



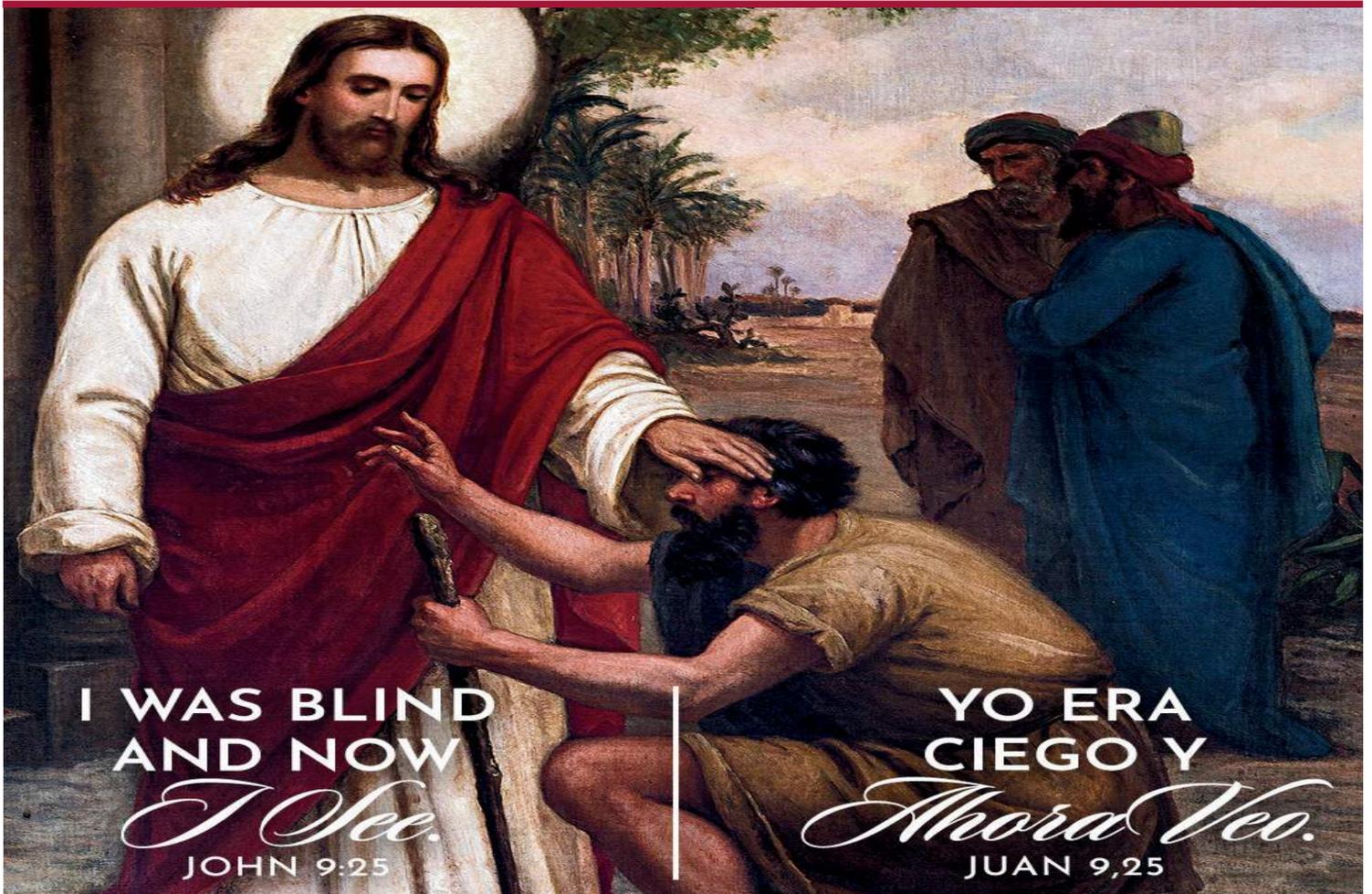
Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
Light

MARCH 15, 2026

TV SUNDAY OF LENT

TV DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



I WAS BLIND
AND NOW
I See.
JOHN 9:25

YO ERA
CIEGO Y
Ahora Veo.
JUAN 9,25

PASTOR

Rev. Manuel F. Alvarez

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Rev. David Zalocco

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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 (<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, Monthlily</i>)

