



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
Light

March 3rd, 2024

III SUNDAY OF LENT
III DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



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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

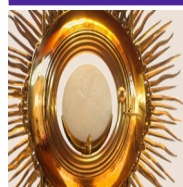
Time	Language
8:00 am	English
5:00 pm	English Vigil

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

Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail
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Contact

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7:15 am - 3:15 pm

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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

- † Lucas Paul Mandell
- † Francesca Xing-Lin Estefan
- † Lucas Alexander Romero
- † David Augustine Romero
- † Maria Lourdes Garrity



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

- † Marc Gabas & Veronica Nuñez
- † Mario Anselmo & Jessica Pastor
- † Juan Miguel Armesto & Arlene Banegas



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

- † Pilar Robles
- † Jose M Pazos

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

FEBRUARY 25TH

Attendance: 2,665

In-Church Collection:	\$12,765
Online Giving Offertory:	\$13,158
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$714
Children's Collection:	\$1,689
Devotional Candles:	\$898
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$239

* Combined in-person and online

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

Grand Total: \$29,464

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

Sunday, March 3rd

III SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm Sat	+ Cristina Parlade
7:30 am	+ Ann Munley
9:00 am	+ Olga Forteza Valdes
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Antero Macias
5:30 pm	+ Lolita Gonzalez

Monday, March 4th

Monday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	For All Students Celebrating First Penance
8:00 am	+ Olga Forteza
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, March 5th

Tuesday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	Rory Lowe
8:00 am	Carlos Chialastri's Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, March 6th

Wednesday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	Beatrice Bango Weinstock
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, March 7th

Thursday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	Ivette Sequeira's Birthday
8:00 am	Barbie Salazar's Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, March 8th

Friday of Week III of Lent

6:15 am	Souls of Purgatory
8:00 am	Delores Wallace
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, March 9th

Saturday of Week III of Lent

8:00 am	+ Pedro Rangel
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Sunday, March 10th

IV SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm Sat	Alejandro Arrabal's Birthday
7:30 am	+ Carmen Maria Espinosa
9:00 am	+ Jose Marnotes
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	Por La Familia Delgado-Ruedolo
5:30 pm	+ Jean Green

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3RD

Sunday	Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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
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,

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:19)

As a priest, so many times I've had to walk with a parishioner who is recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. I am always edified when I see the progress they make when they surrender themselves to the Lord during their recovery. Yet even when they surrender, it is not always easy. Rehab can often get violent. When we are trying to recover from an addiction or a vice, things get messy. So it stands to reason that when we turn away from the vice of sin, the devil will do everything in his power to fight us and cause havoc. But that's when we must let Jesus in and cleanse the temple of our hearts just as cleansed the temple in today's gospel. A few years ago, one of my classmates from seminary, now the Vicar General of the Diocese of St. Augustine, wrote this: "Lord, enter into the temple of my heart and start tossing tables! Banish from my heart whatever does not belong to you!" But Jesus will not force his way into hearts, we have to let him. Sin builds a wall of stone around our hearts that is harder and more stubborn than the stones that made up the old temple. This wall makes us numb to sin. We keep repeating the same mistakes over and over again because we no longer feel remorse, guilt, shame, and are no longer hurt by our sins. Sin eventually will weigh us down to the point that we forget that the mercy of Jesus even exists.

The Opening Prayer or Collect of the Mass today perfectly sums up what the Church is trying to communicate to us this Sunday when it says: "O God...look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy." Sin is like a boulder that we carry on our shoulders. Sin dehumanizes us, makes us weak, and does not let us see the glorious face of our Lord. Is it any

wonder that we need to implore in our prayers to be "lifted up" by God's mercy. We need him to enter into our hearts to cast out all evil as he cast out the merchants in the temple. We need him to take that weight off our shoulders so we can hold our heads high and see his glory. That is why we must avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Confession. The confessional is where things may get messy, but we come out clean as a whistle. Jesus does the dirty work. He will cast out all that is evil. He will toss aside what doesn't belong in our hearts. Lent is the perfect time to cleanse our souls in confession. Make a good Examination of Conscience. Go confess your sins. Feel the power of His mercy. Jesus wants to make something new. He wants to tear down your old self and raise a new man or woman. The only catch is we have to let him in! So as we continue our Lenten journey, ask yourself this question: "Am I going to let Jesus make something new by letting him into my heart?"

I leave you with a simple prayer of surrender. The prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola:

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding
And my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.
Amen.*

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

"Destruid este templo y en tres días lo levantaré".
(Juan 2:19.)

