure your spot today!



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## COTLF TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE

Sign Up to be added as a Vocation Chalice family.

Take the Chalice home for a week.

Put it in a place of honor in your home.

Pray for Vocations! (Prayers are included to help.)

Talk about Vocations with your family.

Return to Mass the following week to pass the Chalice on to the next family.

Contact Fr. Andrew to learn more or to sign up!

FrAndrew@cotlf.org

## UPDATES COMING TO OUR ENVELOPE SYSTEM FOR 2023

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we've begun processing the order of offertory collection envelopes for 2023. Here's the thing: we send out, through a service, over 3,400 envelopes to all our parishioners every year, BUT, on average, less than 300 envelopes are used on Sundays during the offertory. Some also drop them off in the office, or mail them in, for which we are extremely grateful. Printing these envelopes comes at a great expense to the parish, though. Last year we spent over \$18,000 in the printing and mailing of these envelopes to all of you. *This is not sustainable*. The decline of envelope use is mainly due to the growth of online giving during the pandemic which has helped increase our weekly collection from pre-pandemic levels. But it would not be good stewardship on my part as your pastor to continue paying for envelopes that are never being used.

Recently, our dedicated staff went through all our records as to who is faithfully using the offertory envelopes during this last year. We winnowed that number down from almost 3,500 to closer to 750. So what this means is that only those people who use the envelopes faithfully will receive them in the first mailing for 2023. Now, it stands to reason that in this process someone may have been left out. If you don't get your envelopes come January and still want to receive them, simply call the office and we can reactive the envelopes for you. Similarly, some of you may receive envelopes but decide you want to opt-out and that can also be done easily. Not getting envelopes does not affect your status as an active parishioner at Little Flower. This small change will actually help your parish redirect funds for the myriad of repairs our building has to undergo in the coming year. Thank you for your cooperation and for your continued financial support of your parish. **God bless, Father Manny**

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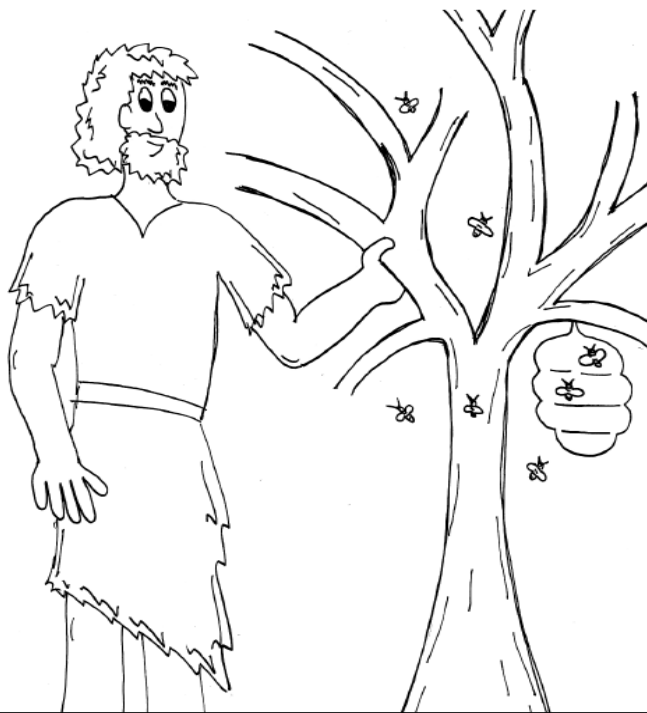
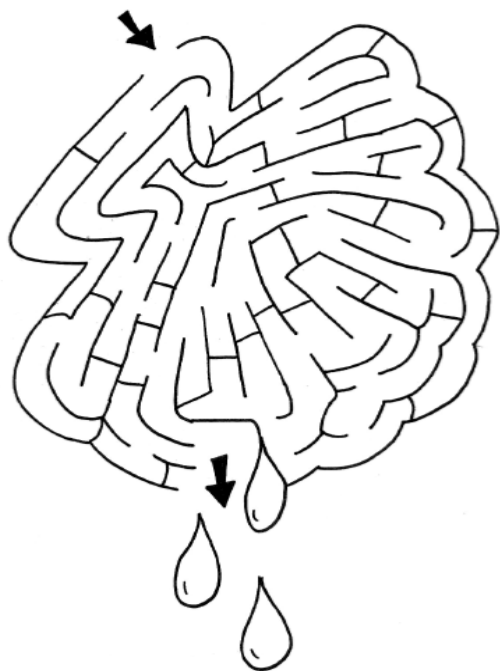


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