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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 (<i>Saturday Vigil</i>)

SUNDAY

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English
7:00 pm	Italiano (<i>1st Sunday, Montefi</i>)

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am in the church.



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:

- Andres Jose Centurion-Martinez



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

- Nelson Arrieta & Isabella Pina
- Randy Vazquez & Lianet Lores
- Daniel Marcet & Danielle Riesco
- Jorge Reyes & Michelle Quinoa



Rest in Peace.
Let us pray for our recently deceased:

- Martha Stockhausen

THE 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.

THE 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

NOV. 16, 2025

Attendance:	2,942
In-Church Collection:	\$ 14,248
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 16,828
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 130
Children's Collection:	\$ 369
Devotional Candles:	\$ 575
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 238
2nd Coll: Human Dev.	\$ 4,706

Thank you for your generosity!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Grand Total: \$32,388

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00 pm (Vigil) + Deceased Members of the Gispert-Lobo Family

7:30 am + Manuel & Vicenta Quintana

9:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family

10:30 am *Missa Pro Populo* - For All Members of Our Parish Family

12:30 pm + Jesus Rosales

5:30 pm Pedro & Nery Heredia

7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

6:15 am Wedding anniversary of Martha and Jorge Luis Pollo

8:00 am + Felix Rodriguez

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

Tuesday of Week XXXIV in Ordinary Time /
Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

6:15 am Catherine Delva's Birthday

8:00 am In Reparation for the Sorrows of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

Wednesday of Week XXXIV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am Marco Chialastri's Birthday

8:00 am + Marina and Raul Combo

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am Intentions of the Murdock family

10:30 am + Mercedes y Rene Naranjo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

Friday of Week XXXIV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am + Alicia Menendez

8:00 am Jacob Kane Hyler

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

Saturday of Week XXXIV in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Alexandra Roeder

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

I SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm (Vigil) + Vicente Diaz Riancho

7:30 am Intentions of John Murdock

9:00 am + Rafael Roche

10:30 am *Missa Pro Populo* - For All Members of Our Parish Family

12:30 pm + Eduardo Rodriguez Arias

5:30 pm For All Who Passed Away This Month

7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

SUNDAYS

Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - *Once Monthly*

Homeless Ministry Service Outing (Varies) - *Once Monthly*

MONDAYS

10:00 am Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conf. Room & Zoom) - *Biweekly*

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 pm Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Chapel Conf. Room)

7:30 pm Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conf. Room)

7:30 pm Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conf. Room)

TUESDAYS

7:45 am That Man is You Men's Group (Parish Office Center)

8:30 am Holy Face Devotion (Church)

7:00 pm OCIA Adult Formation Classes (STS Cafeteria)

7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)

8:00 pm English Charismatic Prayer (Chapel Conf. Room)

WEDNESDAYS

4:00 & 6:30 pm Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)

7:30 pm Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)

8:00 pm Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conf. Room)

8:00 pm Oración Carismática en Español (Morras Conf. Room)

THURSDAYS

7:45 am Walking with Purpose Women's Group (Cafeteria)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Comber Hall) - *Once Monthly*

7:00 pm Schola Cantorum / Parish Choir (STS Music Room)

7:00 pm Scouts (Cafeteria)

7:30 pm Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)

FRIDAYS

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Reilly Conf. Room) - *3rd Friday*

6:00 pm American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - *2nd & 4th Friday*

6:30 pm Singles Ministry (STS Cafeteria)

8:00 pm Marriage Covenant (Zoom)

SATURDAYS

7:00 am First Saturday Devotion / Rosary (Church)

9:00 am Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Parish Center)

OTHER MINISTRIES

Grieving with Great Hope Bereavement Ministry

Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, EMHCs, Lectors, Ushers)

Greyed out ministries are not currently meeting.

Visit www.cotlf.org/ministries for more details about each group.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Christ the King / Cristo Rey

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Sunday	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6, 7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

My Dear Friends,

What an amazing Eucharistic celebration we had last week to celebrate our school's centennial. We had well over 1,200 people join us on the school grounds for Mass and a historical walk. I thank all our alumni for coming to this once in a century celebration and thank all our school parents, teachers, and staff who worked so hard to make the School Centennial Mass one of the most memorable events in the history of our school. God reward all of you for your loving service.

