



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The
Light

December 22nd, 2024

*IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT
IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO*



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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.

- + Nina Clarisse Salazar
- + Madison Victoria Cepero
- + Daniela Alessandra Figueroa



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

- + Brian Heckman & Allison Pena
- + Jorge Jaramillo & Caitlin Koppenhaver
- + Pedro Bornote & Diana Escobar



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

- + Manuel Gomez Cantillana

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 15, 2024

Attendance:	3,042
In-Church Collection:	\$13,354
Online Giving Offertory:	\$15,723
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$305
Children's Collection:	\$591
Devotional Candles:	\$933
Poor Box/Charities:	\$409

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

Grand Total: \$31,315

Immaculate Conception: \$5,175

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MINISTRIES @ COTLF

Sunday, December 22nd

IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) + Julian Morales
 7:30 am + Roshana Gossoff
 9:00 am Nubia Vivas' Birthday
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
 12:30 pm Cumpleaños de Nubia Vivas
 5:30 pm + Lilian E. Cabrera

Monday, December 23rd

Monday of Week IV of Advent / Memorial of St. John of Kanty, Priest

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Deceased Members of the Davila Family
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Tuesday, December 24th

Tuesday of Week IV of Advent

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Alan Y. Hopkins
 4:00 pm (Vigil) + Joe Ignacio and Ana T. de Castro

Wednesday, December 25th

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- 12:00 am For Peace in the World
 9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of Prieto, Perez and Suarez Families
 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 Murdock Family

Thursday, December 26th

Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Davila & Aguilar Family
 8:00 am + Francisco Civantos
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Friday, December 27th

Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Jose I. Suarez
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Saturday, December 28th

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 8:00 am + Magda Le Cours

Sunday, December 29th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) + Gilberto Varela
 7:30 am Living & Deceased members of the Bango Hopkins Family
 9:00 am Christina Aguilar's Birthday
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
 12:30 pm Intenciones de la Familia Sardiñas
 5:30 pm + Elena Leon Santibanez

THIS WEEK'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

December 22nd – IV Sunday of Advent – Year C, Pg. 706/707

Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday	<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 <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 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
Thursday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Saturday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

SUNDAYS

- 1:30 pm Homeless Ministry Service Days
Date Varies Monthly – homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com

MONDAYS

- 10:00 am Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom)
Every other Monday, 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, jgarciat@msn.com, 786-474-0758

TUESDAYS

- 7:00 am That Man Is You Men's Group (Comber Hall)
 Rob Lasa, [305-934-7840](tel:305-934-7840), rob@lasalinks.com
- 9:00 am Holy Face Devotion (Chapel Conference Room)
 Yamila Sardiñas, ymsard@aol.com
- 7:00 pm OCIA Classes (Cafeteria)
www.cotlf.org/ocia
- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)
 Maria Lopez, [786-247-3872](tel:786-247-3872)
- 8:00 pm English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room)
 Felipe Vizcarrondo, fevmd@bellsouth.net

WEDNESDAYS

- 4p & 6:30p Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)
www.cotlfreligioused.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 de Oracion Carismatico (Morras Conference Room)
 Maru de Castro

THURSDAYS

- 7:45 am Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study (Comber Hall)
 Core Team, STSwalkingwithpurpose@gmail.com
- 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 (Cafeteria)
 St Theresa Pack 16, stspack16@gmail.com
- 7:30 pm Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room)
 Core Team, contact@littlefloweremmaus.org

FRIDAYS

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Morras Conference Room)
3rd Fridays, Monthly, Katy Dunn, [305-443-5947](tel:305-443-5947)
- 6:00 pm American Heritage Girls (Cafeteria) - 2nd & 4th Friday Monthly
- 6:30 pm COTLF Singles Ministry (Cafeteria) - 3rd Friday Monthly
 Alexandra Figueredo, MiamiCatholicSingles@gmail.com
- 8:00 pm English Marriage Covenant (Zoom)
 Janetsy Christensen, JanetsyC@bellsouth.net

SATURDAYS

- 7:00 am First Saturday Devotion Rosary (Church)
1st Saturday, Monthly, Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
- 9:00 am Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Conference Room)
 Please see schedule at www.cotlf.org/baptism



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends:

On Christmas Day, we will hear the great news from the angels: *"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."* (Luke 2:11)

Years ago, I received a Christmas card with this brief poem from the Christian writer and pastor, Max Lucado. It read:

*"Jesus humbled himself.
He went from commanding angels
to sleeping on straw.
From holding stars to clutching Mary's finger.
The palm that held the universe
Took the nail of the soldier.
Why?
Because that's what love does."*

I remember reading it over and over again. This is what love does! When we stop to ponder what Christ actually did for us by becoming a child, it makes us look at the manger scene with more of a sense of wonder. How can our omnipotent God become so fragile, so vulnerable?

