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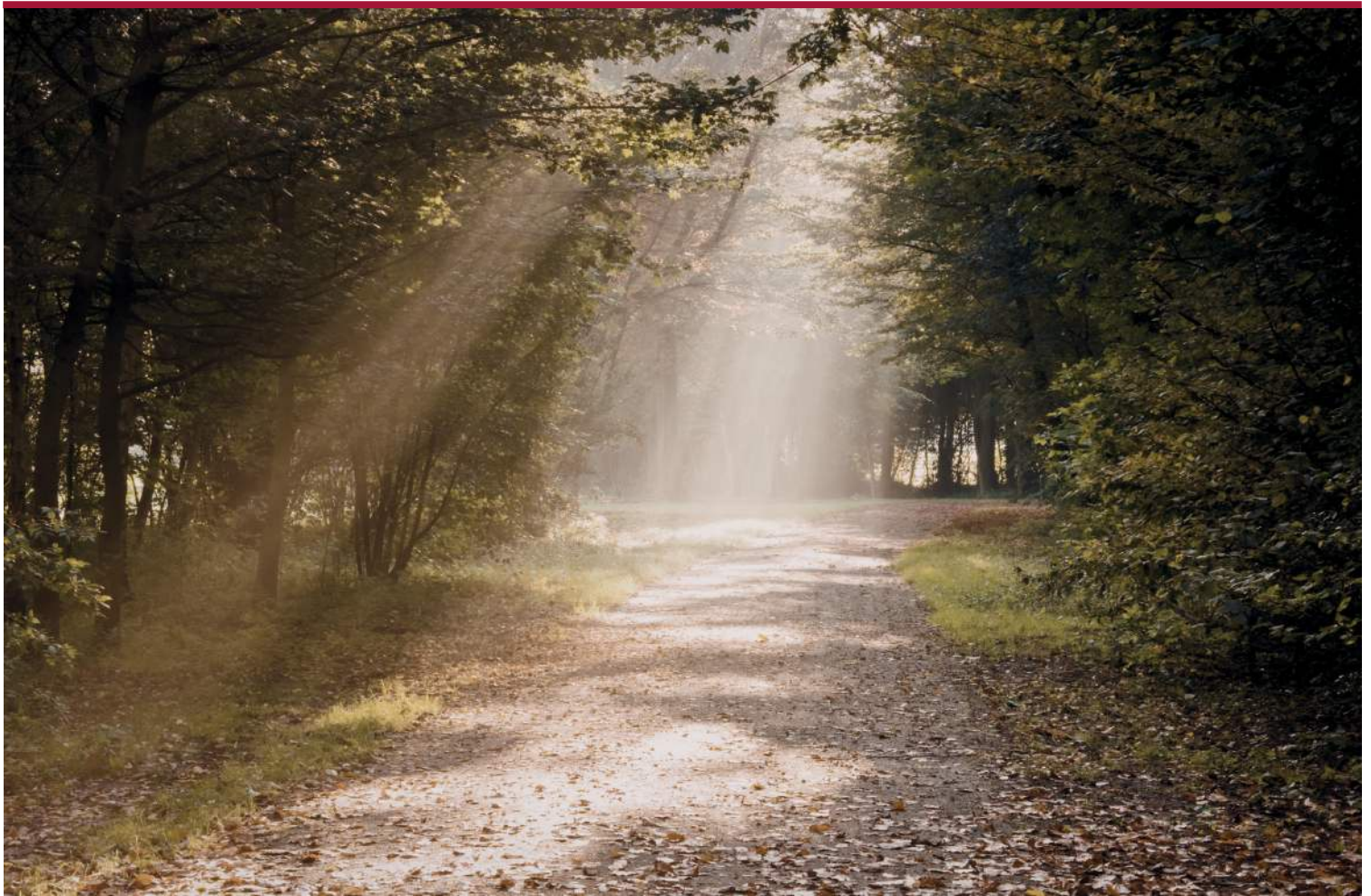


The
Light

MAY 3, 2026

✓ SUNDAY OF EASTER

✓ DOMINGO DE PASCUA



PASTOR

Rev. Manuel F. Alvarez

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. David Zalocco

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Juan Escamez

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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, Monthlily</i>)