Como sacerdote, muchas veces he tenido que caminar con un feligrés que se está recuperando de la adicción al alcohol o a las drogas. Siempre me edifico cuando veo el progreso que hacen cuando se rinden al Señor durante su recuperación. Sin embargo, incluso cuando se rinden, no siempre es fácil. La rehabilitación a menudo puede volverse violenta. Cuando estamos tratando de recuperarnos de una adicción o un vicio, las cosas se complican. Por lo tanto, es lógico que cuando nos alejamos del vicio del pecado, el diablo hará todo lo que esté a su alcance para luchar contra nosotros y causar estragos. Pero ahí es cuando debemos dejar entrar a Jesús y limpiar el templo de nuestros corazones tal como limpió el templo en el evangelio de hoy. Hace unos años, uno de mis compañeros de seminario, ahora Vicario General de la Diócesis de San Agustín, escribió esto: "¡Señor, entra en el templo de mi corazón y empieza a tirar las mesas! ¡Destierra de mi corazón todo lo que no te pertenece!" Pero Jesús no se abrirá paso en los corazones, tenemos que dejarlo. El pecado construye un muro de piedra alrededor de nuestros corazones que es más duro y obstinado que las piedras que formaban el antiguo templo. Este muro nos hace insensibles al pecado. Seguimos repitiendo los mismos errores una y otra vez porque ya no sentimos remordimiento, culpa, vergüenza y ya no nos lastiman nuestros pecados. Con el tiempo, el pecado nos agobiara hasta el punto de que olvidemos que la misericordia de Jesús existe.

La oración inicial o colecta de la Misa de hoy resume perfectamente lo que la Iglesia está tratando de comunicarnos este domingo cuando dice: "Oh Dios... Mira con gracia esta confesión de nuestra humildad, para que nosotros, que estamos doblegados por nuestra conciencia, seamos siempre levantados por tu misericordia". El pecado es como una roca que llevamos sobre nuestros hombros. El pecado nos deshumaniza, nos debilita y no nos deja ver el rostro glorioso de nuestro Señor. ¿Es de extrañar que tengamos que implorar en nuestras oraciones ser "levantados" por la misericordia de Dios? Necesitamos que entre en

nuestros corazones para echar fuera todo mal como echó fuera a los comerciantes en el templo. Necesitamos que nos quite ese peso de encima para que podamos mantener la cabeza en alto y ver su gloria. Por eso debemos acogernos al sacramento de la confesión. El confesionario es donde las cosas pueden complicarse, pero salimos limpios como un silbido. Jesús hace el trabajo sucio. Él echará fuera todo lo que es malo. Él desechará lo que no pertenece a nuestros corazones. La Cuaresma es el tiempo perfecto para limpiar nuestras almas en la confesión. Haz un buen examen de conciencia. Ve a confesar tus pecados. Siente el poder de Su misericordia. Jesús quiere hacer algo nuevo. Él quiere derribar tu viejo yo y criar a un nuevo hombre o mujer. ¡El único inconveniente es que tenemos que dejarlo entrar! Así que a medida que continuamos nuestro camino de Cuaresma, hazte esta pregunta: "¿Voy a dejar que Jesús haga algo nuevo dejándolo entrar en mi corazón?"

Los dejo con una sencilla oración de entrega.
La oración de San Ignacio de Loyola:

*Toma, Señor, recibe toda mi libertad,
mi memoria, mi entendimiento,
toda mi voluntad,
todo lo que tengo
y todo lo que poseo.
Tú me lo diste todo, Señor;
yo te lo devuelvo todo.
Haz con él lo que quieras,
según te plazca.
Dame, tu amor y tu gracia;
porque con esto
tengo todo lo que necesito.
Amen.*

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

Fr. Alamy



FIRST CONFESSIONS

Over the next two weeks, daily Mass attendees will note the arrival of a flock of "lost sheep" returning to the sanctuary. As is our local custom, following the celebration of First Penance, each of our STS and Rel.Ed. students places a small cotton ball sheep by the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, as a sign and symbol of their return to the Lord through the Grace of Penance.

As you see these hundreds of sheep gathered around the altar, we pray they will inspire you to return to confession this Lenten season.

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

A Lenten Penance Service will be held during Holy Week, but don't wait until then to receive God's Healing Mercy!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, in the church

8:30am in English

6:00pm en Español



RETRO DE EMAUS DE HOMBRES

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

MMH IS BACK FOR SEASON 7!

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*.

Check your favorite Podcast service for new episodes around 11am every Monday!