This is not how one would envision the King of Kings being born. Not under these circumstances. Not in this place. Yet there he is sleeping in the straw of a manger. Bishop Fulton Sheen once said, "The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it."

Our God, so powerful and mighty, teaches us humility. He teaches us that to show the depths of love we must become vulnerable as well. This is the mystery of Christmas: the meek and the lowly are the ones who are favored by God, for in the silence of a stable in Bethlehem of Judea, the Son

of God was born as a meek, little infant. This child who will be our Savior, our Redeemer, and our King begins the masterful work of our redemption. This is what love does indeed. God becomes a tiny child so that we may become like Him. There is no greater gift we can receive this Christmas.

And therein lies another great mystery about Christmas: God becomes gift for us. On this day when we focus so much on gifts, God himself makes himself a gift for humanity. When I was a child, we would always have our family manger scene under the Christmas tree and my mother would take great care that it wouldn't be obscured by all the presents that would accumulate under the tree. This divine gift that is the Christ child tends to get obscured by so many things. We all have beautiful traditions at home for Christmas with food and gifts and family and friends, but all these traditions should point us back to the reason we gathered in the first place: to Jesus. So many times we let all the clutter of Christmas get in the way of why we celebrate. At a Midnight Mass, Pope Benedict XVI once said: "Let us ask the Lord to help us see through the superficial glitter of this season, and to discover behind it the child in the stable in Bethlehem, so as to find true joy and true light." The shepherds saw past the great spectacle of the angels and knelt before this child. This week we celebrate this Divine Infant who became a gift for us so that we would learn to become a gift for others.

The priests and religious sisters of our parish pray that all of you have a Blessed Christmas filled with the light, the joy, and the peace of Christ, our newborn King!

God Bless You All!



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis queridos amigos,

El día de Navidad, escucharemos las grandes noticias de los ángeles: *"Porque hoy, en la ciudad de David, os ha nacido un salvador, que es el Cristo y el Señor". (Lucas 2:11.)*

Hace años, recibí una tarjeta de Navidad con este breve poema del escritor y pastor cristiano, Max Lucado. Decía:

"Jesús se humilló a sí mismo.

*Pasó de mandar a los ángeles
a dormir sobre paja.*

De sostener estrellas a agarrar el dedo de María.

La palma que sostenía el universo

Tomó el clavo del soldado.

¿Por qué?

Porque eso es lo que hace el amor".

Recuerdo haberlo leído una y otra vez. ¡Esto es lo que hace el amor! Cuando nos detenemos a meditar sobre lo que Cristo realmente hizo por nosotros al convertirse en niños, nos hace mirar la escena del pesebre con un sentido de asombro. ¿Cómo puede nuestro Dios omnipotente volverse tan frágil, tan vulnerable?

Así no es como uno se imaginaría nacer al Rey de Reyes. No en estas circunstancias. No en este lugar. Sin embargo, allí está durmiendo en la paja de un pesebre. El obispo Fulton Sheen dijo una vez: "El mundo podría haber esperado que el Hijo de Dios naciera, si es que iba a nacer, en una posada. Un establo sería el último lugar en el mundo donde uno lo habría buscado. La divinidad siempre está donde uno menos espera encontrarla".

Nuestro Dios, tan poderoso, nos enseña la humildad. Él nos enseña que para mostrar las profundidades del amor también debemos volvernos vulnerables. Este es el misterio de la Navidad: los mansos y los humildes son los favorecidos por Dios, porque en el silencio de un establo en Belén de Judea, el Hijo de Dios nació

como un niño manso y pequeño. Este niño que será nuestro Salvador, nuestro Redentor y nuestro Rey comienza la obra magistral de nuestra redención. Esto es lo que hace el amor. Dios se hace un niño pequeño para que podamos llegar a ser como Él. No hay regalo más grande que podamos recibir esta Navidad.