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

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



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
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for more details



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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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

- Elisa Carmen Stula
- Pamela Celine Posada Arboleda



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

- Giovanni Lorenzo & Alexa Martinez
- Nolan Campbell & Maria Presa Reyes



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

- Anne Marie Pascual

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

APRIL 26TH

Attendance:

In-Church Collection:	\$ 11,208
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 17,089
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 205
Children's Collection:	\$ 557
Devotional Candles:	\$ 786
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 423
<i>Home Misiones:</i>	<i>\$ 4,604</i>

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Weekend Total: \$ 30,268

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

V SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Rev. Francis J. Rodriguez
7:30 am	Theo O'Rourke's Birthday
9:00 am	+ Jose Garcia
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Ofelia San Pedro
5:30 pm	+ Alberto y Margarita Santamaria
7:00 pm (Italian)	

MONDAY, MAY 4TH

Monday of Week V of Easter

6:15 am	David Pollo's Birthday
8:00 am	Diego and Christina Aguilar's Wedding Anniversary
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

Tuesday of Week V of Easter

6:15 am	Nixon Delva's Birthday
8:00 am	+ Eduardo Miguel Cerra
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

Wednesday of Week V of Easter

6:15 am	Votive Mass to Saint Joseph
8:00 am	+ Raul L. Avarez
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

Thursday of Week V of Easter

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

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Friday of Week V of Easter

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

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

Saturday of Week V of Easter

8:00 am	+ Alejandro and Olga Danger
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SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

VI SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Rene and Mercedes Naranjo
7:30 am	+ Ruth Juliana Chaguaceda
9:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Esperanza Esguerra
5:30 pm	+ Rosa Celeiro
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

V/Sunday of Easter - Year A, Missal Page 242 - 247

Sunday	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4, 5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

"...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5)

In today's gospel, Christ tells us that he will go before us to prepare a place for us in heaven. In the meantime, what are we going to do down here? The first letter of St. Peter today gives us the beautiful analogy of each and every one of us being "living stones" called to be active members of the mystical body of Christ: the Church. And this is something that escapes us all too often. Being Christians, being these "living stones" that help build up the Church implies us working together to build up Christ's body. These stones cannot be static. They must be active. The second reading uses some beautiful imagery. As Christ's followers, we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" called to sing God's praises and to make his name known to all the earth.

As living stones, we are called to be filled with the Spirit to help edify this spiritual house. Unfortunately, so many of us are stones, quite literally stones, not living stones, that just sit here and do not contribute to the mission of the Church. We forget that we are called from baptism to share in Christ's ministry. It is not sufficient to sit here like stones once a week for one hour. Our Lord needs you more. The Church needs you more. Each of us is called to do something different with our own individual gifts and to put them at the service of the Lord. We cannot be static. We cannot be on the sidelines. This Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, is inviting us to walk with him on this Way, is inviting us to proclaim this Truth, and is inviting us to live the joyous life of a true Christian. Are we participating in this life? Are we being living stones of this Church making it come alive? YOU are the chosen race. YOU are that royal priesthood. YOU are that chosen nation called to build up the Church with great works, and as the Lord tells us at the end of today's gospel, these works that we will do in his name, will be even greater than His!

This coming Saturday, nine young men who hail from all around our local Church, will be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Miami. While we all belong, by virtue of our baptism, to the holy priesthood of Jesus Christ, these nine men will be called to share in the Lord's ministerial priesthood to go out to all the world to spread the Good News, to make Christ present in the Holy Eucharist, to absolve sins, anoint the sick, and to simply wash feet as our Master did at the Last Supper. These men will be filled with the Holy Spirit as the archbishop lays hands on them along with all the priests present for the ordination fulfilling an ancient tradition that goes back to the Acts of the Apostles.

