



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The
Light

December 17th, 2023

*III SUNDAY OF ADVENT
III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO*



Joy

Gozo

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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.



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Visit 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

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church!
Congratulations to our newly Baptized.

- † Layla Cabrera Galmes
- † Alessia Masiero Triggiano
- † Logan Edward Borrego
- † Noah Borrego
- † Margaret Jane Grier
- † Amelia Alexandra Tomonto



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

- † Nathaniel Deyo & Elsa Bolt
- † Rene Naranjo & Melissa Morello
- † Manuel A. Lora Gonzalez & Domenika A. Ortiz Requena



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

- † Jose Panesso-Marmolejo

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit 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 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 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 para mas información.

SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 10TH

Mass Attendance:	2,166
In-Church Collection:	\$11,025
Online Giving Offertory:	\$13,710
Drop-off & Mail-in Offering:	\$894
Children's Collection:	\$1,477
Devotional Candles:	\$1,013
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$305

*Combined in-person and online

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

Grand Total: \$28,424

Immaculate Conception: \$3,261
2nd Coll—Retired Religious: \$5,562

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 17th

III SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm (Sat)	+ Lillian Eleanor Cabrera
7:30 am	40th Wedding anniversary of Ricardo and Estela Fernandez
9:00 am	+ Blanca Gomez
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Carmen Maria de Salazar
5:30 pm	+ Gustavo Alfonso

Monday, December 18th

Monday of Week III of Advent

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	+ Bernardina Abreu
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, December 19th

Tuesday of Week III of Advent

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for the Graduation Of Dibe Marie Di Gregorio
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, December 20th

Wednesday of Week III of Advent

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	+ James A. Brennan
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, December 21st

Thursday of Week III of Advent / Memorial of St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	Marina Paz' Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, December 22nd

Friday of Week III of Advent

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	Nubia Vivas' Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, December 23rd

Saturday of Week III of Advent / Memorial of St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 am	+ Belkis Milagros Del Castillo
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Sunday, December 24th

IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm (Sat)	+ Kathleen Hasselbach — <i>English Vigil</i>
7:00 pm (Sab)	+ Lucia Lepage de Possenti — <i>Vigilia en Español</i>
7:30 am	Maria & Frank Anduiza's 37th Wedding Anniversary
9:00 am	+ Alan Y Hopkins
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	Deceased and Living Members of the Prieto, Perez & Suarez Family
4:00 pm	For the Children of Our Parish Family — <i>Christmas Vigil</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

Sunday	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom) <i>Every other Monday</i> , Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Group (Zoom) Julie Otero, JOtero@vistacolor.com
7:30 pm	Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conference Room) Marcia Iglesias, marcia@amprex.net — <i>Resumes Sept 18th</i>
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room) Juan Guillermo Garcia, jgarcia@msn.com , 786-474-0758

TUESDAYS

6:30 pm	Reaching for a Smile Rosary (St. Joseph Chapel) Maru de Castro, 305-335-4104
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, 786-247-3872
7:30 pm	Talleres — Curso Matrimonial (Morras Conference Room) Eva y Francisco Guia, 305-984-5944, evaguia11@gmail.com
8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room) Felipe Vizcarrondo, fevmd@bellsouth.net

WEDNESDAYS

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

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
7:00 pm	Scouts (STS Cafeteria) St Theresa Pack 16, stspack16@gmail.com
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room) Core Team, contact@littlefloweremmaus.org
7:30 pm	Talleres — Curso de Jovenes (Chapel Conference Room) Arminda Baez — 305-927-3191

FRIDAYS

10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Morras Conference Room) <i>3rd Fridays, Monthly</i> , Katy Dunn, 305-443-5947
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, JanetsyC@bellsouth.net

SATURDAYS

7:00 am	First Saturday Devotion Rosary (Church) <i>1st Saturday, Monthly</i> , Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
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:

"Rejoice always." These are the first two words we hear in the second reading in today's Mass from 1 Thessalonians 5:16. This is indeed a Sunday for rejoicing! Christmas is a week away. We light the third candle on the Advent wreath, and we hear not only those two words from St. Paul, but the entrance antiphon of the Mass tells us every year on this Gaudete Sunday what he tells the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near (Phil 4:4)."

