



# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The  
Light

*December 3rd, 2023*

*I SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
I DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO*



# Hope

*Esperanza*

***Pastor***

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

***Parochial Vicar***

REV. ANDREW J. TOMONTO

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

***Permanent Deacons***

DEACON JORGE ALVAREZ  
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 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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### School Office Hours

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

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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.

- † Elliott Thomas Varona
- † Archie Benton Sweat
- † Chloe Celeste De Windt
- † Svetlana Estelle Myer
- † Emilia Rodriguez-Chavez
- † Santiago Samuel Llamas Llopis
- † Lorenzo Gugliotta
- † Capri Lily Elias



Congratulations and God's blessings to our newly married couples.

- † Lain Ruiz & Sissi Aguilera
- † Alejandro Mendoza & Jeanne Barrera
- † Gabriel Diaz & Laura Aguiar
- † Ryan Perez & Andrea Lopez
- † Nicolas Quintairo & Joanna Gomez
- † Joseph Del Cerro & Amanda Rodriguez



Rest in Peace.  
We pray for our recently deceased.

- † Roberto Ibarra
- † Chely Fortun

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit [cotlf.org/baptism](http://cotlf.org/baptism) for more information.

- Arreglos de bautizos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación. Visitar [cotlf.org/baptism](http://cotlf.org/baptism) para mas información.

## 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 19th

Attendance: 1,746

In-Church Collection:	\$8,854
Online Giving Offertory:	\$12,812
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$1,040
Children's Collection:	\$510
Devotional Candles:	\$849
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$342

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\* Combined in-person and online

### November 26th

Attendance: 1,876

In-Church Collection:	\$10,273
Online Giving Offertory:	\$12,281
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$371
Children's Collection:	\$890
Devotional Candles:	\$888
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$738

\*Combined in-person and online

NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>

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

Nov 19th Total:	\$24,407
Thanksgiving Total:	\$2,245
Nov 26th Total:	\$25,441

**Grand Total: \$52,093**



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

## WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

### Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

I SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm Sat	+ David Rojas
7:30 am	Arrabal Family Intentions
9:00 am	+ Nicholas J. Cirillo
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Fernando Rey
5:30 pm	+ Rev. Fr. Francis Javier Rodriguez

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

Monday of Week I of Advent / Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	+ Elisa Canosa
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

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

Tuesday of Week I of Advent

6:15 am	Linda Collado
8:00 am	Kristina Saenz' Birthday
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

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

Wednesday of Week I of Advent / Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	+ Luis Maria Centeno
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

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

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	Ramon Arias
8:00 am	Elia Limonte Baez
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 am	Teresita Murdock
8:00 am	Intentions of the Sardiñas Family
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>
7:00 pm	Alicia Miranda & Family

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

Saturday of Week I of Advent / Memorial of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00 am	51st Wedding Anniversary of Norberto and Fabiola Ferradaz
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### Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

II SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm Sat	+ Otmaro Aurora Rodriguez
7:30 am	+ Juan Francisco Sanchez
9:00 am	+ Mari Berrios
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Laureano Rodriguez
5:30 pm	+ Anita Giordani

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
<b>Monday</b>	Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### SUNDAYS

1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Days <i>Date Varies Monthly</i> — <a href="mailto:homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com">homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com</a>
6:30 pm	COTLF Youth Group Izzy Rennella, <a href="mailto:IRennella@cotlf.org">IRennella@cotlf.org</a>

### MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom) <i>Every other Monday</i> , Mercy Gonzalez, <a href="mailto:drm92@gmail.com">drm92@gmail.com</a>
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Group (Zoom) Julie Otero, <a href="mailto:JOtero@vistacolor.com">JOtero@vistacolor.com</a>
7:30 pm	Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conference Room) Marcia Iglesias, <a href="mailto:marcia@amprex.net">marcia@amprex.net</a> — <i>Resumes Sept 18th</i>
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room) Juan Guillermo Garcia, <a href="mailto:jgarcia@msn.com">jgarcia@msn.com</a> , 786-474-0758

### TUESDAYS

6:30 pm	Reaching for a Smile Rosary (St. Joseph Chapel) Maru de Castro, <a href="tel:305-335-4104">305-335-4104</a>
7:00 pm	OCIA Classes (Cafeteria) <i>Classes begin on September 26th</i>
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House) Maria Lopez, <a href="tel:786-247-3872">786-247-3872</a>
7:30 pm	Talleres — Curso Matrimonial (Morras Conference Room) Eva y Francisco Guia, <a href="tel:305-984-5944">305-984-5944</a> , <a href="mailto:evaguia11@gmail.com">evaguia11@gmail.com</a>
8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room) Felipe Vizcarrondo, <a href="mailto:fevmd@bellsouth.net">fevmd@bellsouth.net</a>