An ordination is a cause of great rejoicing as a Church, but this year most especially because of the large number of men being ordained. This is one of the largest numbers in the history of the Archdiocese. As I said last week in this space, vocations are a result of your prayers. All of you were praying for Father David and I long before we arrived here at Little Flower to serve you. Now I ask you to spend this week fervently praying for this nine young men called to Holy Orders. Their names are Deacon Adam Paul Cahill, Deacon Henry Jair Cardenas Afanador, Deacon Tomasz Koziel, Deacon Aristides Luis Lima, Deacon Carlos Eduardo Luzardo Leal, Deacon Cristhian David Mendieta Hernandez, Deacon Saint-Clos Papouloute, Deacon Pietro Pironato, and Deacon Michele Segal.

Living stones called forth from all of us to build up Holy Mother Church and to offer spiritual sacrifices at the altar. Pray for them so that they may be configured into the image of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd and our great High Priest.

Holy Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us!

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

«...como piedras vivas, déjense edificar como casa espiritual para ser un sacerdocio santo, para ofrecer sacrificios espirituales agradables a Dios por medio de Jesucristo». (1 Pedro 2:5)

En el Evangelio de hoy, Cristo nos dice que irá delante de nosotros para prepararnos un lugar en el cielo. Mientras tanto, ¿qué vamos a hacer nosotros aquí en la Tierra? La primera carta de San Pedro nos ofrece hoy la hermosa analogía de que todos y cada uno de nosotros somos «piedras vivas», llamados a ser miembros activos del Cuerpo Místico de Cristo: la Iglesia. Y esto es algo que se nos escapa con demasiada frecuencia. Ser cristianos — ser estas «piedras vivas» que ayudan a edificar la Iglesia— implica que trabajemos juntos para construir el Cuerpo de Cristo. Estas piedras no pueden ser estáticas; deben ser activas. La segunda lectura emplea unas imágenes hermosas: como seguidores de Cristo, somos «una raza elegida, un sacerdocio real, una nación santa», llamados a cantar las alabanzas de Dios y a dar a conocer su nombre a toda la tierra.

Como piedras vivas, estamos llamados a llenarnos del Espíritu para ayudar a edificar esta casa espiritual. Lamentablemente, muchos de nosotros somos piedras —literalmente piedras, no piedras vivas— que simplemente permanecen aquí sentadas y no contribuyen a la misión de la Iglesia. Olvidamos que, desde nuestro bautismo, estamos llamados a participar en el ministerio de Cristo. No basta con sentarse aquí como piedras una vez a la semana, durante una hora. Nuestro Señor los necesita más. La Iglesia los necesita más. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a hacer algo diferente con sus propios dones individuales y a ponerlos al servicio del Señor. No podemos permanecer estáticos; no podemos quedarnos al margen. Este Cristo, que es el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida, nos invita a caminar con Él por este Camino, nos invita a proclamar esta Verdad y nos invita a vivir la vida gozosa de un verdadero cristiano. ¿Estamos participando de esta vida? ¿Estamos siendo piedras vivas de esta Iglesia, dándole vida? USTEDES son la raza elegida. USTEDES son ese sacerdocio real. USTEDES son esa nación elegida, llamada a edificar la Iglesia con grandes obras; y, tal como nos dice el Señor al final del Evangelio de hoy, ¡estas obras que realizaremos en su nombre serán incluso mayores que las Suyas!

Este próximo sábado, nueve jóvenes provenientes de toda nuestra Iglesia local serán ordenados sacerdotes para la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Si bien todos nosotros pertenecemos —en virtud de nuestro bautismo— al santo sacerdocio de Jesucristo, estos nueve hombres serán llamados a participar del sacerdocio ministerial del Señor para salir por todo el mundo a difundir la Buena Nueva, para hacer presente a Cristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía, para absolver los pecados, ungir a los enfermos y, simplemente, para lavar los pies, tal como lo hizo nuestro Maestro en la Última Cena. Estos hombres serán colmados del Espíritu Santo mientras el Arzobispo impone las manos sobre ellos —junto con todos los sacerdotes presentes en la ordenación—, cumpliendo así una antigua tradición que se remonta a los Hechos de los Apóstoles.