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

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



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - REILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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School Office Hours

Monday - Friday
7:15 am - 3:15 pm

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Administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of LA - Sr. Rosañe, Principal

SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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

- Eli James Infante
- Valentina Rose Aybar-Guevara



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

- Hector Corona & Lourdes Marrero
- Alejandro Rodriguez & Blanca Morales
- Adrian Fresnedo & Ana Marti
- Bernando Iglesias & Daniella Caballero



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

- Graciela Mendez

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

MARCH 8TH

Attendance:	2,737
In-Church Collection:	\$ 13,122
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 20,064
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 1,801
Children's Collection:	\$ 787
Devotional Candles:	\$ 534
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 442

Thank you for your generosity!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Weekend Total: \$ 36,750

No Envelopes? No Cash? No Problem!
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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

IV SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Cecilia Puig
7:30 am	+ Michael O'Rourke
9:00 am	Lupe Zumarriga's Birthday
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Giovanni Delgado
5:30 pm	Lilian E. Cabrera
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

Monday of Week IV of Lent

6:15 am	+ Dibi R. Martin
8:00 am	+ Jose Ugarte
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

Tuesday of Week IV of Lent / Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop

6:15 am	In Thanksgiving for John Murdock
8:00 am	Kevin Patrick Pinillos & Sophia Isabella Sanchez's Birthday
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

Wednesday of Week IV of Lent / Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	+ Dora Romero
8:00 am	+ Dan & Libby Sheeran
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	Intentions of the Sardiñas Family
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

Friday of Week IV of Lent

6:15 am	Ivy's Intentions
8:00 am	+ Jose Ignacio Suarez Jr.
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

Saturday of Week IV of Lent

8:00 am	+ Giselle Dabdoub
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SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

V SUNDAY OF LENT - PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Lilian E. and Lilian C. Cabrera
7:30 am	+ Maria Elena Alvarez & Helena Camargo
9:00 am	+ Rosa Casuso Martinez
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Francisco Pinedo
5:30 pm	+ Manuel de Jesus Lezcano
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

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 (Comber Hall)
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	Oración Carismática en Español (Morras Conf. Room)

THURSDAYS

7:45 am	Walking with Purpose Women's Group (Comber Hall)
6:00 pm	Amor en Accion (Morras Conf. Room) - <i>Biweekly</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)
8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel 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

IV Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday
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Sunday	1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Monday	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd, 14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc, 10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

In today's gospel, Jesus cures a blind beggar. The Lord "spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see (John 9:6-7)." Many years ago, I heard a homily on this gospel from a priest who was just starting a new online evangelization ministry. It was Father Robert Barron who many of you know is now a bishop. In his homily he alluded to St. Augustine's teaching on Jesus' actions to cure the blind man. This spittle coming from the mouth of Jesus evokes his divinity, for everything that comes from the mouth of the Living Word gives life, and the mud from the earth represent Jesus' humanity. The two natures, human and divine, come together to re-create this beggar and bring him his sight. Jesus sends him to the pool which means "Sent" and the good bishop notes that this pool symbolizes baptism and the blind man is totally immersed by "the One who was sent" by immersing himself in this pool. Just like St. Paul told us to "put on Christ," this blind man is immersed in the light of the Lord.

Towards the end of the gospel, Jesus seeks the blind man out when the Pharisees throw him out of the temple. There is so much going on here. Jesus immerses this man in his light and then seeks him out to reveal to him that he is the Son of Man and that he is looking straight into his eyes. Amazing! The poor beggar goes from not seeing a thing to gazing upon the beautiful face of our Lord. Jesus seeking this man out after he was rejected reminds us that God always goes in search of the ones the world pays no attention to. In the first reading, when Samuel goes to find the next king of Israel at Jesse's house, appearances are deceiving because

the strongest and most handsome of Jesse's sons aren't the chosen ones, but the youngest, David, is the one chosen by God to be a king.