So there is a persistence in the liturgy to focus on joy as we rapidly approach the birth of our Lord. Why is joy so important for the Christian? Well frankly, we would be terrible Christians if we did not carry the joy of Christ in our hearts. The angels during the first Christmas proclaimed to the shepherds "good news of great joy (cf. Luke 2:10)." Joy is what this blessed season all about, and joy is what should be at the center of every Christian heart. St. John Paul II specifically told us that "God made us for joy!"

Speaking of the saints, they are constantly extoling the virtue of joy. I offer you four quotes on joy from the saints for your meditation during this week:

"We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy. It makes us see that Jesus did not come to lay burdens upon us. He came to teach us what it means to be fully happy and fully human. Therefore, we discover joy when we discover truth—the truth about God our Father, the truth about Jesus our Savior, the truth about the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts." – *St. Pope John Paul II*

"Joy is prayer—Joy is strength—Joy is love—Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.... A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen." – *St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

"Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." – *St. Teresa of Avila*

"The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." – *St. John of the Cross*

I love this last quote from St. John of the Cross. These upcoming holy days are indeed days marked by singing carols and hymns. We are uplifted by the music that comes from the heart of our parish liturgical musicians and from our children who sing at our Masses. Let us swim in joy this last week of Advent and be immersed in joy when Christmas comes calling. For as St. Teresa of Avila reminds us in one of the quotes above: "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God."

A friendly reminder: When Christmas Day falls on a Monday, as it does this year, there is always some confusion as to Mass times and when to fulfill the Sunday obligation AND the Christmas obligation. As we seek to swim in Christmas joy and enjoy the fulness of the 4th Sunday of Advent AND of Christmas, here is the simple maxim for next weekend: we have to go to Mass twice over the weekend. As I jokingly announced in one of the Masses last week: there are no "two for one" Masses. To fulfill the Sunday obligation, come to Mass Saturday evening or Sunday morning, and then to fulfill the Christmas obligation, come to Mass starting at 4pm on Sunday evening (Christmas Eve) or Midnight Mass or on Monday (Christmas Day) at any time. Our bulletin editor made it very simple on page 7. We put all the 4th Sunday of Advent Masses in one column and the Christmas Masses on a second column. Go to one Mass from each column, and you will be swimming abundantly in Advent and Christmas joy!

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis queridos amigos,

"Alégrense siempre". Estas son las dos primeras palabras que escuchamos en la segunda lectura de la misa de hoy de 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16. ¡Este es un domingo para regocijarse! Falta una semana para Navidad. Encendemos la tercera vela de la corona de Adviento, y escuchamos no sólo esas dos palabras de San Pablo, sino que la antífona de entrada de la Misa nos dice cada año en este domingo de Gaudete lo que dice a los Filipenses: "Alégrense siempre en el Señor; otra vez digo, regocijense. De hecho, el Señor está cerca (Fil 4:4)".

Por lo tanto, hay una persistencia en la liturgia para enfocarse en la alegría a medida que nos acercamos rápidamente al nacimiento de nuestro Señor. ¿Por qué es tan importante el gozo para el cristiano? Bueno, francamente, seríamos terribles cristianos si no lleváramos el gozo de Cristo en nuestros corazones. Los ángeles, durante la primera Navidad, anunciaron a los pastores "buenas nuevas de gran gozo" (cf. Lc 2:10). El gozo es de lo que se trata esta bendita temporada, y el gozo es lo que debe estar en el centro de cada corazón cristiano. San Juan Pablo II nos dijo específicamente que "¡Dios nos hizo para la alegría!"

Hablando de los santos, están constantemente glorificando la virtud de la alegría. Les ofrezco cuatro citas sobre la alegría de los santos para su meditación durante esta semana:

"Nosotros, que somos cristianos, tenemos otro motivo de alegría: como Jesús, sabemos que somos amados por Dios nuestro Padre. Este amor transforma nuestras vidas y nos llena de alegría. Nos hace ver que Jesús no vino a imponernos cargas. Vino a enseñarnos lo que significa ser plenamente feliz y plenamente humano. Por lo tanto, descubrimos gozo cuando descubrimos la verdad: la verdad acerca de Dios nuestro Padre, la verdad acerca de Jesús nuestro Salvador, la verdad acerca del Espíritu Santo que vive en nuestros corazones". — *San Juan Pablo II*

