



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
Light

December 24th, 2023

*IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHRISTMAS*

*IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
NAVIDAD*



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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 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.

- † Leopold Edward Rodriguez-Iliadis
- † Isabella Andrea Gonzalez



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

- † Alejandro Covarrubias & Diana Olmedilla
- † Lazaro Garcia II & Emely Ruiz
- † Jose Garcia & Elizabeth Quesada
- † Andrew Babeu & Gabriela Rodriguez



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

- † Gisela Gonzalez
- † Lidia Gallo

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.

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- 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 17

Due to early bulletin printing deadlines for the Christmas holiday, the December 17th collection report will be printed in next weekend's bulletin.

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

Sunday, December 24th

IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm Sat	+ Kathleen Hasselbach
7:00 pm Sat	+ Lucia Lepage de Possenti
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 Vigil	For the Children of Our Parish Family

Monday, December 25th

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12 Midnight	For Peace in the World
9:00 am	Goytisol Family
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Jesus Rosales
5:30 pm	Community Mass

Tuesday, December 26th

Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

6:15 am	Murdock Family Intentions
8:00 am	Nagy Family
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, December 27th

Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:15 am	Tourtlotte Family
8:00 am	+ Jose I. Suarez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, December 28th

Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:15 am	+ Gilberto Varela
8:00 am	Rory Lowe
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, December 29th

Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas / Memorial of St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

6:15 am	+ Elena Leon Santibañez
8:00 am	+ Elio and Olympia Nuñez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, December 30th

Sixth within the Octave of Christmas

8:00 am	Living and Deceased Members of The Palenzuela- Fernandez Family
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Sunday, December 31st

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

5:00 pm Sat	+ Emma Hernandez
7:30 am	Emily Morales' Birthday
9:00 am	Intentions of the Sardiñas Family
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Eduardo Rodriguez Arias
5:30 pm	Intentions of the Bango-Hopkins Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24TH, 2023

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
Monday	<i>Vigil Mass:</i> 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 <i>Mass During the Night:</i> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <i>Mass at Dawn:</i> Is 62: 11-12; Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2: 15-20 <i>Mass during the Day:</i> 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
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5-----2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

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:

How can one not be in awe as we behold the marvels of God's love for us?

We gather this Christmas to behold God become vulnerable for us in the Christ child. God not only sent his only Son to redeem humanity, but he took on our humanity to sanctify us, to unite us to the Divine, and to perfect that which our sin had deformed. How can we not be in awe? God becomes totally dependent on a young Virgin and on her husband, a humble Jewish carpenter. The manger elicits a reaction from us: not just the vulnerability of a newborn Child, but the love that surrounds this child from our Blessed Mother and her most chaste spouse.

There in a dark, silent corner of Bethlehem, surrounded by His creation, God humbled himself and took on humanity's fallen state. St. John of the Cross in one of his poem's extolled the grandeur of this moment in an exchange between the Father and the Son right before the Incarnation:

*Now that the time had come
when it would be good
to ransom the bride
serving under the hard yoke
of that law
which Moses had given her,
the Father, with tender love,
spoke in this way:
"Now you see, Son, that your bride
was made in your image,
and so far as she is like you
she will suit you well;
yet she is different, in her flesh,
which your simple being does not have.
In perfect love
this law holds:
that the lover become
like the one he loves;
for the greater their likeness
the greater their delight.
Surely your bride's delight
would greatly increase
were she to see you like her,
in her own flesh".
"My will is yours,"
the Son replied,
"and my glory is
that your will be mine.
This is fitting, Father,
what you, the Most High, say;*

*for in this way
your goodness will be more
evident,
your great power will be seen
and your justice and wisdom.
I will go and tell the world,
spreading the word
of your beauty and sweetness
and of your sovereignty.
I will go seek my bride
and take upon myself
her weariness and labors
in which she suffers so;
and that she may have life,
I will die for her,
and lifting her out of that deep,
I will restore her to you".*

And so it came to pass that the "fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption (Galatians 4:4-5)." There is no greater love story ever written, composed, sung, or thought of as great as the love between our God and humanity. He who is Love Himself created us to love. And when in the beginning that love was rejected and deformed, it was necessary that Love Himself become human to show us how to love.

This Christmas, we are invited to become part of the magnificent exchange between God and his creation that plays out in the manger on that silent night. As Pope Francis told us earlier this month: "Before any Nativity display, even those we make in our own homes, we relive what happened in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago; and this should reawaken in us a longing for silence and prayer, in our often so hectic daily lives. Silence, so as to be able to listen to what Jesus tells us from the unique "cathedra" of the manger. Prayer, to express grateful wonder, tenderness, perhaps the tears that the Nativity scene stirs in us. And in all this, there is the model of Mary: she says nothing, but contemplates and adores." (12/9/23)

We welcome everyone to Little Flower as we gather to share the gift of the Eucharist this Christmas. There is no greater gift! We greet in a special way our visitors, many of whom have traveled great distances to join us for this holy day. We pray that you feel at home in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Your priests and religious sisters wish all of you a Blessed Christmas praying that we all become one with the Divine Child born to us on Christmas Day and be awed by the marvels of God's love.