In 1925, the same year the school was founded, Pope Pius XI instituted a new solemnity that we celebrate today: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The pope's reasons were twofold: to combat the totalitarianism and the over pietism that existed at the time. Pope Pius was seeing the state become the dominant figure in many societies, so he wanted to emphasize that Jesus Christ was the only King of our lives, and he could not be replaced by a state, a person, or an ideology. Communism and Fascism were on the rise with Nazism in its infancy, so the people were reminded of Christ's kingship in their daily lives and to not allow an ideology to replace Christ. Those three "-isms" have fallen into "the ash heap of history," but have been replaced with other "-isms" like materialism and secularism. We live in a world where God isn't relevant, necessary, or even acknowledged. This is why today's feast is so important because we need to be reminded that Jesus is King!

Last week I wrote in this space about Christians persecuted in different parts of the world. Our Holy Father this past week mentioned Christians persecuted in Nigeria. Needless to say, it is not safe to worship Jesus Christ in some parts of the world. Yet many still go to worship Christ their King in spite of adversity even if it may cost them their lives as it has for so many martyrs during the history of the Church. Martyrs like Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, whose feast we celebrate on November 23, who died during the Cristero War in Mexico in the 1920's right around the time this solemnity of Christ the King began to be celebrated. The Church was under great persecution in Mexico and Father Miguel, a Jesuit priest, was arrested and executed under false charges. While he was being executed he, as well as many who died during those times, proclaimed, "Viva Cristo Rey! (Long live, Christ the King!)" Those words should not only be on our lips, but engraved in our hearts every single day. Christ must reign in our hearts so that we might make his kingdom known to all even in the face of adversity. It is getting harder to be a Christian, but this is why Pope Pius XI instituted this great solemnity: to remind us that no matter what adversity we may face, Jesus Christ is King!

God Bless You All,

Fr. Manny



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

¡Qué maravillosa celebración eucarística tuvimos la semana pasada para conmemorar el centenario de nuestra escuela! Más de 1,200 personas nos acompañaron en el recinto escolar para la misa y un recorrido histórico. Agradezco a todos nuestros exalumnos por asistir a esta celebración única en un siglo y a todos los padres, maestros y personal de la escuela que trabajaron arduamente para que la Misa del Centenario fuera uno de los eventos más memorables en la historia de nuestra escuela parroquial. Que Dios los bendiga a todos por su amoroso servicio.

En 1925, el mismo año en que se fundó la escuela, el Papa Pío XI instituyó una nueva solemnidad que celebramos hoy: Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Las razones del Papa fueron dos: combatir el totalitarismo y el excesivo pietismo que existían en aquel entonces. El Papa Pío veía cómo el Estado se convertía en la figura dominante en muchas sociedades, por lo que quiso enfatizar que Jesucristo era el único Rey de nuestras vidas y que no podía ser reemplazado por un Estado, una persona o una ideología. El comunismo y el fascismo estaban en auge, y el nazismo en sus inicios, por lo que se les recordaba a las personas la realeza de Cristo en su vida diaria y la importancia de no permitir que una ideología lo reemplazara. Esos tres «ismos» han quedado relegados al olvido, pero han sido reemplazados por otros «ismos» como el materialismo y el secularismo. Vivimos en un mundo donde Dios no es relevante, necesario ni siquiera reconocido. Por eso la fiesta de hoy es tan importante, porque necesitamos recordar que Jesús es Rey.