Our God, thankfully, does not use human criteria to choose us and find us acceptable or pleasing. "God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance. The LORD looks into the heart (1 Samuel 16:7)." Unfortunately, sin clouds our eyes, and we go around and judge those who are beautiful or ugly or tall or small or too skinny or too fat. We too often judge by appearances and don't look into a person's heart. We do this unconsciously every time we go up to the supermarket check-out and start skimming through the magazines that obsess about what celebrities have gained weight, lost weight, how they look in swim wear, how they look in certain outfits at awards shows, and "who wore it best." Our culture trains us from early on to look suspiciously on those who look different and to admire fine physical beauty. Yet our Lord looks past that. Far too often in my years dealing with middle school girls, and some boys too, I would have to counsel these teenagers through great self-esteem crises as they found themselves not pretty enough or good enough. I would always remind them that we are all beautiful in God's eyes. We are all his children. This is how He sees us, and this is how we should see each other.

So, what blinds you? What is preventing you from the seeing the glorious face of our Lord like the blind beggar did? And what is preventing you from seeing Christ in your brothers and sisters? Pray that we may be able to see each other the way God sees us.

God Bless You All,

Fr. Manny



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

My Dear Friends,

En el evangelio actual, Jesús cura a un mendigo ciego. El Señor "escupió en la tierra y hizo barro con la saliva, y se untó los ojos con barro, y le dijo: "Id a lavar en la Piscina de Siloé" — que significa Enviado —. Así que fue a lavarse, y volvió pudiendo ver (Juan 9:6-7)." Hace muchos años, escuché una homilía sobre este evangelio de un sacerdote que acababa de empezar un nuevo ministerio de evangelización en línea. Fue el padre Robert Barron, a quien muchos de vosotros conocéis que ahora es obispo. En su homilía aludió a la enseñanza de San Agustín sobre las acciones de Jesús para curar al ciego. Esta saliva que sale de la boca de Jesús evoca su divinidad, pues todo lo que sale de la boca del Verbo Viviente da vida, y el barro de la tierra representa la humanidad de Jesús. Las dos naturalezas, humana y divina, se unen para recrear a este mendigo y traerle su vista. Jesús le envía a la piscina, que significa "Enviado", y el buen obispo señala que esta poza simboliza el bautismo y que el ciego queda totalmente sumergido por "el que fue enviado" al sumergirse en esta piscina. Tal como San Pablo nos dijo que "nos vestiéramos de Cristo", este ciego está sumergido en la luz del Señor.

Hacia el final del evangelio, Jesús busca al ciego cuando los fariseos lo echan del templo. Aquí está pasando muchísimo. Jesús sumerge a este hombre en su luz y luego lo busca para revelarle que es el Hijo del Hombre y que le está mirando directamente a los ojos. ¡Increíble! El pobre mendigo pasa de no ver nada a contemplar el hermoso rostro de nuestro Señor. El hecho de que Jesús busque a este hombre después de ser rechazado nos recuerda que Dios siempre va en busca de aquellos a quienes el mundo no presta atención. En la primera lectura, cuando Samuel va a buscar al próximo rey de Israel en casa de Jesse, las apariencias son engañosas porque los hijos más fuertes y guapos de Jesse no son los

elegidos, sino el más joven, David, es el elegido por Dios para ser rey.

Nuestro Dios, afortunadamente, no utiliza criterios humanos para elegirnos y encontrarnos aceptables o agradables. "Dios no ve como mortal que ve la apariencia. El SEÑOR mira al corazón" (1 Samuel 16:7)." Desgraciadamente, el pecado nubla nuestros ojos y juzgamos a quienes son bellos, feos, altos, pequeños, demasiado delgados o demasiado gordos. Con demasiada frecuencia juzgamos por las apariencias y no miramos dentro del corazón de una persona. Lo hacemos inconscientemente cada vez que vamos a la caja del supermercado y empezamos a hojear las revistas que se obsesionan con qué celebridades han engordado, han adelgazado, cómo lucen en bañador, cómo lucen ciertos conjuntos en las galas de premios y "quién lo ha llevado mejor". Nuestra cultura nos entrena desde temprano para mirar con desconfianza a quienes parecen diferentes y para admirar la belleza física fina. Sin embargo, nuestro Señor pasa por alto eso. Demasiadas veces en mis años tratando con chicas de secundaria, y también con algunos chicos, tenía que aconsejar a estos adolescentes en grandes crisis de autoestima al descubrir que no eran lo suficientemente guapos ni lo suficientemente buenos. Siempre les recordaba que todos somos hermosos ante los ojos de Dios. Todos somos sus hijos. Así es como Él nos ve, y así es como deberíamos vernos los unos a los otros.