"El gozo es oración, el gozo es fuerza, el gozo es amor, el gozo es una red de amor por la cual puedes atrapar almas. Un corazón alegre es el resultado inevitable de un corazón que arde de amor. Nunca dejes que nada te llene de tristeza hasta el punto de hacerte

olvidar la alegría de Cristo resucitado." — *Santa Teresa de Calcuta (Madre Teresa)*

"La alegría es el signo más infalible de la presencia de Dios." — *Santa Teresa de Ávila*

"El alma de quien sirve a Dios siempre nada en alegría, siempre tiene vacaciones y siempre está de humor para cantar". — *San Juan de la Cruz*

Me encanta esta última cita de San Juan de la Cruz. Estos próximos días santos son, de hecho, días marcados por el canto de villancicos e himnos. Nos sentimos animados por la música que viene del corazón de los músicos litúrgicos de nuestra parroquia y de nuestros niños que cantan en nuestras Misas. Nadamos en alegría esta última semana de Adviento y cuando llegue la Navidad. Porque como nos recuerda Santa Teresa de Ávila en una de las citas anteriores: "La alegría es el signo más infalible de la presencia de Dios".

Un recordatorio amistoso: Cuando el día de Navidad cae en lunes, como este año, siempre hay cierta confusión en cuanto a los horarios de misa y cuándo cumplir con la obligación dominical y la obligación de Navidad. Mientras buscamos nadar en la alegría navideña y disfrutar de la plenitud del 4º Domingo de Adviento y de la Navidad, aquí está la simple fórmula para el próximo fin de semana: tenemos que ir a Misa dos veces durante el fin de semana. Como anuncié en broma en una de las misas la semana pasada: no hay misas "dos por uno". Para cumplir con la obligación del domingo, venga a Misa el sábado por la noche o el domingo por la mañana, y luego, para cumplir con la obligación de Navidad, venga a Misa a partir de las 4 p.m. el domingo por la noche (Nochebuena) o la Misa del Gallo o el lunes (Día de Navidad) en cualquier momento. Nuestro editor de boletines lo hizo muy simple en la página 7. Ponemos todas las Misas del 4º Domingo de Adviento en una columna y las Misas de Navidad en una segunda columna. ¡Ve a una Misa de cada columna, y estarás nadando abundantemente en la alegría del Adviento y la Navidad!

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,



Building On Our Legacy

We thank all our generous Centennial Campaign donors who have helped push us past the \$7 Million mark in just 3 quick months! As we continue our steady climb to our \$13 Million goal, we encourage **all** our families, friends, parishioners and alumni to consider making a sacrificial pledge/gift so that we can continue building on our legacy as a parish and school.

Work has continued to progress quietly on many of our Centennial projects:

- A project manager has been selected for the STS Multipurpose Center. We welcome PF Management & Construction to the team as they assist in guiding us through the city approvals process and, eventually, through each phase of the building's construction.
- The wood and stain for the new pews has been finalized and a small sample pew is being hand-crafted by New Holland Church Furniture. Once delivered, it will be displayed in the vestibule/entrance of the church.
- The stop list for our new organ has been finalized! The COTLF organ will not only be the first mechanical action pipe organ in South Florida, it will also feature a first-of-its-kind organ engineering in order to make the instrument work in our available balcony space.

Did You Know?

There are only two weeks left to take advantage of an additional year of charitable giving tax deductions! Any **gifts** made to the Centennial Campaign by December 31st will be reflected on your 2023 Parish Giving Statement.

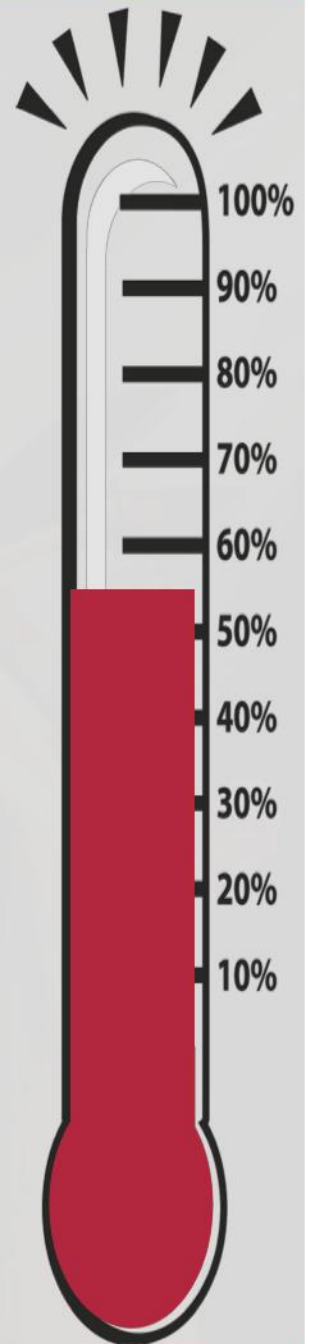
Pledge balance payments may be paid out periodically through all of 2024, 2025, and up to October 2026!



Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$7,308,264 (56.22%)

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



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

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!



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

On Wednesday, December 20th, all our house priests will be available to hear confessions, beginning at 7:00pm, until all penitents have had the opportunity to go to confession.

Advent Night of Reflection / Noche de Reflexión de Adviento

Monday, December 18th • 7:00 pm

Reflection by Fr. Andrew

Miércoles, 20 de diciembre

Misa y Reflexión por el Padre Manny

Misa a las 5:30pm

Reflexión y Hora Santa a las 6:00pm

Confesiones a las 7:00pm

PRAYING WITH THE "O ANTIPHONS" THIS WEEK



From December 17th through December 23rd, the Church sings the "O Antiphons." These beautiful verses are helpful in preparing us for the coming of Christ at Christmas and are a magnificent theology. Using biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament, the O Antiphons proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of our present desires as well. Their repeated use of the desperate cry of "Come!" embodies the perennial longing for Our Savior. As these antiphons are sung in preparation for Christmas, the imagery calls to mind Old Testament passages that speak of the coming of the Savior. The rich Biblical elements not only serve to anticipate our forthcoming Savior, but also reveal characteristics of the New Testament Christ. Each antiphon reveals to us the power and goodness of the One who is to come. In fact, if you take the first letter of each Latin title, beginning with the last (*Emmanuel*) and working backward to the first (*Sapientia*), it spells **ERO CRAS**, which means "Tomorrow I will come" in Latin! Even in the depths of Advent, buried amongst our longing and anticipation, we are gifted with the certainty of Christ's coming.

At 6:30pm each evening this week, we will send out a text/app message with the O Antiphon of the day. As you pray and reflect upon the daily antiphon, may the beauty of the Biblical imagery draw you deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation and the coming celebration of Christmas! If you have not signed up for parish text messages, visit <https://eva.us/cotlf> —Excerpted from www.goodcatholic.com/o-antiphons-an-ancient-cry-for-a-present-christ/

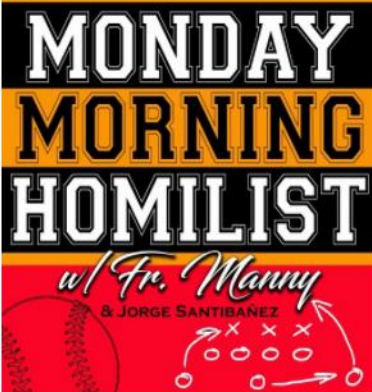


JOIN THE MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

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, 786-258-2037
or Maria Elena Chialastri, mechialastri55@gmail.com, 3059789946



LISTEN TO MMH, THE COTLF PARISH PODCAST!

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

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Music for the 5:30pm Sunday Mass with the Call

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O COME LET US ADORE HIM

As we continue through the 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!

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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, and so much more!

This Advent, the MyParishApp will feature special buttons with Advent reflections and meditations to help you make the most of this holy season as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

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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 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.

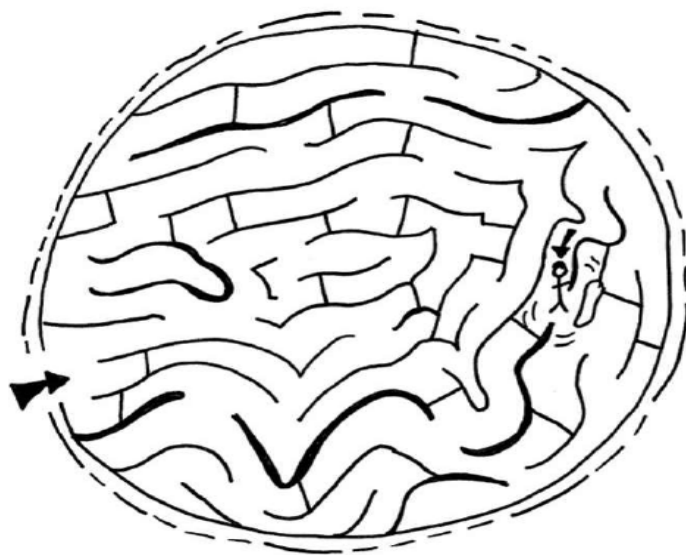
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My soul
rejoices in
my God.