### WEDNESDAYS

4p & 6:30p	Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School) <a href="http://www.cotlfreligioused.org">www.cotlfreligioused.org</a>
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room) Marifer Ordoñez, <a href="mailto:mfordonez@earthlink.net">mfordonez@earthlink.net</a>
8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conference Room)
8:00 pm	Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Cafeteria) Maru de Castro, <a href="mailto:leo12mariposa@gmail.com">leo12mariposa@gmail.com</a>

### THURSDAYS

6:00 pm	Young Adults Praise & Worship Holy Hour (St. Joseph Chapel)
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (STS Music Room) Luis Cuza, <a href="mailto:LCuza@cotlf.org">LCuza@cotlf.org</a>
7:00 pm	Scouts (STS Cafeteria) St Theresa Pack 16, <a href="mailto:stspack16@gmail.com">stspack16@gmail.com</a>
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room) Core Team, <a href="mailto:contact@littlefloweremmaus.org">contact@littlefloweremmaus.org</a>
7:30 pm	Talleres — Curso de Jovenes (Chapel Conference Room) Arminda Baez — <a href="tel:305-927-3191">305-927-3191</a>

### FRIDAYS

10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Morras Conference Room) <i>3rd Fridays, Monthly</i> , Katy Dunn, <a href="tel:305-443-5947">305-443-5947</a>
6:00 pm	American Heritage Girls (Cafeteria) <i>2nd and 4th Fridays, Monthly</i> , Holly Gomez
7:00 pm	Amor en Accion Monthly Meeting (Reilly Conference Room) <i>Last Fridays, Monthly</i>
8:00 pm	English Marriage Covenant (Zoom) Janetsy Christensen, <a href="mailto:JanetsyC@bellsouth.net">JanetsyC@bellsouth.net</a>

### SATURDAYS

7:00 am	First Saturday Devotion Rosary (Church) <i>1st Saturday, Monthly</i> , Mercy Gonzalez, <a href="mailto:drm92@gmail.com">drm92@gmail.com</a>
9:00 am	Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Conference Room) <i>1st Saturday (SPA), 2nd Saturday (ENG), Monthly</i>



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *My Dear Friends:*

Advent is finally here! What a blessing that we are able to enter this holy season to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord!

When I was a child, my family had a hard and fast rule that we would not start decorating the house for Christmas until December 1st. As our family grew, that rule changed to start on the First Sunday of Advent. My parents were methodical in making sure that we knew that Jesus was truly the reason for the season. The Advent wreath would adorn our dining room table, and every night we would do our Advent prayers before dinner, and my sister, my brother and I would take turns lighting the candle or candles for that week. With the lighting of each candle we would say, "Jesus is the light of the world." Even as children, we knew that the brighter the Advent wreath got, the closer we were getting to Christmas.

This year when the calendar turned to November, I felt a great longing for Advent. I've always been very careful of not starting my Advent prayers or decorating anything until this blessed season arrives. Yet, I was reminded earlier this month of a retired bishop whom I visited about 20 years ago. It was late October, and, he already had his Christmas tree up. I thought it was a bit too early back then, but this year in particular, I thought of him and really wanted to start celebrating this season early. Mainly because Advent is so short this year. Just three weeks! So yes, I want to celebrate Christmas big because our broken world so desperately needs it. I can't help but think of the old Johnny Mathis song: "We Need a Little

Christmas." Two of the verses go like this: "For we need a little Christmas, right this very minute, Candles in the window, carols at the spinet...For we need a little music, need a little laughter, Need a little singing ringing through the rafter...We need a little Christmas now!"

Yes, we all need a little Christmas to brighten up the world and our lives, but it all starts with the wreath that starts off in darkness and ends up with a magnificent light. This is such a wondrous season of grace that sometimes gets rushed between the mad dash from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas Eve. Advent is not as deliberate as the 40+ days of Lent, but if we savor each Advent day as an opportunity to focus on the Christ Child, we know that our hearts will burst with joy when we sing the Gloria with the angels on Christmas Day.

Let's do Advent and Christmas with more joy this year thinking back on the wonder we experienced as children. Obviously, we begin Advent at Mass this weekend, but there is so much we can do at home in our private prayer time, and obviously prepare ourselves for a good Advent confession.

"There is so much to do," you might think to yourself as this blessed season begins, but it all begins by slowing down with silence and prayer to take advantage of every single day of Advent. We thank God for the joy of the season, and in the stillness of our hearts we sing the ancient hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel!"

