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JUNE 14, 2026

XI SUNDAY IN O.T.  
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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>1<sup>st</sup> 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

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## SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



To our newly Baptized, welcome to the Catholic Church!

- Nicholas Joel Bueno
- Michael Christopher Clementi
- Marco Santiago Spivak
- Alexander Louis Alonso



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

- Patrick Button & Elizabeth Davidson
- Ramon Peon & Amelia Akins



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

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit [cotlf.org/baptism](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://cotlf.org/weddings) para mas información.

## SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 7TH

<i>Attendance:</i>	2,408
In-Church Collection:	\$ 12,812
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 19,918
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 733
Children's Collection:	\$ 346
Devotional Candles:	\$ 509
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 254
<i>2nd Coll: Eastern Europe:</i>	<i>\$ 4,010</i>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*¡Gracias por su generosidad!*

Weekend Total: \$ 34,572

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

XI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 pm (Vigil) + Martha Hueck  
 7:30 am + Aristides Rivera  
 9:00 am + Francisco Pinedo  
 10:30 am *Missa Pro Populo* - For All Members of Our Parish Family  
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Ciro B. Sosa  
 5:30 pm + Jack Vaughn  
 7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

## MONDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

Monday of Week XI in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family  
 8:00 am Pedro J. Greer's Birthday  
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

Tuesday of Week XI in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am + Daniela Perez Prieto  
 8:00 am Living And Deceased Members Of The Palenzuela-Diago Families  
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>

Wednesday of Week XI in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am + Maria Collery  
 8:00 am + Arturo Edgardo Mosquera  
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

## THURSDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

Thursday of Week XI in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am Mary and David Tronts Anniversary  
 8:00 am + Tina Martinez  
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>

Thursday of Week XI in Ordinary Time / Memorial of St. Romuald, Abbot

- 6:15 am Adolfo Diaz & Lilly Rangel-Diaz' Wedding Anniversary  
 8:00 am Maura E. O'Rourke's Birthday  
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

## SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>

Saturday of Week XI in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Suarez Family Intentions

## SUNDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

XII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FATHER'S DAY

- 5:00 pm (Vigil) + Raul Lopez  
 7:30 am + Benito Joli  
 9:00 am Father's Day Novena  
 10:30 am *Missa Pro Populo* - For All Members of Our Parish Family  
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Rene Celeiro  
 5:30 pm + Azua Giordani  
 7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

## SUNDAYS

- 11:30 am Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - *Once Monthly*  
 1:30 pm 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 (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) - *Biweekly*  
 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) - *3<sup>rd</sup> Friday*  
 6:00 pm American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - *2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cotlf.org/ministries) for more details about each group.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*XI Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A, Missal Page 326 - 331*

- Sunday Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rm 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8  
 Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b, 6a, 6b, 7; Mt 5:38-42  
 Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5, 6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48  
 Wednesday 2 Kgs 21, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 7; Mt 6:7-15  
 Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23  
 Saturday 2 Chron 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Mt 6:24-34  
 Sunday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rm 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



# FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

*Dear Brothers and Sisters:*

I see the providential hand of the Lord in the readings of this Sunday, which is also my last day as your parochial vicar. As you know, Church of the Little Flower has been my first parish assignment. I came here two years ago straight out of the seminary, after ten years spent in formation at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary—seven years living on campus in Hialeah and three years of mission in Northern and Central California.

In these years as a priest—only two—I always reminded myself that I am first one of those “sheep without a shepherd” that Jesus is talking about. This is how I came to truly know Christ: by experiencing that when I left the shepherd I ended up being troubled and abandoned. Despite growing up Catholic, I did not really know Christ until I met Him while troubled and abandoned. I experienced Christ as someone who was moved for me. He did not scold me—Jesus did not scold the sheep He had in front. He felt compassion for them; he did not try to understand or beat them up, he just loved them. This has been my experience as well: a God who did not scold me but loved me.

It is this experience of the grace of God who made of me a laborer for His harvest. This is the bewildering mystery that I have experienced in these two years: to be at the same time a laborer in the harvest and a sheep who is in constant need of conversion, who constantly needs to be loved and forgiven. Being dressed in black and wearing a collar does not exempt me from the need to have someone to preach to me and call me to conversion. On the contrary: without receiving a word myself I wouldn't be able to give anything to you. That is why in these two years it has been fundamental for me to remain connected and faithful to my Neocatechumenal community: that's the only way in which my priesthood could be fruitful.

Being a laborer in the harvest then, meant to mirror the experience that I had unto the people God put in front of me. This has been my mission in this parish, and this is what I hoped to accomplish: to work in the harvest by loving sinners. By doing this, I hoped to help making the name of God present in this community: “The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” (Ex 34:6)

This was my mission for the last two years. This was the will of God. Now God has spoken and said: leave Little Flower and go to Saint Bonaventure, that is the new harvest that I prepared for you—you are a laborer, not the owner. We know that man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God. Hence, there, in that word we will all find life. In that will is our happiness. Now a new prophet will be sent to you, and he will have words of eternal life. Listen to him.

I want to conclude by thanking Fr. Manny, the first laborer sent by God to work in this harvest and to care for you. Under his care I learned a lot on how to serve God's will. I also want to thank all the priests who live in the rectory, who welcomed me and with whom I could establish bonds of friendship. Finally, thanks to all of you, dear brothers and sisters: you accepted me and opened your houses and your lives to me. I am nobody, and yet you respected me. I could only give you without cost what I received without cost. Each time I was surprised by how much this impacted you. Thank you for allowing me to be a witness to this.