Merry Christmas!



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis queridos amigos,

¿Cómo no asombrarse al contemplar las maravillas del amor de Dios por nosotros?

Nos reunimos esta Navidad para ver a Dios hacerse vulnerable por nosotros en el niño Jesús. Dios no sólo envió a su único Hijo para redimir a la humanidad, sino que asumió nuestra humanidad para santificarnos, para uniros a lo Divino y para perfeccionar lo que nuestro pecado había deformado. ¿Cómo no estar asombrados? Dios se vuelve totalmente dependiente de una joven Virgen y de su esposo, un humilde carpintero judío. El pesebre provoca una reacción en nosotros: no solo la vulnerabilidad de un niño recién nacido, sino el amor que rodea a este niño de nuestra Santísima Madre y su castísimo esposo.

Allí, en un rincón oscuro y silencioso de Belén, rodeado por Su creación, Dios se humilló a sí mismo y asumió el estado caído de la humanidad. San Juan de la Cruz en uno de sus poemas ensalzaba la grandeza de este momento en un intercambio entre el Padre y el Hijo justo antes de la Encarnación:

*Ya que el tiempo era llegado
en que hacerse convenía
el rescate de la esposa,
que en duro yugo servía
debajo de aquella ley
que Moisés dado le había,
el Padre con amor tierno
de esta manera decía:
-Ya ves, Hijo, que a tu esposa
a tu imagen hecho había,
y en lo que a ti se parece
contigo bien convenía;
pero difiere en la carne
que en tu simple ser no había
En los amores perfectos
esta ley se requería:
que se haga semejante
el amante a quien quería;
que la mayor semejanza
más deleite contenía;
el cual, sin duda, en tu esposa
grandemente crecería
si te viere semejante
en la carne que tenía.
-Mi voluntad es la tuya
-el Hijo le respondía-,
y la gloria que yo tengo
es tu voluntad ser mía,
y a mí me conviene, Padre,
lo que tu Alteza decía,
porque por esta manera*

*tu bondad más se vería;
veráse tu gran potencia,
justicia y sabiduría;
iré lo a decir al mundo
y noticia le daría
de tu belleza y dulzura
y de tu soberanía.
Iré a buscar a mi esposa,
y sobre mí tomaría
sus fatigas y trabajos,
en que tanto padecía;
y porque ella vida tenga,
yo por ella moriría,
y sacándola del lago
a ti te la volvería.*

Y así sucedió que "había llegado la plenitud de los tiempos, y envió Dios a su Hijo, nacido de mujer, nacido bajo la ley, para rescatar a los que estaban bajo la ley, a fin de que recibiésemos la adopción" (Gálatas 4:4-5). No hay historia de amor más grande jamás escrita, compuesta, cantada o pensada tan grande como el amor entre nuestro Dios y la humanidad. Él, que es Amor, nos creó para amar. Y cuando en el principio ese amor fue rechazado y deformado, fue necesario que el Amor mismo se hiciera humano para mostrarnos cómo amar.

Esta Navidad, estamos invitados a formar parte del magnífico intercambio entre Dios y su creación que se desarrolla en el pesebre en esa noche silenciosa. Como nos dijo el Papa Francisco a principios de este mes: "Antes de cualquier nacimiento, incluso los que hacemos en nuestras propias casas, revivimos lo que sucedió en Belén hace más de dos mil años; Y esto debería despertar en nosotros el anhelo de silencio y de oración, en nuestra vida cotidiana, que frecuentemente vivimos agitada. Silencio, para poder escuchar lo que Jesús nos dice desde la singular "cátedra" del pesebre. Oración, para expresar asombro agradecido, ternura, tal vez las lágrimas que el pesebre despierta en nosotros. Y en todo esto, está el modelo de María: ella no dice nada, sino que contempla y adora". (9/12/23)

Damos la bienvenida a todos a Little Flower mientras nos reunimos para compartir el regalo de la Eucaristía esta Navidad. ¡No hay regalo más grande! Saludamos de manera especial a nuestros visitantes, muchos de los cuales han viajado grandes distancias para unirse a nosotros en este día santo. Oramos para que se sienta como en casa en la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. Los sacerdotes y religiosas desean a todos una Bendita Navidad, rezando para que todos seamos uno con el Divino Niño que nació el día de Navidad y nos asombremos de las maravillas del amor de Dios.

¡Feliz Navidad!



Building on Our Legacy

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Thank you, Donors!

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.

With the calendar soon turning to 2024, we hope to be able to sign contracts soon and begin accelerating the work that is needed to have many of our projects completed in time for our Centennial celebrations in 2025–2026. That will only be possible through your generous support! Whether you are a longtime parishioner, a first time visitor to the parish, or have come home to church for Christmas, please consider building on our legacy with a gift to the Centennial Campaign.