God bless you all,



## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

*Mis queridos amigos,*

¡Llegó el Adviento! ¡Qué bendición poder entrar en esta temporada santa para preparar nuestros corazones para la venida de nuestro Señor!

Cuando era niño, mi familia tenía una regla estricta de no comenzar a decorar la casa para Navidad hasta el 1 de diciembre. A medida que nuestra familia creció, esa regla cambió para comenzar el primer domingo de Adviento. Mis padres fueron metódicos para asegurarse de que supiéramos que Jesús era realmente la razón de la temporada. La corona de Adviento adornaría la mesa de nuestro comedor, y todas las noches hacíamos nuestras oraciones de Adviento antes de la cena, y mi hermana, mi hermano y yo nos turnábamos para encender la vela o las velas de esa semana. Con el encendido de cada vela diríamos: "Jesús es la luz del mundo". Incluso aun siendo niños, sabíamos que cuanto más brillante se volvía la corona de Adviento, más nos acercábamos a la Navidad.

Este año, cuando el calendario cambió a noviembre, sentí un gran anhelo por el Adviento. Siempre he tenido mucho cuidado de no comenzar mis oraciones de Adviento ni decorar nada hasta que llegue esta temporada bendita. Sin embargo, a principios de este mes me acordé de un obispo retirado a quien visité hace unos 20 años. Era finales de octubre y ya tenía su árbol de Navidad decorado. Pensé que era demasiado pronto en ese entonces, pero este año en particular, pensé en él y realmente quería comenzar a celebrar esta temporada temprano. Posiblemente porque este año el adviento es tan corto. ¡Tres semanas! Si que quiero celebrar la Navidad a lo grande porque nuestro mundo tan

secular lo necesita desesperadamente. Me viene a la mente una vieja canción de Johnny Mathis que básicamente decía: "Necesitamos un poco de navidad".

Sí, todos necesitamos un poco de Navidad para alegrar el mundo y nuestras vidas, pero todo comienza con la corona de adviento que empieza en la oscuridad y termina con una luz magnífica. Esta es una temporada de gracia tan maravillosa que a veces se apresura entre la carrera loca desde el Día de Acción de Gracias hasta la Noche Buena. El Adviento no es tan deliberado como los más de 40 días de Cuaresma. Pero si saboreamos cada día de Adviento como una oportunidad para enfocarnos en el Niño Jesús, sabemos que nuestros corazones estallarán de gozo cuando cantemos el Gloria con los ángeles el día de Navidad.

Celebremos el Adviento y la Navidad con más alegría este año pensando en la maravilla que experimentamos cuando éramos niños. Obviamente, comenzamos el Adviento en la Misa este fin de semana, pero podemos hacer preparativos espirituales para la navidad en nuestras propias casas.

"Hay tanto que hacer", podría pensar para sí mismo al comenzar esta temporada bendita, pero todo comienza disminuyendo la velocidad de nuestras vidas con el silencio y la oración para aprovechar cada día de Adviento. Demos gracias a Dios por la alegría de la temporada, y en la quietud de nuestro corazón cantamos el antiguo himno: "¡O ven, o ven, Emmanuel!"

*Que Dios los bendiga a todos,*

*Fr. Manny*





## *Building On Our Legacy*

### *Did You Know?*

Though we've announced the campaign as a 3-year pledge, you can actually maximize your charitable giving tax deductions over FOUR (4) YEARS by making your initial gift now, in December 2023.

You'll then be able to spread out your remaining pledge balance payments through all of 2024, 2025, and up to October 2026!



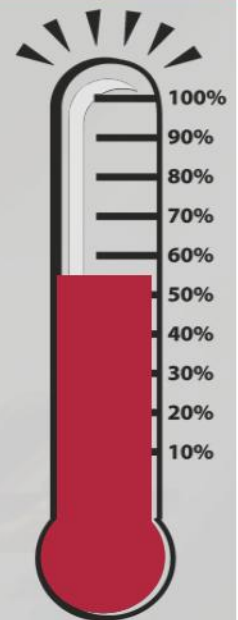
### *Campaign Progress*

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$7,140,667

CURRENT PROGRESS: 54.93%

*Scan the QR code to make your pledge or gift today!*



### ***PARISH FAIR WEEKEND IS HERE!***

Join the fun at the COTLF-STS Parish Fair, presented by Casa Smiles all weekend long!