Una ordenación es motivo de gran regocijo para la Iglesia; pero este año lo es de manera muy especial, debido al gran número de hombres que serán ordenados. Esta cifra constituye una de las más altas en la historia de la Arquidiócesis. Como mencioné la semana pasada en este espacio, las vocaciones son el fruto de sus oraciones. Todos ustedes estuvieron orando por el Padre David y por mí mucho antes de que llegáramos aquí, a Little Flower, para servirles. Ahora les pido que dediquen esta semana a orar fervientemente por estos nueve jóvenes llamados a las Sagradas Órdenes. Sus nombres son: Diácono Adam Paul Cahill, Diácono Henry Jair Cardenas Afanador, Diácono Tomasz Koziel, Diácono Aristides Luis Lima, Diácono Carlos Eduardo Luzardo Leal, Diácono Cristhian David Mendieta Hernandez, Diácono Saint-Clos Papouloute, Diácono Pietro Pironato y Diácono Michele Segá.

Piedras vivas, suscitadas de entre todos nosotros para edificar a la Santa Madre Iglesia y para ofrecer sacrificios espirituales en el altar. Oren por ellos para que sean configurados a imagen de Jesucristo, nuestro Buen Pastor y nuestro gran Sumo Sacerdote.

¡Santa María, Madre de los Sacerdotes, ruega por nosotros!

Dios los bendiga a todos,

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JOIN US ON HALLOW!

Since we started praying together as a parish on the Hallow Prayer App last August, COTLF Parishioners have completed over 74,000 prayers, logging close to 800,000 minutes spent in prayer for one another and our special intentions!

As we continue our celebration of the Easter season, we invite you to 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!

NO SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

On Saturday, May 9th, our parish priests will gather at the Cathedral of Saint Mary for the Priestly Ordination of 9 new priests for the Archdiocese of Miami. On May, 16th, our students from the Parish Religious Education Program will be celebrating their First Holy Communion.

Due to these joyous celebrations, Saturday morning confessions will not be available on Saturday, May 9th or Saturday, May 16th.



COTLF IS HIRING!



Church of the Little Flower is seeking to hire a full-time Parish and School Business Manager and a Coordinator of Religious Education/School Campus Minister.

Candidates will perform all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Archdiocese of Miami and COTLF.

Scan the QR Code to view job description and to apply. Come join our team!



BI-ANNUAL OUTDOOR ROSARY

As we begin our observance of the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be placed in the sanctuary throughout the entire month of May.

On Wednesday, May 13th, we will commemorate the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima and mark the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary with our Bi-annual Outdoor Rosary.

Join us at 6:30pm at the Priest House / Rectory Lawn Grotto as we commend our parish, our families, and our ministries to the maternal care of our Heavenly Mother.



MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

As is our annual tradition here at COTLF, beginning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th and continuing for the 8 days following, we will be celebrating a special Novena of Masses in honor and remembrance of all mothers. Parishioners who receive physical envelopes should find a special Mother's Day Novena Envelope where you can add the names of all mothers they wish to pray for during the Novena.



A special fund is also available on our Online Giving platform where you can add the names you wish to add to the list along with your novena donation.

All envelopes and notes received will be placed near the tabernacle in the church for the duration of the Novena, ending on Monday, May 18th.


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RETIRO DE EMAUS DE HOMBRES

Los hombres del grupo de Emaus en Español te invitan a un fin de semana lleno de esperanza, renovación y gozo del 29-31 de mayo. Este retiro es para hombres mayores de 21 años de edad y está limitado a 40 personas. Inscríbese temprano para asegurar su puesto. El costo es \$200 por persona, e incluye cuarto, comida, y programa. No dejes de asistir al retiro por razones de dinero. Mantenemos becas para personas que no puedan pagar la cuota. Déjenos saber y se harán los arreglos necesarios.

La inscripción del retiro esta disponible en el sitio web de la iglesia.

Escanee el codigo QR o visita a www.cotlf.org/emaushombres

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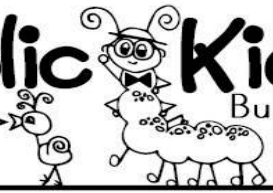
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Catholic Kids Bulletin

May 3, 2026
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Saint Joseph the Worker

Saint Joseph was Jesus' dad on Earth. He was a carpenter, so he spent his time building beautiful things. Do you think Joseph taught Jesus how to build?