Y ahí radica otro gran misterio sobre la Navidad: Dios se convierte en regalo para nosotros. En este día en el que nos centramos tanto en los dones, Dios mismo se hace un don para la humanidad. Cuando era niña, siempre teníamos nuestra escena familiar del pesebre debajo del árbol de Navidad y mi madre se cuidaba mucho de que no quedara oscurecida por todos los regalos que se acumulaban debajo del árbol. Este don divino que es el niño Jesús tiende a ser oscurecido por muchas cosas. Todos tenemos hermosas tradiciones en casa para Navidad con comida, regalos, familiares y amigos, pero todas estas tradiciones deberían recordarnos la razón por la que nos reunimos en primer lugar: Jesús. Muchas veces dejamos que todo el desorden de la Navidad se interponga en el camino de por qué celebramos. En una Misa de Medianoche, el Papa Benedicto XVI dijo una vez: "Pidamos al Señor que nos ayude a ver a través del brillo superficial de este tiempo, y a descubrir a él niño en el establo de Belén, para encontrar la verdadera alegría y la verdadera luz". Los pastores vieron más allá del gran espectáculo de los ángeles y se arrodillaron ante este niño. Esta semana celebramos a este Divino Niño que se convirtió en un regalo para nosotros para que aprendiéramos a ser un regalo para los demás.

¡Los sacerdotes y religiosas de nuestra parroquia rezan para que todos ustedes tengan una Navidad bendita llena de la luz, la alegría y la paz de Cristo, nuestro Rey recién nacido!

Dios los bendiga,

Fr. Manny

2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 pm — Children's Christmas

Vigil Mass

11:30 pm — Christmas Musical Prelude

12:00 am — Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 am — English

10:30 am — English

12:30 pm — Español

5:30 pm — English

**MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Tuesday, December 31st

5:30 pm - Español (Vigilia)

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

9:00 am - English

10:30 am - English

12:30 pm - Español

5:30 pm - English

DONATE GIFTS TO THE COTLF GIVING TREE

This is the final weekend that the COTLF Giving Tree will be available at the vestibule/entrance of the church. All gifts will be picked up on Monday, December 23rd

Last year, over 300 gifts were collected and delivered to the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, who distribute them to children and families in need from throughout our local community. An additional batch of donated gifts were also taken down to Peru where they were distributed to the neediest of families as part of the service project of one of our STS alums.

Thank you all for your generosity!



LITTLE FLOWER CONCERT SERIES

CAPILLA FLAMENCA BY SERAPHIC FIRE

On Friday, January 17, 2025, Seraphic Fire, South Florida's GRAMMY®-nominated, professional vocal ensemble, will bring the musical legacy of the historic Capilla Flamenca to life in a stunning tribute to the most glorious choir ever assembled. Led by guest conductor Amanda Quist, 13 unaccompanied singers will perform works of great Renaissance composers. The private chapel choir of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, the *Capilla Flamenca* was an elite group of singers and composers who dazzled the courts and cathedrals of the Holy Roman Empire with their sublime voices, singing both secular and sacred music. Charles V came from a long line of passionate music lovers, and the chapel accompanied him as he traveled his realm extensively to display his power through music. "No other institution had a repertory as rich as that of the *Capilla Flamenca*, and the music they performed represents the great riches of the sixteenth century, the 'Golden Age of Polyphony,'" writes the program's consulting scholar, Honey Meconi of Rochester University.

"Seraphic Fire is one of the only groups that I know who could really perform this," said Quist. "This is not music for any old group. This really requires a very specific skill set. For me, it's like having the most glorious car to drive and with the most glorious music. The audience is going to walk away and say, 'I am now a fan of all of this incredible Renaissance polyphony and just didn't know about it.'"

*A Pre-Concert Conversation will be presented one hour prior to the performance
by Seraphic Fire artist Luthien Brackett.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH — 8:00PM — www.LFConcerts.org





Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial

Thank you, Donors!

With the 2024 calendar year winding to a close, we thank all of our generous Centennial Campaign donors who have helped push us close to the \$9.5 Million Pledge Mark in just under 15 months! As we continue our steady climb to our campaign goal, and with almost 30% of the funds already contributed, 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.

As we turn our attention to 2025, we'll soon start to see the fruits of our labor as many of our dreams and projects move from concept art to reality ahead of the 2026 Centennial celebration. In the coming months, we'll be sharing more details about the work that will be taking place in the church as well as the progress of the STS Multi-Purpose Center plans.