The Fair will be open on Saturday from 3:00pm—11:00pm  
and Sunday from 12 Noon—8:00pm

This year's Fair will once again feature exhilarating rides for kids of all ages, delicious food stations lining the blacktop dining plaza, the always popular Beer & Wine Garden, special visits from Mrs. Clause, Santa Claus, and some of our other special friends, live performances by our school choirs, the annual Fair Raffle with some amazing prizes, and new for 2023, a Christmas Marketplace featuring some of our parish and community vendors!

Visit [www.parishfair.org](http://www.parishfair.org) to learn about all we have to offer at the 2023 COTLF-STS Parish Fair and we hope to see you there!



## 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 and light the candles each night as part of your family prayers. Let's light up social media this Advent, too! Share a photo of your Advent wreath and tag us @cotlf*



## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*On Friday, December 8th, the Universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America and a Holy Day of Obligation.*

*Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on:*

*Thursday, December 7th*

*5:30pm Spanish Vigil*

*Friday, December 8th*

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

*5:30pm en Español*



## DONATE GIFTS TO THE COTLF GIVING TREE

The COTLF Christmas Giving Tree is now up in the vestibule of the church. All gifts donated to the Giving Tree are passed along to the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, who distribute them to children and families in need from throughout our local community. All donated gifts should be wrapped and clearly marked "Boy" or "Girl" with an appropriate age range.

The last day to donate gifts will be Wednesday, December 20th.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## DIACONATE ORDINATION OF SRINATH PERERA

On Saturday, December 16th, the Archdiocese of Miami will be celebrating the Ordination of Deacons at the Cathedral of Saint Mary.

Among this year's men who have been called to orders is Srinath Perera, a longtime and dedicated parishioner of Church of the Little Flower.

Please join us in praying for Srinath over these next few weeks as he prepares for ordination.



## HOMELESS MINISTRY BLANKET DRIVE

The COTLF Homeless Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to participate in our December Blankets and Backpacks Collection Drive. We will be collecting BRAND NEW blankets and backpacks that will be provided to those experiencing homelessness in our community. If you are interested in participating in this collection drive, there will be two great opportunities to provide your donations:

-We will be kicking off the Blankets and Backpacks Collection Drive at the 2023 Church of the Little Flower Parish Fair. We will have a Donation Collection Area set up in the parish fair's Christmas Marketplace taking place inside the school cafeteria. You can drop off your donations at the Parish Fair during the following dates and times:

**Saturday 12/2/2023 from 3pm-7pm**

**Sunday 12/3/2023 from 12pm-4pm**

Note: Community Service Hours will be awarded to students that bring new blankets and backpack donations to the parish fair during the dates and times listed above. In order to receive community service hours students must bring BOTH a new backpack and blanket. Students can earn up to 2 service hours by participating in this donation drive.

-There will be a second opportunity to drop off your new blankets and backpack donations the weekend of Dec 9th-10th, the COTLF Homeless Ministry Donation Collection Area that will be set up inside the church. You can drop off your items starting on Saturday 12/9/2023 during the 5PM mass and during all masses on Sunday, 12/10/2023.

For more information, please email [homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com](mailto:homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com).

Follow us on Instagram: @COTLFHomelessMinistry

Scan the QR Code to Join our E-mail List



## O COME LET US ADORE HIM

As we enter this Advent season of spiritual preparation for Christmas, we invite all of our COTLF parishioners to encounter the reality of the Eucharist, explore the Eucharistic teaching of the Church, share your love of our Eucharistic Lord with others, and be transformed by His Real Presence!

Whether its taking up a weekly Holy Hour in our Adoration Chapel, adding a daily Mass to your weekly routine, inviting someone to join you for Sunday Mass, or browsing the free library of educational and formational videos on Formed.org, may this Advent season be a time of renewal and revival for you, your family, and for our entire parish community!

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

With Christmas landing on a Monday this year, please note you will have to attend Mass twice the weekend of Sat, December 23rd — Mon, December 25th, once for IV Sunday of Advent and once for Christmas:

*\* Please note the special Mass time.*

### *IV Sunday of Advent*

**Saturday, December 23rd**

5:00pm — English Vigil

\*7:00pm — Vigilia Dominical (Español)

**Sunday, December 24th**

7:30am — English

9:00am — English

10:30am — English

12:30pm — Español

### *The Nativity of the Lord*

**Sunday, December 24th**

\*4:00pm — Children's Christmas Mass

11:30pm — Christmas Cantata

12:00am — Midnight Mass

**Monday, December 25th**

9:00 am — English

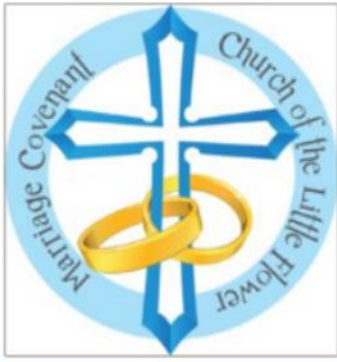
10:30 am — English

12:30 pm — Español

5:30 pm — English







## JOIN THE MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

The Marriage Covenant Experience, taking place weekend of February 9 – 11, 2024, 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! Please scan the QR Code to register for the retreat!