La semana pasada escribí en este espacio sobre los cristianos perseguidos en diferentes partes del mundo. Nuestro Santo Padre mencionó la semana pasada a los cristianos perseguidos en Nigeria. Huelga decir que no es seguro adorar a Jesucristo en algunas partes del mundo. Sin embargo, muchos siguen acudiendo a adorar a Cristo, su Rey, a pesar de la adversidad, incluso si ello les cuesta la vida, como ha sucedido con tantos mártires a lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia. Mártires como el Beato Miguel Agustín Pro, cuya fiesta celebramos el 23 de noviembre, quien murió durante la Guerra Cristera en México en la década de 1920, justo cuando se empezó a celebrar esta solemnidad de Cristo Rey. La Iglesia sufría una gran persecución en México y el Padre Miguel, sacerdote jesuita, fue arrestado y ejecutado bajo falsas acusaciones. Mientras era ejecutado, él, al igual que muchos otros que murieron en aquella época, proclamó: «¡Viva Cristo Rey!». Estas palabras no solo deben estar en nuestros labios, sino grabadas en nuestros corazones cada día. Cristo debe reinar en nuestros corazones para que podamos dar a conocer su reino a todos, incluso ante la adversidad. Cada vez es más difícil ser cristiano, pero por eso el Papa Pío XI instituyó esta gran solemnidad: para recordarnos que, sin importar la adversidad que enfrentemos, ¡Jesucristo es Rey!

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

Fr. Manny



Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial



On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

her relics will be here at the parish from December 2nd—4th!

Tues, December 2	Weds, December 3	Thurs, December 4
11:00am Arrival and Welcome by School Children	6:15am Daily Mass	6:15am Daily Mass
11:30am – 5:15pm Public Veneration	6:45am – 7:45am Public Veneration	6:45am – 7:45am Public Veneration
5:00pm Rosary	8:00am Daily Mass	8:00am Daily Mass
5:30pm Spanish Daily Mass	8:45am – 11:00am Church Closed for School Mass	8:30am – 9:30am Public Veneration
7:00pm Welcome Mass with Archbishop Wenski	11:00am – 5:15pm Public Veneration	9:45am Farewell Ceremony
8:00pm – 6:00am Public Veneration	5:00pm Rosary	10:00am Departure of Relics
	5:30pm Spanish Mass	
	7:00pm Holy Hour and Carmelite Reflection	
	8:00pm – 6:00am Public Veneration	

Learn more about the relics
USA visit and the full schedule
of Miami events at
<https://stthereseusa2025.com>





CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER &
ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2025 PARISH FAIR

THE 2025 COTLF-STS PARISH FAIR,
PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE INDA-ROMERO LAW FIRM
IS NOW JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY!!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

6:00 - 11:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

3:00 - 11:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

12:00 - 8:00 PM

RIDE BRACELETS AND FOOD TICKETS PRE-SALE

The Parish Fair Pre-Sale is open through Tues, December 2nd, with an opportunity to get 3-day ride bracelets (only available during pre-sale) or 1-Day bracelets and Food Tickets at the discounted rates!

VIP PARKING

Save yourself the trouble of hunting for a parking spot by purchasing a VIP Parking Pass, with exclusive access to the faculty parking lot along Sevilla Ave for all 3 days of the Parish Fair.

Only a limited number of spots are available, so secure your space now!

PARISH FAIR RAFFLE

Our annual Parish Fair Raffle is back with more amazing prize packages and the return of the highly competitive STS Grade Level Mini-Contest, where our top four best-selling grade levels will celebrate victory with some special class parties. Buy your raffle tickets today and help one of our grade levels climb to the top of the leader board!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WITH THE CARMELITES

Join our Carmelite Sisters for some Christmas crafts and caroling during this 40-minute interactive experience on Saturday, December 6th, at 4:00pm and 5:00pm! Drop off your child at the STS Cafeteria for this special event which includes snacks and refreshments for all participants.

Each session is open to children ages 3-10 and will be limited to 50 kids per session.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Be at the blacktop dining area on Sunday, December 7th at 3:30pm as Santa makes a special visit to the Fair! The Coral Gables Fire Department is giving him a special ride as he comes to see YOU.

A special family photo opportunity will be available after his arrival.

Visit www.parishfair.org to learn about all we have to offer
at the 2025 COTLF-STS Parish Fair!