Entonces, ¿qué te ciega? ¿Qué te impide ver el glorioso rostro de nuestro Señor como lo hizo el mendigo ciego? ¿Y qué te impide ver a Cristo en tus hermanos y hermanas? Ora para que podamos vernos como Dios nos ve a nosotros.

God Bless You All,
Fr. Manny



PIPE ORGANS ARE FOREVER... AND NOW YOUR LEGACY CAN BE, TOO!

Opus 166 is in the building! Last weekend, parishioners and staff joined the CB Fisk installation team to help unload the 2nd truck, containing the rest of the pipe organ's casework and its 3,035 pipes.

Each one of those pipes was been meticulously hand-crafted at the CB Fisk workshop in Gloucester, MA. From the melting of the metals and the creation of large tin sheets to the precise measuring, cutting, rolling, soldering, and detailed finishing, each pipe itself is a masterful work of art.

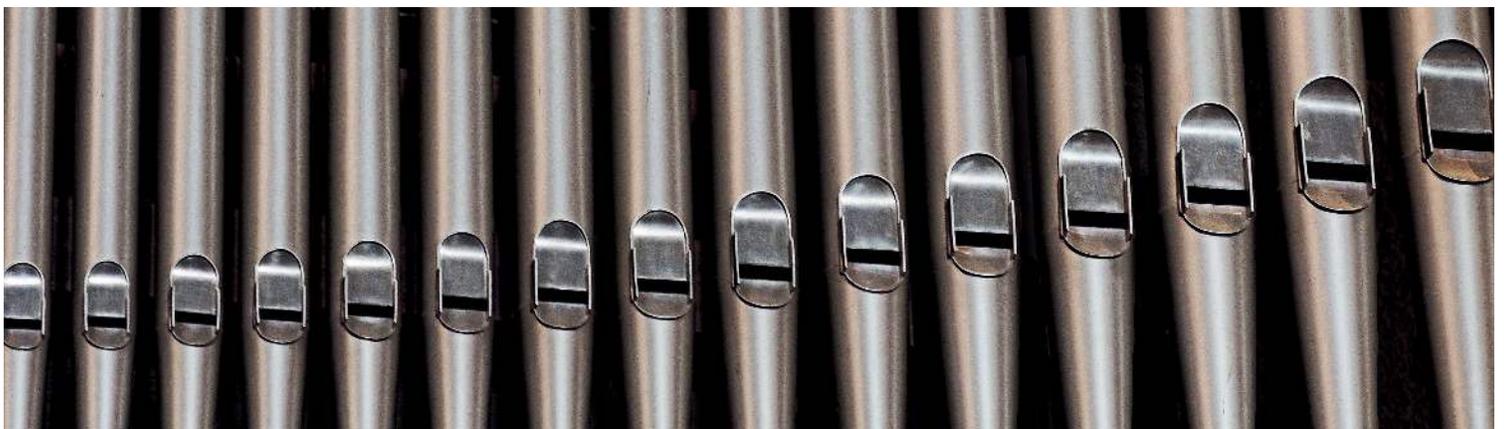
The pipes from Opus 166 are specially available to be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to commemorate major milestones like baptisms, first communions, confirmations, graduations, birthdays, weddings, or anniversaries, or simply to add your family's name to the long legacy of our parish in this milestone year.

Pipe Memorializations will be recorded in a specially printed booklet which will be provided to each donor at no additional cost early next year. A copy of the booklet will also remain inside the organ in perpetuity, ensuring the lasting legacy of both the instrument itself and of all those who helped to make it possible.

Interior pipes are available for dedication at \$300 each and facade pipes, forever visible on the front of each of the organ's three major cases, are available for \$1,000 each.



Secure your legacy pipe today!