For information, please contact:

Lisette Riera, [drlissetteriera@gmail.com](mailto:drlissetteriera@gmail.com), 786-258-2037  
or Maria Elena Chialastri, [mechialastri55@gmail.com](mailto:mechialastri55@gmail.com), 3059789946



## DEACON DE LOS REYES' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

We give thanks to Almighty God for Deacon Rafael de los Reyes on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Deacon de los Reyes is now retired, but he served Little Flower and the Archdiocese of Miami through the Divine Mercy Apostolate for decades. He was the first permanent deacon to serve in the Archdiocese of Miami after being ordained to the diaconate in Washington, D.C. on December 8, 1973. We will celebrate his Golden Jubilee during the 7pm Bilingual Mass on Friday, December 8th during the Mass of the Immaculate Conception. May God continue to bless Deacon and his family for their many years of service to our parish community!



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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
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## 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 Parish Prayer List please contact us at the Parish Office.


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Find the advent  
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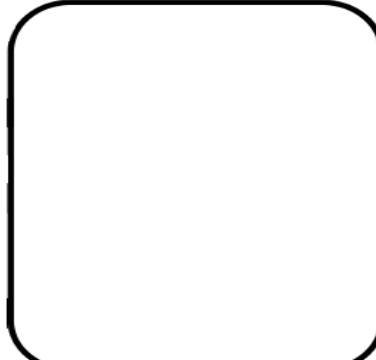


## Saint Nicholas




Saint Nicholas knew that a family needed help so he dropped gifts into the window of their home! We can celebrate his feast day by putting treats and gifts in people's shoes on December 6th.

Draw a picture of a gift that you would like to give to your family.

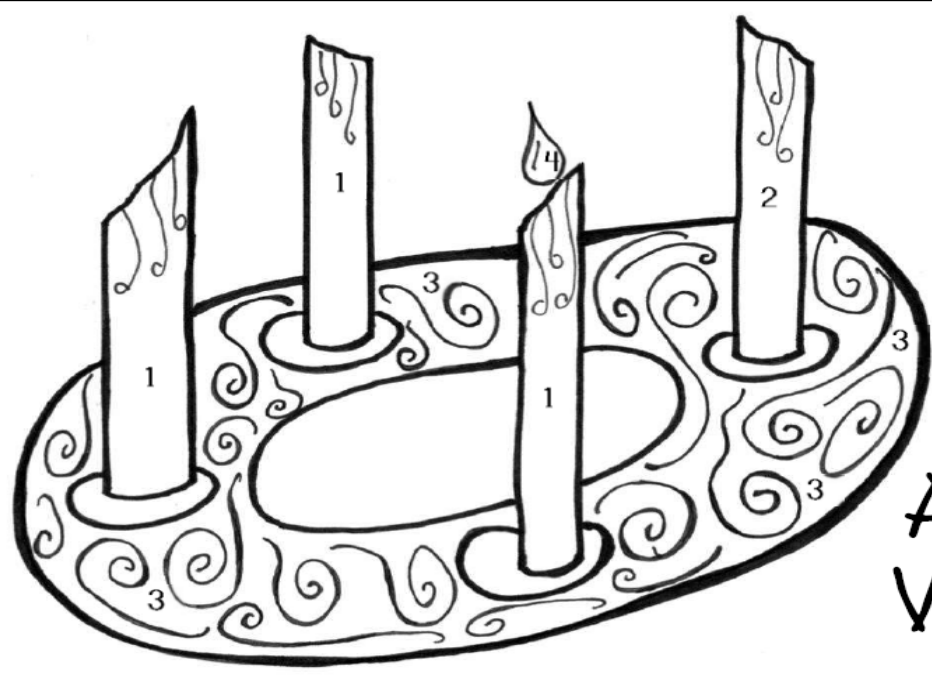






Color the  
Advent  
Wreath.

1: Purple  
2: Pink  
3: Green  
4: Yellow



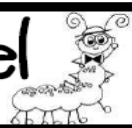
Countdown  
to Jesus'  
Birthday...

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Sundays!

## Advent Wreath

## Gospel



Jesus told the disciples that He will come back to earth! We should always be ready for Jesus to come back. We practice waiting during Advent while we wait for Christmas.





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