THANKSGIVING DAY SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on
Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

We will celebrate a special Mass schedule for Thanksgiving Day:
8:00 am — English 10:30am — Bilingual

Before you gather around your dinner table as a family, come and gather
around the Altar as a parish! Let us give thanks to God for His abundant
blessings in our lives and here at COTLF.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE

Join us on Monday, December 1st at 7:00pm on the front
lawn of the church/Comber Hall for the annual blessing of
our outdoor nativity scene, which stands as a beautiful
reminder to always keep Christ at the center of Christmas.
A light social reception will follow immediately afterwards in
the foyer of Comber Hall with cookies and hot chocolate
for all kids, “from 1 to 92!”

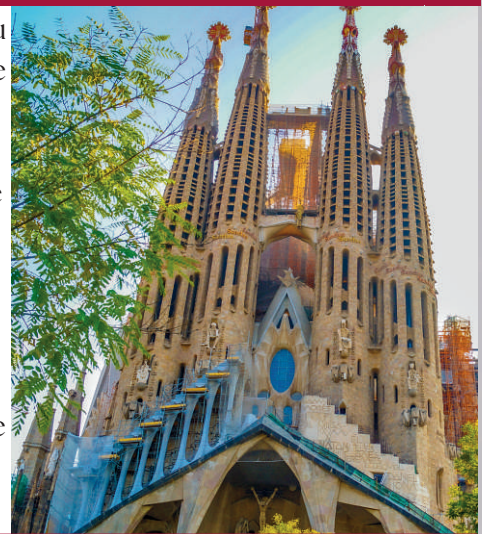


CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE AND SPAIN JUNE 21 - JULY 1, 2026



The Church of the Little Flower invites you
to journey through faith and history to the
hometown of our patroness during our
Centennial celebration year! Join us in
France and Spain this summer, under the
spiritual direction of Fr. Manny Alvarez,
as we visit Paris, Lisieux, Alencon, Tours,
 Lourdes, Carcassonne, Montserrat, and
 Barcelona. More details coming soon!

To be added to the information list, please
contact Mrs. Ivonne Davila:
(305) 446-9950, Ext 302 or idadila@cotlf.org





'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Seraphic Fire celebrates a candle-lit Christmas singing timeless carols – The First Noel, Joy to the World, Silent Night – and a musical presentation of the famed 1823 American poem “’Twas the night before Christmas.” Join Conductor James Bass and Seraphic Fire for an a cappella program featuring audience-favorite Christmas classics, including O Come All Ye Faithful and Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

FRI, DEC 12, 8:00 PM, CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

A Pre-Concert Conversation will be presented one hour prior to the performance. Tickets are on sale now at LFConcerts.org

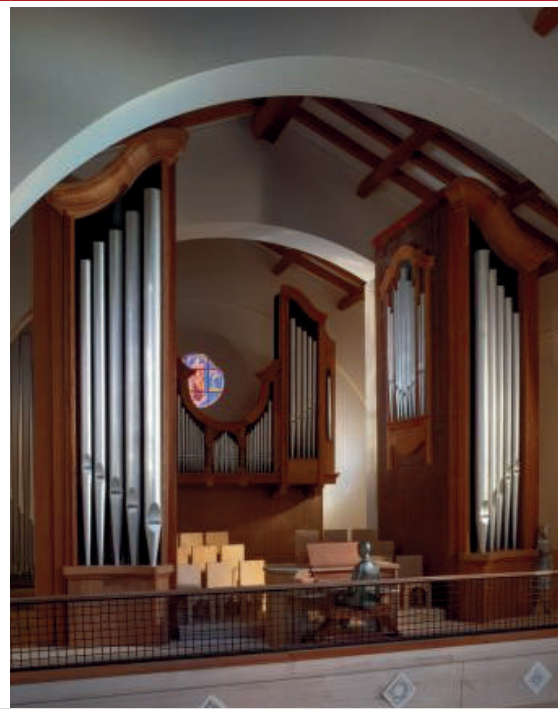
PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO BOSTON FOR THE GRAND UNVEILING OF FISK OPUS 166!

January 9-11, 2026

Join Father Manny and a few members of our staff as we travel to Boston / Gloucester, Massachusetts to celebrate the completion of our centennial pipe organ, Fisk Opus 166!