HOLY WEEK 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

Parish Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00pm
Priest Rectory House Lawn

PAIM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with the exception of
10:30am Mass moved to 10:45am

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 1ST

Evening Lenten Confessions beginning at 7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel will close at 4:00pm
The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual), 8:00pm
Altar of Repose in Comber Hall will remain open until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Office Closed

Special Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land
Stations of the Cross (English), 12:00pm
Liturgy of the Passion (English), 3:00pm
Vía Crucis (Español), 7:00pm
Liturgia de la Pasión (Español), 8:00pm
Procesión Anual / Annual Procession, 9:15pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

No Morning Confessions - Church closed until 6:45pm
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Bilingual), 8:00pm
St. Joseph Adoration Chapel will reopen after the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with the exception of
10:30am Mass moved to 10:45am
Overflow seating available in Comber Hall for 9:00am, 10:45a and 12:30p Masses



THROUGHOUT THE SEASON OF LENT, MASS PARTS WILL BE CHANTED IN LATIN

“Hōlŷ, Hōlŷ, Hōlŷ...”

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.
Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

“ We Procláim Your Death, O Lord...”

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine,
et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias.

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Church of the Little Flower is seeking to hire both
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12:00PM

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Friday, March 20th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

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\$28 Fish Platter (Grilled or Fried)

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April 17 - 19, 2026

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\$60 Registration Fee per person

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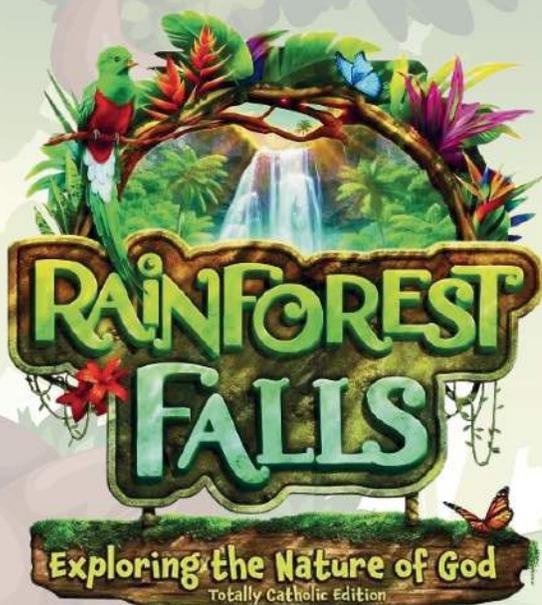
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Registration is now open for both campers and volunteers!

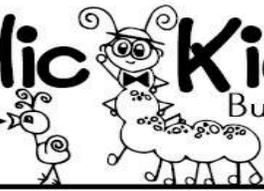
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Catholic Kids Bulletin

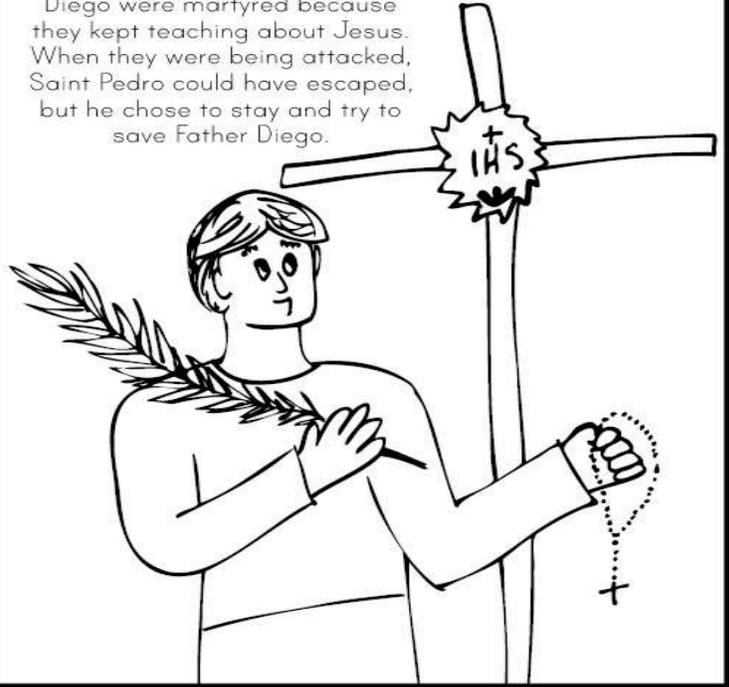
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Saint Pedro Calungsod

Saint Pedro Calungsod grew up in the Philippines and became a Catholic missionary. He traveled to Guam with a Spanish missionary, Father Diego Luis de San Vitores.

