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DECEMBER 28, 2025

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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 - RETILLY 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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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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



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



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

- Glauco Miguel Avila Guevara

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.

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Parishioners have the option of signing up for OSV Online Giving in order to make automatic contributions via a credit/debit card or electronic funds transfer.

This is an easy, fast, safe, and secure way to support the ongoing work and mission of the parish!

Signing up for Online Giving is different than registering as a parishioner in our main database.

If you are interested in registering as parishioner,
please visit www.cotlf.org/register first,
and then optionally sign up for Online Giving afterwards.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Maggie Brown
7:30 am	Scott Pearson's Birthday
9:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Eduardo Rodriguez Arias
5:30 pm	Intentions of the Sardiñas Family
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

5th Day Within the Octave of Christmas

6:15 am	Intentions of the Greer Family
8:00 am	Christina Aguilar's Birthday
5:30 pm	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

6th Day Within the Octave of Christmas

6:15 am	+ Emma Hernandez
8:00 am	+ Gladys Laviña
5:30 pm	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

7th Day Within the Octave of Christmas

6:15 am	+ For All Who Passed Away This Month
8:00 am	Living and Deceased Members of the Bango-Hopkins Family
5:30 pm (Vigil)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am	For the Holy Father's Intention
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	Intenciones de la Familia Murdock
5:30 pm	+ Ernesto Renella Ernesto Renella

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

6:15 am	Katy Puig's Health
8:00 am	For All Parish Benefactors
5:30 pm	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD

Christmas Weekday / Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am	+ Libby Sheeran
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Gabriel Sanchez
7:30 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
9:00 am	+ Jason Karborani
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Irma Rosado
5:30 pm	+ Juan Jimenez
7:00 pm (Italian)	+ Valeria Gagnoni

SUNDAYS

11:30 am	Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - <i>Once Monthly</i>
1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Outing (Varies) - <i>Once Monthly</i>

MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conf. Room & Zoom) - <i>Biweekly</i>
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) - <i>Once Monthly</i>
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) - <i>3rd Friday</i>
6:00 pm	American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - <i>2nd & 4th Friday</i>
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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Year A, Missal Pages 120-124

Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday	Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

I pray you had a beautiful Christmas Day, but the season continues for another two weeks. How blessed are we? The world may move on and start taking down their trees and their decorations, but as a Church, we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord until the feast of his baptism.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and I want share with you an excerpt of one of the best homilies ever given on the Holy Family, which wasn't given on this day, but was given in Nazareth by Pope St. Paul VI on his visit to the Holy Land in 1964. I invite you to reflect on these words and to pray for the sanctity of all of our families.

God bless you all,

At Nazareth our very first thoughts must be turned toward Mary Most Holy, to offer her the tribute of Our devotion and to nourish that devotion with reflections that will make it genuine, profound and unique, in conformity with the plan of God. It is Mary who is full of grace, who is the Immaculate, the ever-virgin, the Mother of Christ and hence God's Mother and ours, she who was assumed into heaven, our most blessed Queen, the model for the Church and our hope.

Before all else We offer Our humble filial promise to venerate her with that special devotion which recognizes the wonders God has accomplished in her; with singular homage manifesting the most holy, pure affectionate, personal and confident movements of Our Heart; with such devotion as causes her encouraging example of human perfection to shine upon the world from on high.

Then we present to her Our requests for what is closest to Our heart, because We wish to honor both her goodness and the power of her love and intercession. We pray that she may preserve in our hearts a sincere devotion to her. We beg her to give us understanding, desire, and then the peace of possessing purity of body and soul, purity in thought and word, art and love; the purity that the world of today attempts to shock and violate; the purity to which Christ has linked one of His promises, one of His beatitudes, that of penetrating into the vision of God Himself.

We ask therefore the favor of joining Our Lady, mother of the home at Nazareth, and her humble but courageous husband St. Joseph, in their intimacy with Jesus Christ, her human and divine Son.

Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus. It is the school of the Gospel. Here we learn to observe, to listen, to meditate, and to penetrate the profound and mysterious meaning of that simple, humble, and lovely manifestation of the Son of God. And perhaps we learn almost imperceptibly to imitate Him. Here we learn the method by which we can come to understand Christ. Here we discover the need to observe the milieu of His sojourn among us – places, period of time, customs, language, religious practices, all of which Jesus used to reveal Himself to the world. Here everything speaks to us; everything has meaning. (Pope St. Paul VI, 1/5/64)



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Espero que hayan tenido una hermosa Navidad, pero la temporada continúa durante dos semanas más. ¡Qué afortunados somos! El mundo puede seguir adelante y empezar a quitar sus árboles y decoraciones, pero como Iglesia, seguimos celebrando el nacimiento de nuestro Señor hasta la fiesta de su bautismo.

Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, y quiero compartir con ustedes un fragmento de una de las mejores homilias jamás pronunciadas sobre la Sagrada Familia, que no fue pronunciada en este día, sino en Nazaret por el Papa San Pablo VI durante su visita a Tierra Santa en 1964. Los invito a reflexionar sobre estas palabras y a orar por la santidad de todas nuestras familias.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

Fr. Manny

En Nazaret, Nuestro primer pensamiento se dirigirá a María Santísima: para ofrecerle el tributo de Nuestra piedad y para nutrir esta piedad con aquellos motivos que deben hacerla verdadera, profunda, única, como los designios de Dios quieren que sea: a la Llena de Gracia, a la Inmaculada, a la siempre Virgen, a la Madre de Cristo —Madre por eso mismo de Dios— y Madre nuestra, a la que por su Asunción está en el cielo, a la Reina, beatísima, modelo de la Iglesia y esperanza nuestra.

En seguida le ofrecemos el humilde y filial propósito de quererla siempre venerar y celebrar, con un culto especial que reconozca las grandes cosas que Dios ha hecho en Ella, con una devoción particular que haga actuar nuestros afectos más piadosos, más puros, más humanos, más personales y más confiados, y que levante en alto, por encima del mundo, el ejemplo y la confianza de la perfección humana;

Y en seguida, le presentaremos nuestras oraciones por todo lo que más llevamos en el corazón, porque queremos honrar su bondad y su poder de amor y de intercesión:

— la oración para que nos conserve en el alma una sincera devoción hacia Ella,

— la oración para que nos dé la comprensión, el deseo, la confianza y el vigor de la pureza del espíritu y del cuerpo, del sentimiento y de la palabra, del arte y del amor; aquella pureza que hoy el mundo no sabe ya cómo ofender y profanar; aquella pureza a la cual Jesucristo ha unido una de sus promesas, una de sus bienaventuranzas, la de la mirada penetrante en la visión de Dios;

— y la oración de ser admitidos por Ella, la Señora, la Dueña de la casa, juntamente con su fuerte y manso Esposo San José, en la intimidad de Cristo, de su humano y divino Hijo Jesús.

Nazaret es la escuela de iniciación para comprender la vida de Jesús. La escuela del Evangelio. Aquí se aprende observar, a escuchar, a meditar, a penetrar en el sentido, tan profundo y misterioso, de aquella simplísima, humildísima, bellísima manifestación del Hijo de Dios.

Casi insensiblemente, acaso, aquí también se aprende a imitar. Aquí se aprende el método con que podremos comprender quién es Jesucristo. Aquí se comprende la necesidad de observar el cuadro de su permanencia entre nosotros: los lugares, el templo, las costumbres, el lenguaje, la religiosidad de que Jesús se sirvió para revelarse al mundo. Todo habla. Todo tiene un sentido. (Papa San Pablo VI, 1/5/64)



MASSSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, December 31st
5:30 pm — Vigilia en Español

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

9:00 am — English Mass

10:30 am — English Mass

12:30 pm — Misa en Español

5:30 pm — English Mass



MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

March 13 - 15, 2026 • 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? What role does God play in our everyday lives? The retreat weekend is 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:

Jorge & Lissette Riera, drlissetteriera@gmail.com, 786-258-2037



WOMEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

February 20 - 22, 2026 • STS Cafeteria

The Women's Emmaus Ministry warmly invites you to join us for our next retreat. Picture yourself enjoying a weekend brimming with joy, hope, and renewal. Connect with new friends and deepen your relationship with God in a serene and loving environment. You will be pampered, cherished, and surrounded by love every step of the way. Don't miss this opportunity to rejuvenate your spirit and experience a beautiful transformation.