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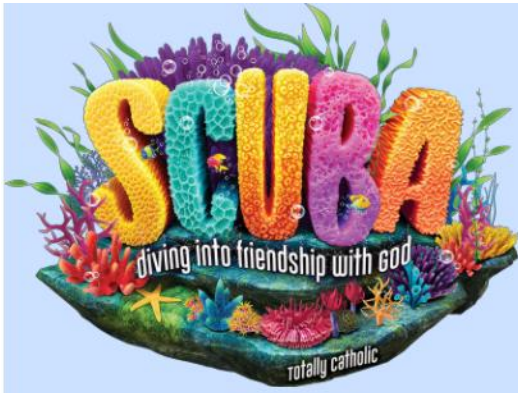
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VBS 2024: SCUBA

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Summer Camp will be back at COTLF from June 17–28, 2024. Your kids are in for a fin-tastic time as they dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Junior Volunteer Applications (Entering 7th Grade and Up) will be open from March 11–22.
Camper Registration (Entering Kinder through 6th Grade) will open on March 18.

We will hit camper capacity quickly so mark your calendars!

Visit www.cotlf.org/VBS to learn more.

*"...hágase según
tu Palabra"*
(Lc. 1, 38)



*Aprende a relacionarte con
Dios Padre, a través de la oración.
Un Dios vivo y personal que
llene de alegría tu corazón y
le dé sentido a tu vida.*



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Contactar a Arminda Baez al 305-927-3191

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Consta de 15 sesiones, una semanal

Inicia el Martes 20 de Febrero a las 9:00am - 11:00am.

Contactar a Carmen Garcia 786-333-4252

Lugar: Church of the Little Flower. - Salon Frente al Santisimo
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COTLF TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE

Pray for Vocations in a special way this Lent.

We need families to sign up to receive the Vocations Chalice (or previous families to sign up again), so that we can resume the Vocations Chalice program here at the parish.

Contact Fr. Andrew to learn more or to be added to the schedule:

frandrew@cotlf.org



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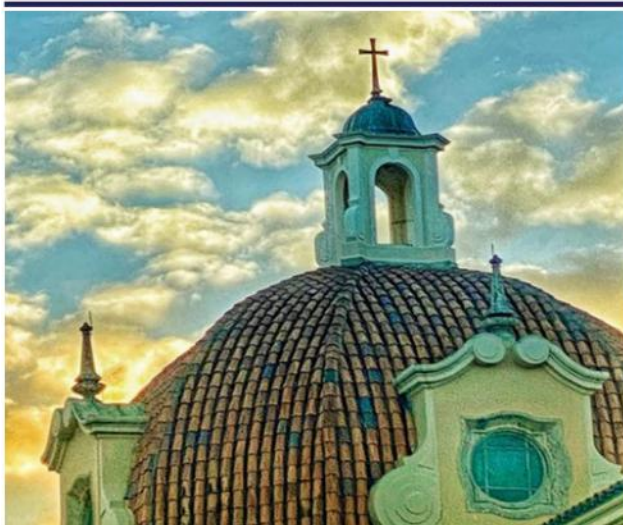
This Lent, the MyParishApp will feature special buttons with Lenten reflections and meditations to help you make the most of this holy season as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Download the App today by searching your device's App Store for MyParishApp, texting "App" to 55321, or by visiting myparishapp.com to download.

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www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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Love is a Decision

5:30pm Sunday Mass Music 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.