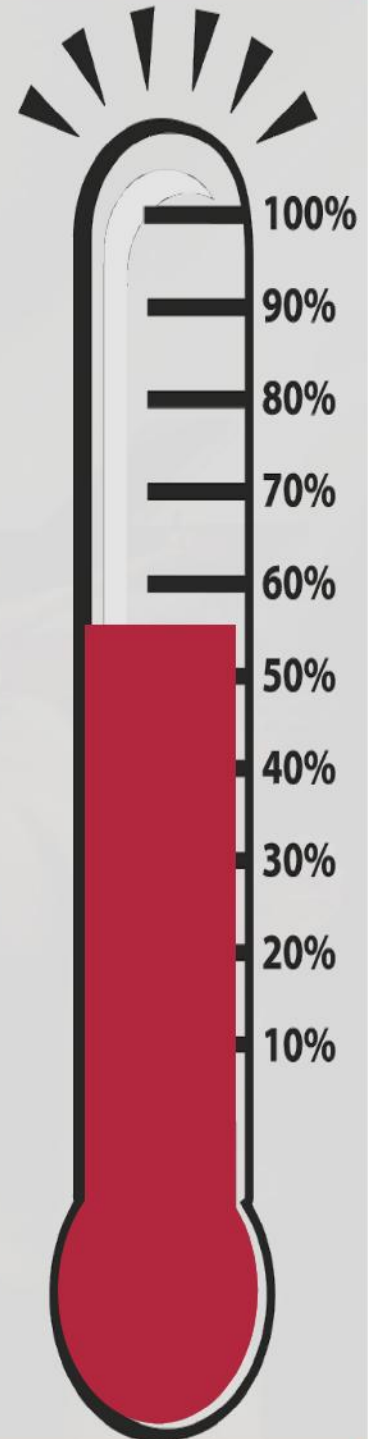
End-of-Year Giving Benefits

This is the final week 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 Giving Statement. Pledge balance payments may be paid out through all of 2024, 2025, and up to October 2026!



Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$7,336,630 (56.44%)
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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

With Christmas landing on a Monday this year, please note you will have to attend Mass twice this weekend, once for IV Sunday of Advent (Column 1) and once for Christmas (Column 2):

** 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

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!

GET FORMED FOR CHRISTMAS!

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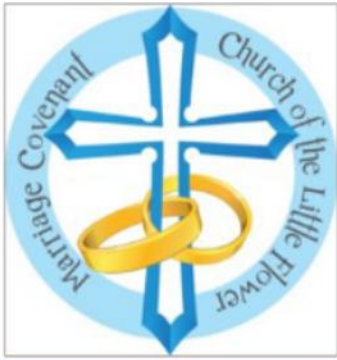
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The Marriage Covenant Experience, taking place weekend of February 9 – 11, 2024, is a retreat where you and your spouse can pause from daily life and reflect upon the importance of marriage, how we can make life happier for ourselves and for our families, 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:

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COTLF's TMIY! Group meets on Tuesday mornings, at 7:45am in Comber Hall.

Scan the QR code to sign up now or contact Rob Lasa for more information, 305-934-7840.



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Los hombres de grupo de Emaus en Español te invitan a un fin de semana lleno de esperanza, renovación y gozo del 8 - 10 de Marzo. El retiro tendrá lugar en Casa Manresa, 12190 SW 56th St. Las solicitudes de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina parroquial o en el sitio web de la iglesia, www.cotlf.org

Para mas información:

Juan, 786-474-0758, Paco 305-632-1019, Jim 305-546-8530 o Yancy 305-989-1256

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

Visit www.cotlf.org/mass or scan the QR code



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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WLEOFPTHEOWLORD

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

KWISIWILLPWISIJ

KWSINGOTHEPGOODNESSOWKEI

Which candles are lit today on the Advent wreath? Color this wreath to match the one at your church.



Hail Mary Maze

Draw a line through the words of the Hail Mary in order. Circle the AMEN that is at the end of the prayer.

HAIL	MARY	TO	ALMIGHTY	MARY	HOLY	HAIL
GREATLY	FULL	IN	SISTERS	MOTHER	OF	GOD
AND	OF	GRACE	GREATLY	SINNER	NOW	AND
IN	MY	THE	HAVE	AT	BLESSED	HAIL
GREATLY	IS	LORD	WHAT	MARY	FULL	OF
ALMIGHTY	WITH	ALMIGHTY	I	GRACE	HOLY	MARY
THEREFORE	THEE	BLESSED	ART	AMONG	HAIL	BLESSED
I	CONFESS	MOST	THOU	AMONG	MARY	HOLY
THE	IS	BLESSED	AND	WOMEN	HAIL	NOW
FRUIT	OF	THROUGH	CONFESS	HOUR	OF	WOMB
VIRGIN	THY	WOMB	JESUS	HOLY	MARY	MOTHER
ALL	GREATLY	YOU	MY	FULL	GRACE	OF
THE	SAINTS	AND	US	FOR	PRAY	GOD
ANGELS	AND	NOW	SINNERS	GRACE	MARY	HOLY
PRAY	AT	THE	HOUR	OF	OUR	DEATH
AMEN	AMEN	AMEN	AMEN	AMEN	AMEN	AMEN

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 of Juan Diego's vision. 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 coat called a tilma. 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...

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Gospel

The angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her that she would give birth to baby Jesus! This is called the Annunciation.



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