Come to our Emmaus retreat and find a renewed sense of purpose and peace.

Scan the QR Code to Register!

Registration is \$200.00 per person and includes room, meals and program.

For more information, please contact:

Estibaliz Diez, Estibalizdiez@hotmail.com, (786) 973-4250

Lizzeett Sobalvarro at lizzeetts@bellsouth.net, 305-726-7650



COTLF IS HIRING!

Church of the Little Flower is seeking to hire a full time Parish Finance Manager. This professional reports directly to the Pastor and is responsible for supporting the Pastor in planning, directing, and coordinating all of the financial operations of the parish. Candidates will perform all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Archdiocese of Miami and COTLF.

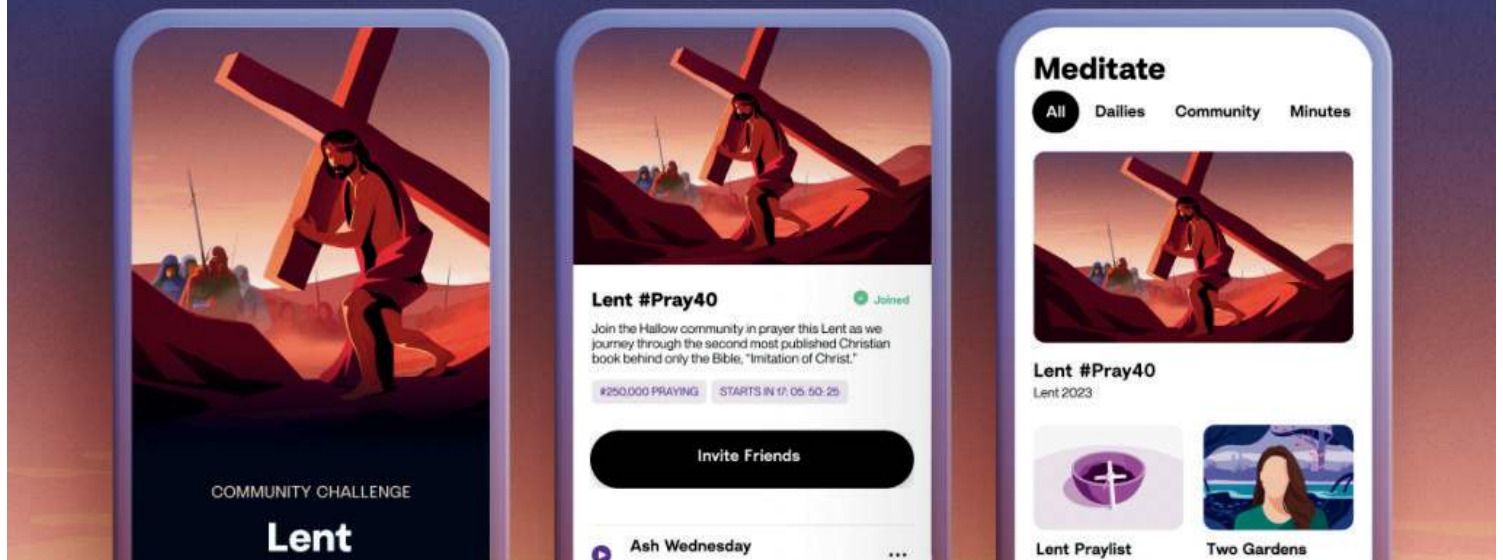
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Since we started praying together as a parish on the Hallow Prayer App in August 2025, COTLF Parishioners have completed over 31,000 prayers, logging over 310,000 minutes of prayer for one another and their special intentions!

As we begin 2026, make it a New Year's Resolution to become more consistent in your prayer life. Join the COTLF Parish Page on the Hallow Prayer App to gain access to simple prayers you can add to your daily routine, special parish prayer challenges which we'll launch around major feasts and celebrations, and so much more! Parishioners can stay on the free plan for access to the primary prayer features or can optionally subscribe to the premium plan with a special parishioner discount when you join the Parish Page. Sign up now on the Hallow App on your device or at Hallow.com!





Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial

A LOOK AHEAD AT 2026

Save the date for these special Centennial celebration events throughout the year ahead!

- Sunday, January 25th - STS Pig-Nic & Kickoff of Catholic Schools Week
- February 2026 - Arrival of Fisk Opus 166 and Community Unloading of the Truck
- Friday, February 6th - Cork & Fork Food & Wine Festival
- Friday, February 20th - Seraphic Fire Spring Concert
- Sunday, April 5th - COTLF's 100th Easter Sunday & the Debut of the New Pipe Organ
- Thursday, October 1st - Parish Feast Day
- Sunday, October 3rd - COTLF's Centennial Celebration Mass with the Archbishop
- Saturday, October 9th - Seraphic Fire Fall Concert
- Saturday, October 17th - COTLF Centennial Gala
- Saturday, October 24th - COTLF Centennial Organ Concert

2025 CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY LETTERS

The annual Charitable Contribution Summary letters will be going out to all parishioners who donated a minimum of \$250 throughout the 2025 calendar year by late January 2026.

As we close out the year, now is a perfect time to make an end-of-year gift to maximize your tax deductions. Whether you are making a new gift or paying off a pledge, all gifts received by December 31st will be included in the 2025 letters.

THANK YOU, DONORS!

We are grateful to all our campaign donors who have made work on the Centennial projects possible! If you would like to set up a new pledge, increase your current pledge, give a new gift, restart your contributions, or check the status of your campaign giving, please contact Ashley Dominguez, Parish Director of Development, at ADominguez@cotlf.org • 305-446-9950, Ext 309



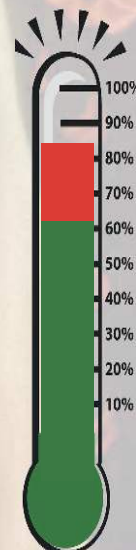
CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$10,970,425.43 (84.39%)

TOTAL GIVEN: \$8,040,575.55 (61.85%)

Updated as of December 19th



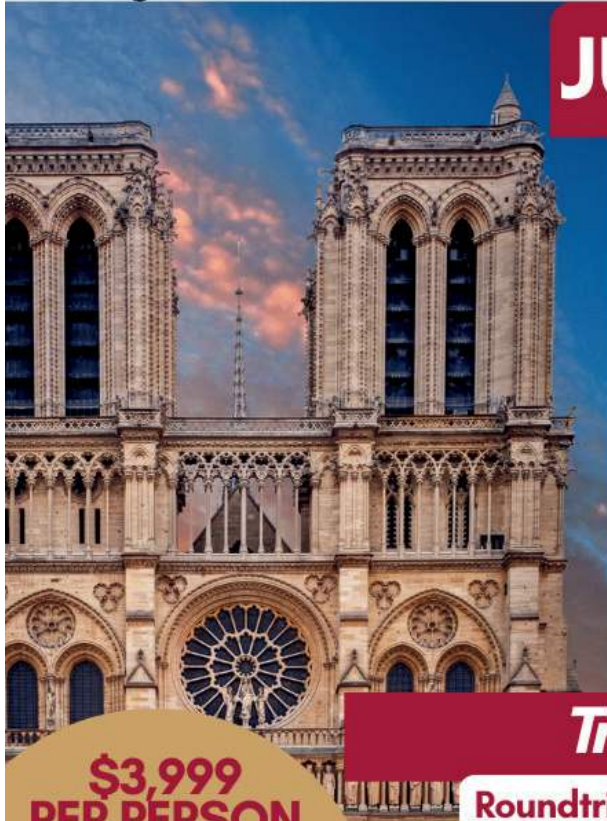
100 Year of Grace: A Marian Pilgrimage Celebration



Building On Our Legacy

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BOOKING & INFORMATION

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Deposit & Registration: A \$350 non-refundable per person deposit is required at booking time together with the registration form & copy of the passport. A valid American passport (valid at least 6 months after the return date) is necessary to travel. Deposit deadline: December 20, 2025


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Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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It is still the Christmas season, so the church still has Christmas decorations, and we still sing Christmas carols.