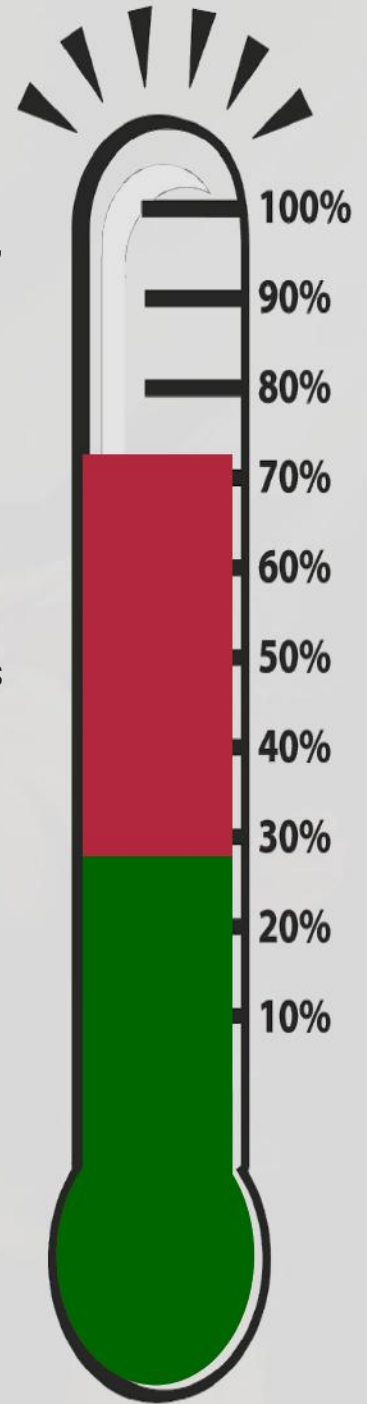
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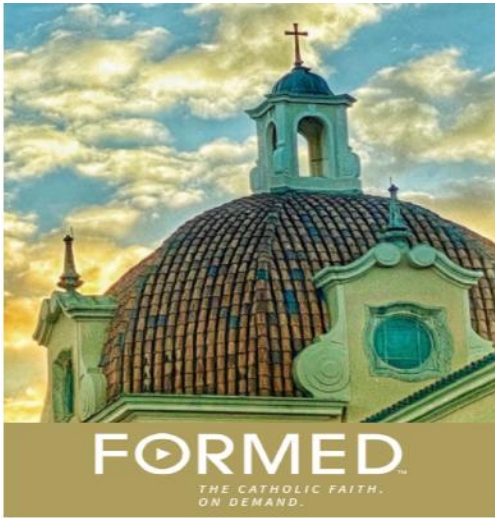
This is the final week to take advantage of charitable giving deductions for your 2024 taxes! Any **gifts** made to the parish by December 31st will be reflected on your 2024 Giving Statement, which will be available in late January.

Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL:	\$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$9,481,987.62 (72.94%)
TOTAL COLLECTED:	\$3,712,077.90 (28.55%)

Updated as of December 16th





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JUBILEE 2025



Archbishop Thomas Wenski, in communion with the universal Church and Pope Francis, invites you to join him for a special

OPENING MASS OF JUBILEE YEAR

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 28, 2024

5:30 p.m.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY
7525 NW 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Please RSVP at
www.adomdevelopment.org/jubilee



Seating is offered on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure to arrive early. For more information, please email events@theadom.org.

MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

February 7–9, 2025 • Comber Hall

The Marriage Covenant a weekend 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. Guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience!

The retreat registration fee is \$150 per couple and is considered a non-refundable donation. All meals, materials, and the use of parish facilities are included in the fee.

Scholarships are available for those who may have difficulty paying. Please let us know if assistance is needed.

For more information, please contact
Vanessa and Ricky Laviña at 305-793-9770.



2025 Catholic Classic Art Calendars

The 2025 Catholic Classic Art Calendars will be distributed at all Masses this weekend (December 21st and 22nd).

We thank our longtime calendar sponsors, *Pilar Hopkins & Associates Realty Inc.*, *The Law Office of Patricia Bango Diaz*, and *SeaChange Solutions, Inc.* for their continued support and we hope you enjoy the beautiful 2025 Calendars!



COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST


Please visit www.cotlf.org/Adoration to view the names of all those added to the Parish Prayer List and keep them in prayer today or 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.



PLORDPMAKEUSTURNTOYOUAI
 BEAWSAVEDPWOTKJ
 Lord, make us
 turn to you; let
 us see your
 face and we
 shall be saved.
 LETUSSEYOURFACEI

ALANDOWKWELSHALLPBKAV

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



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 that Juan Diego had seen Mary. 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 tilma, his coat. 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...



Countdown to Jesus' Birthday...

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 Sunday!

Color by Number

- 1: Pink
- 2: Blue
- 3: Skin tone
- 4: Yellow
- 5: Grey
- 6: Light Blue
- 7: Green



Gospel When Mary found out that she was pregnant with baby Jesus, she went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth is the mother of John the Baptist.



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