Both Saint Pedro and Father Diego were martyred because they kept teaching about Jesus. When they were being attacked, Saint Pedro could have escaped, but he chose to stay and try to save Father Diego.



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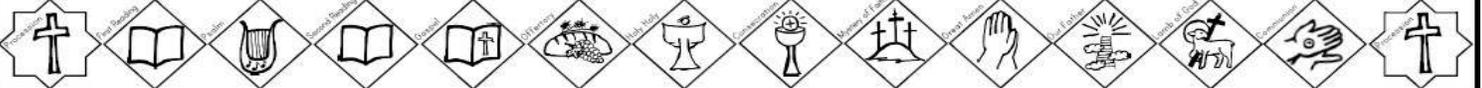
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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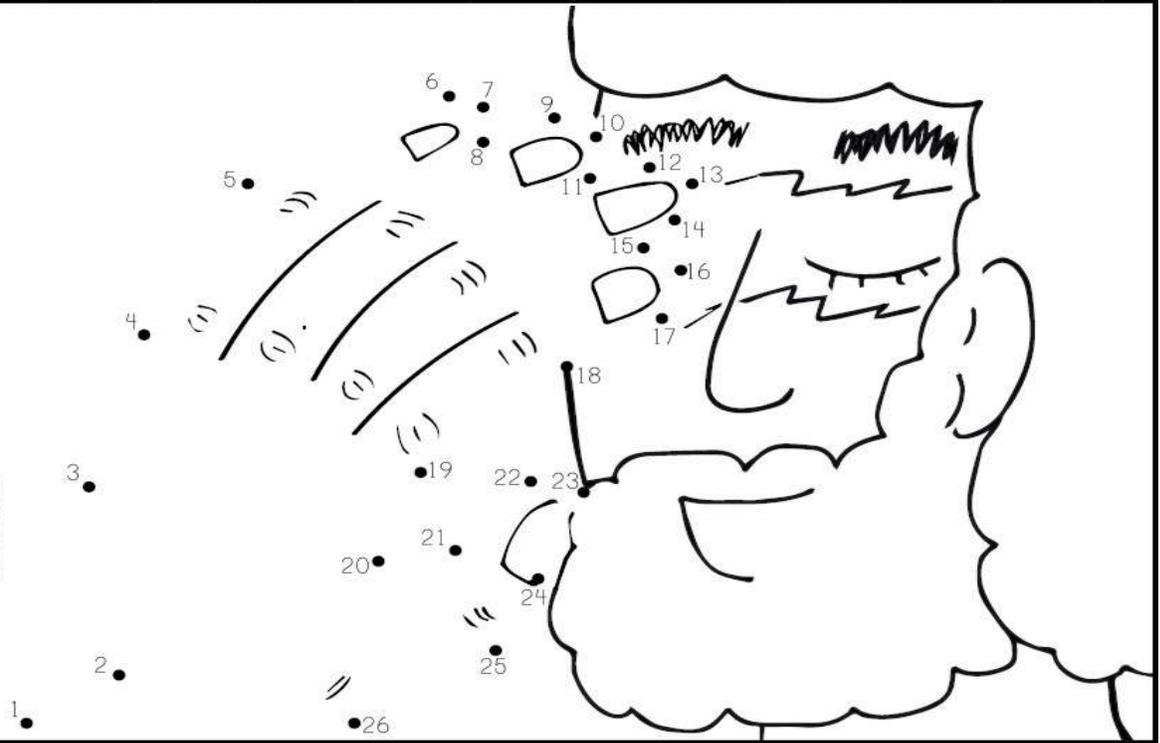
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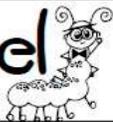
There are pictures or statues of the Stations of the Cross in your church. Ask your family to help you find them.



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God



Gospel



Jesus performed a miracle by healing a blind man. The man learned that Jesus is the Son of God.





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