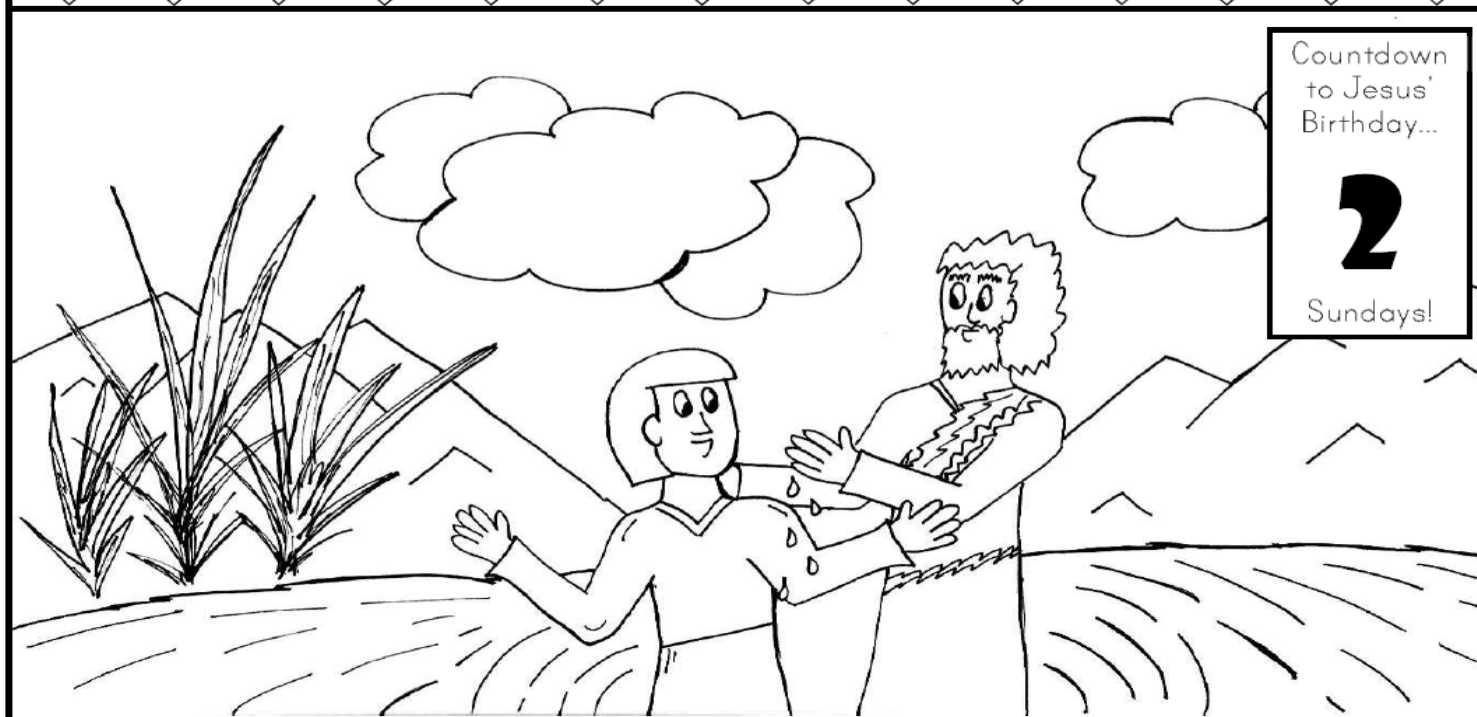
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Today is Gaudete Sunday.
Gaudete means, "To
rejoice." The pink candle
reminds us to rejoice
because Jesus is coming.

Saint Francis Xavier



Saint Francis Xavier
traveled all over the world
taking care of the poor and
teaching about Jesus.



Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...

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Sundays!

Gospel

John the Baptist was a great man and people thought he might be God.
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