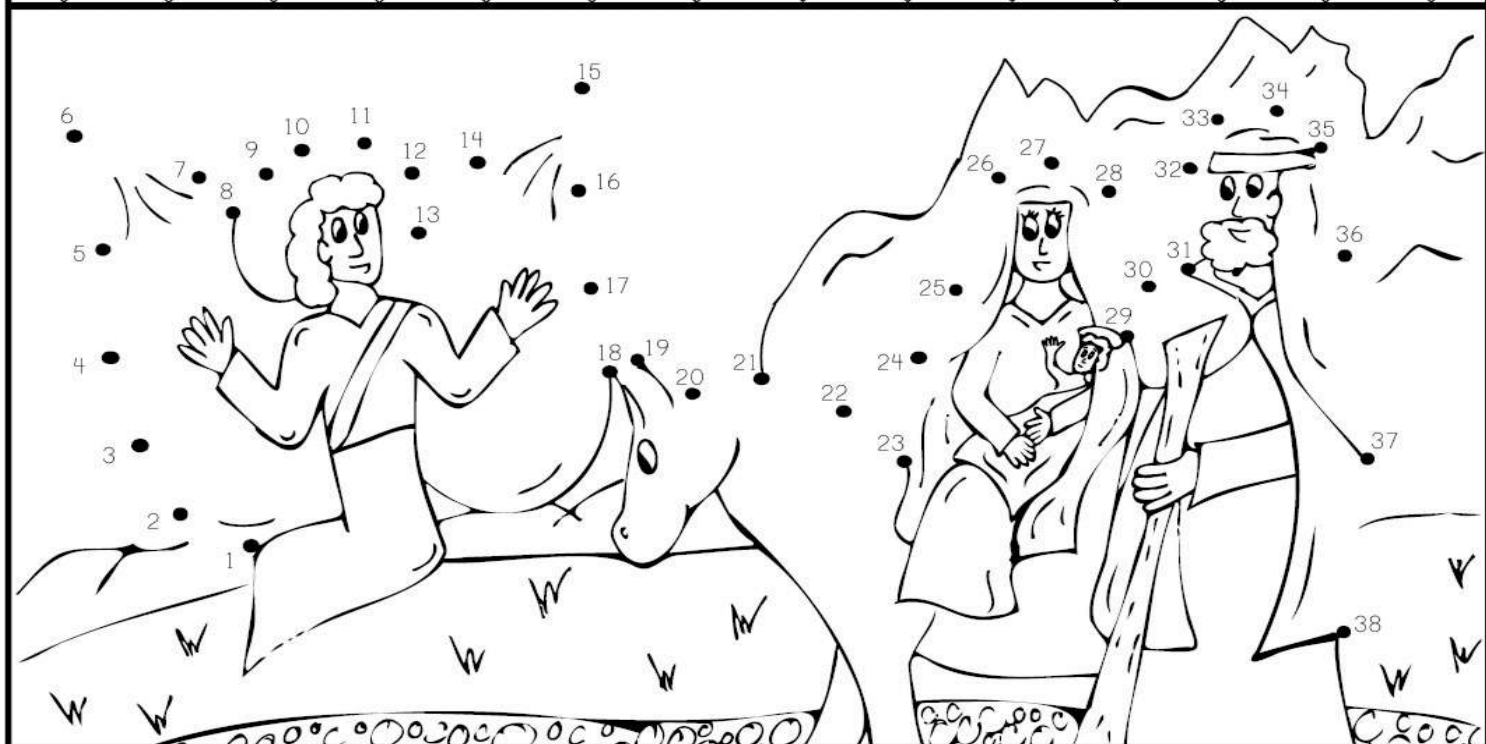
Feast of the Holy Family

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate Jesus' family and your family! Thank God for the wonderful gifts in your family.






Draw a picture of your family.



Gospel



An angel visited Joseph in a dream. What was the angel's message today? Where is Joseph taking his family?



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