We are currently working on an itinerary which will include visits to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the Fisk Organ at the Memorial Chapel at Harvard University, and the CB Fisk workshop for the Opus 166 Open House, where visitors will have the opportunity to see the new organ fully constructed and hear it played publicly for the very first time.

If you are interested in joining us on this unique parish pilgrimage, please contact Ivonne Davila at the Parish Office to be placed on the waiting list until trip details are finalized.



HOMELESS MINISTRY NOVEMBER COLLECTION

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in our ministry's November 2025 Parish Collection & Donation Drive benefiting the Missionaries of Charity shelter in Miami. We will be collecting the following items:

Canned & Dry Non-Perishable Foods: Large canned items ideally from Gordon Food Service that could be used to stock up the Missionaries of Charity's kitchen pantry. They feed hundreds of homeless a day through their kitchen located in the shelter. Desired donations include large cans of tomato sauces, pastas, rice bags, green beans, corn and other canned vegetables. They also need iced tea powder, small sugar packets and instant coffee.

Cleaning Supplies: kitchen dish soap, degreaser, Clorox/bleach, disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer.

All items can be dropped off **ONLY** during the following masses at the COTLF Homeless Ministry Donation Collection Area that will be set up at the entrance of the church:
Saturday, Nov 29 (Evening Mass) Sunday, Nov 30 (All Sunday Masses)

For more information please email: homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com

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Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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Next Sunday is the beginning of a new season. What is that season called?

Saint Cecilia

Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians.

Saint Cecilia sang songs of love for Jesus. Listen to the music in church today. Do any of the songs sing about love?

When you sing, pray to God and tell Him that you love Him!



Can you find all the instruments in this picture? There is an organ, a harp, and a guitar!

















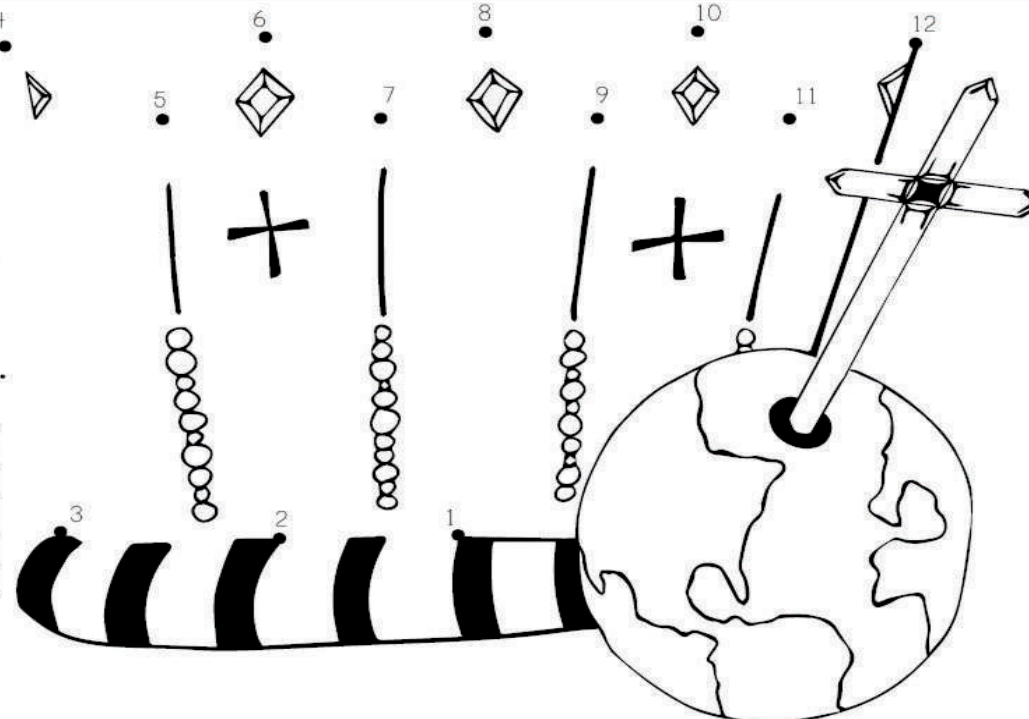


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