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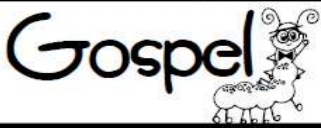
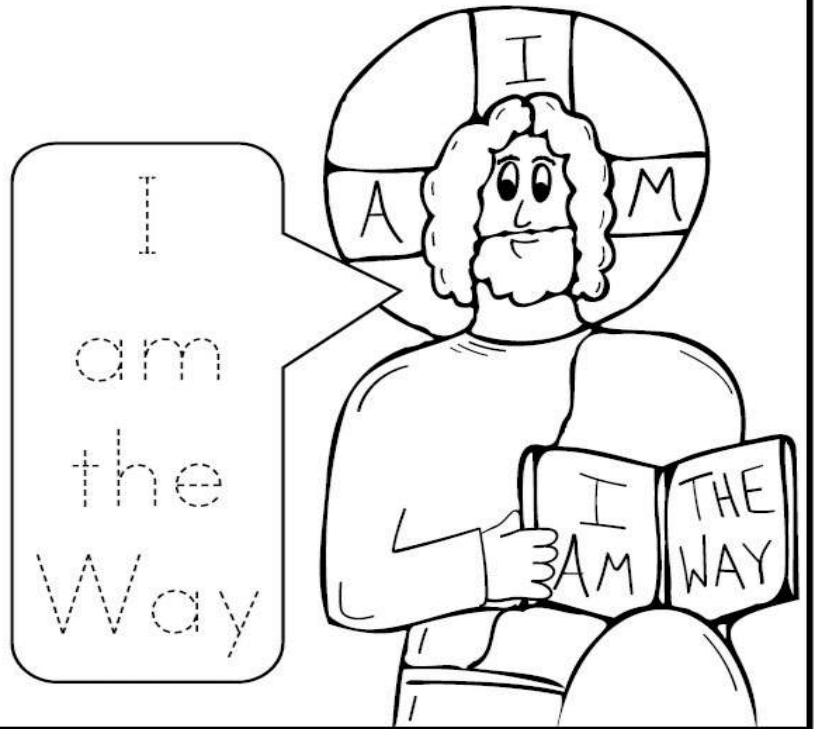
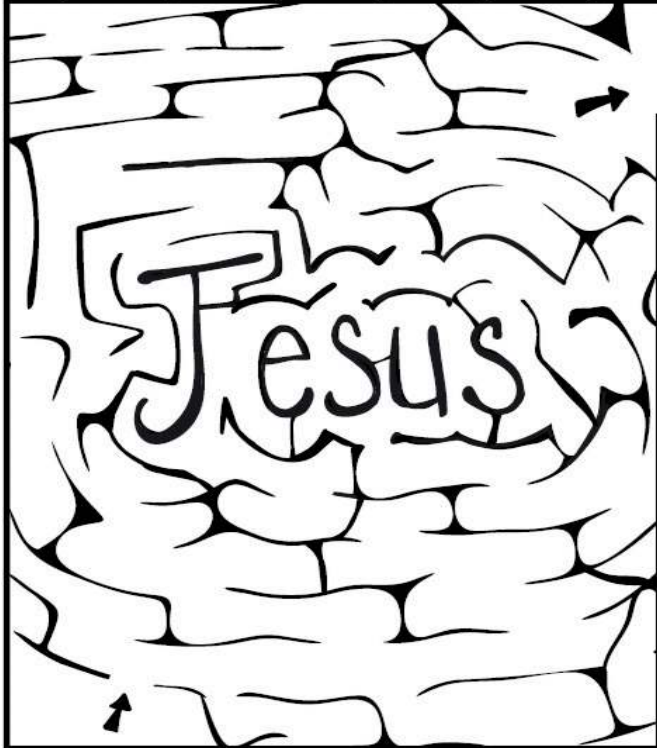
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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We all stand during the Gospel reading. The Gospel is the part of the Bible that talks about Jesus' life.



Jesus said if we believe in Him, we will be with Him forever. He is the way to the Father, and He shows us what God is like.



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