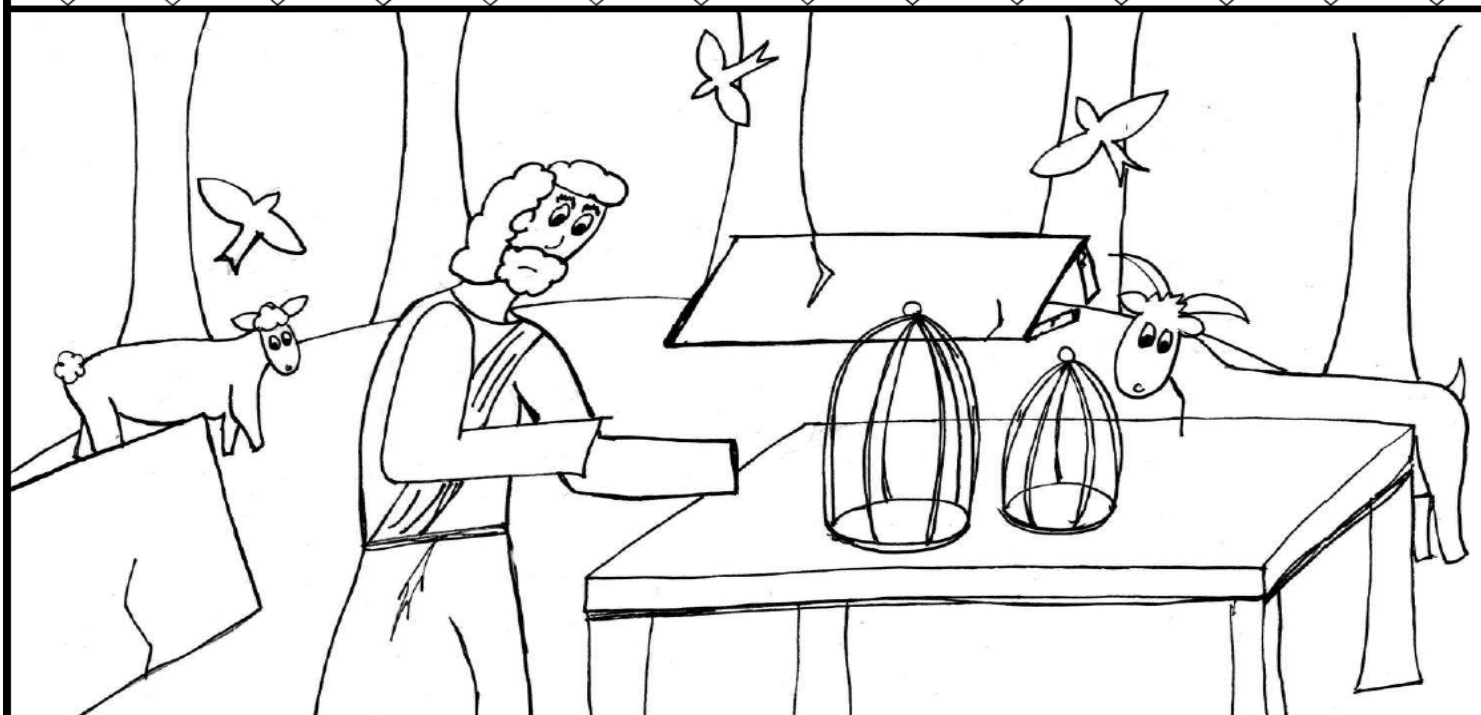
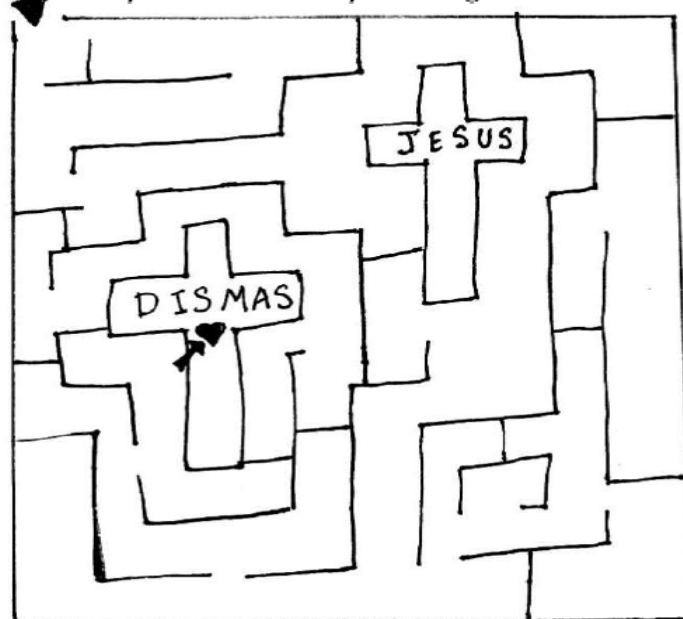
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 Lord, you have
 the words of
 everlasting
 life.
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We don't say, "Alleluia," during Lent. What do you sing before the Gospel instead of the Alleluia?

Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,
 "Jesus, remember me when
 you come into your kingdom."



Gospel
 People were selling sheep and oxen in the temple. Jesus knocked over the tables and told them to stop! He said, "Destroy this house and in three days I will build it up." They thought that He was talking about the temple, but He was talking about Himself! He knew that He would die and rise three days later.





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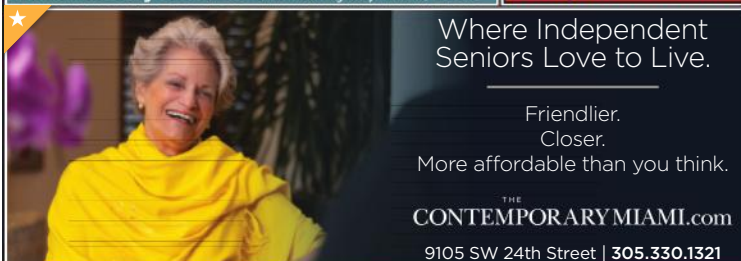
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