*Peace,*

*Fr. David Tallero*



# MENSAJE DE DESPEDITA DEL PADRE DAVID

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas,*

Veo la mano providencial del Señor en las lecturas de este domingo, que también es mi último día como su vicario parroquial. Como saben, la Iglesia de Santa Teresa ha sido mi primer destino parroquial. Llegué aquí hace dos años, recién salido del seminario, después de diez años de formación en el Seminario Redemptoris Mater: siete años viviendo en el campus de Hialeah y tres años de misión en el norte y centro de California.

En estos años como sacerdote —solo dos—, siempre me recordé a mí mismo que yo soy primero una de aquellas “ovejas sin pastor” de las que habla Jesús. Así fue como llegué a conocer verdaderamente a Cristo: experimentando que, cuando me aparté del pastor, terminé angustiado y abandonado. A pesar de haber crecido en la fe católica, no conocí realmente a Cristo hasta que me encontré con Él en medio de mi angustia y abandono. Experimenté a Cristo como alguien que se conmovió por mí. No me reprendió; Jesús no reprendió a las ovejas que tenía delante. Sintió compasión por ellas; no trató de analizarlas ni de maltratarlas, simplemente las amó. Esta ha sido también mi experiencia: la de un Dios que no me reprendió, sino que me amó.

Es esta experiencia de la gracia de Dios la que hizo de mí un obrero para su mies. Este es el misterio desconcertante que he experimentado en estos dos años: ser al mismo tiempo un obrero en la mies y una oveja que necesita constantemente conversión, que necesita ser amada y perdonada una y otra vez. Vestir de negro y llevar un alzacuello no me exime de la necesidad de que alguien me predique y me llame a la conversión. Al contrario: sin recibir yo mismo una palabra, no podría darles nada a ustedes. Por eso, en estos dos años, ha sido fundamental para mí permanecer unido y fiel a mi comunidad neocatecumenal: esa es la única manera en que mi sacerdocio podía ser fecundo.

Ser, entonces, un obrero en la mies significó reflejar ante el pueblo que Dios puso delante de mí la experiencia que yo mismo había vivido. Esta ha sido mi misión en esta parroquia, y esto es lo que esperé realizar: trabajar en la mies amando a los pecadores. Al hacerlo, esperaba ayudar a hacer presente el nombre de Dios en esta comunidad: “El Señor, el Señor, Dios misericordioso y clemente, lento a la ira y rico en amor y fidelidad.” (Ex 34:6)

Esta fue mi misión durante los últimos dos años. Esta fue la voluntad de Dios. Ahora Dios ha hablado y ha dicho: deja Little Flower y ve a Saint Bonaventure; esa es la nueva mies que he preparado para ti: eres un obrero, no el dueño. Sabemos que el hombre no vive solo de pan, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios. Por eso, allí, en esa palabra, todos encontraremos la vida. En esa voluntad está nuestra felicidad. Ahora les será enviado un nuevo profeta, y él tendrá palabras de vida eterna. Escúchenlo.

Quiero concluir dando las gracias al Padre Manny, el primer obrero enviado por Dios para trabajar en esta mies y cuidar de ustedes. Bajo su cuidado aprendí mucho sobre cómo servir a la voluntad de Dios. También quiero agradecer a todos los sacerdotes que viven en la rectoría, que me acogieron y con quienes pude establecer lazos de amistad. Finalmente, gracias a todos ustedes, queridos hermanos y hermanas: me aceptaron y me abrieron sus casas y sus vidas. Yo no soy nadie, y sin embargo me respetaron. Solo pude darles gratuitamente lo que gratuitamente recibí. Cada vez me sorprendía cuánto les tocaba esto. Gracias por permitirme ser testigo de ello.

*La paz,*

*Fr. David Fallas*

# VALEDICTORIAN'S ADDRESS: ERICKA ALFONSO, STS CLASS OF 2026

Father Manny, Sister Rosalie, priests, Sisters, family, faculty, staff, honored guests, and my fellow graduates: It is an honor to stand before you today as valedictorian of the 100th graduating class of St. Theresa Catholic School. One hundred graduating classes. For one hundred years, students have walked these halls, sat in these classrooms, prayed in this church, and wondered what their future would hold. One hundred graduating classes have stood where we stand today. Some became teachers. Some became lawyers. Some became parents, religious, business owners, and leaders in their communities. Some are sitting in this audience today, watching us become part of the story they helped build. And what a journey it has been. If someone had told us when we were younger that we would spend part of elementary school learning through screens, wearing masks, and staying six feet apart, none of us would have believed it. Yet, we were the class that received First Confession and First Communion during a pandemic. We were the class that learned that plans can change overnight. The class that adapted. The class that persevered. And now, we graduate as the centennial class of St. Theresa. Through every challenge, every test, every project, every performance, and every prayer, we arrived here together. Not one by one. Together. But today is not only about us. It is about the people who carried us here.

To our Carmelite Sisters and priests: thank you for helping us grow not only in knowledge, but in faith. Your example has shown us what it means to live a life of service, humility, and devotion.

To our teachers: thank you. You challenged us. You encouraged us when we doubted ourselves. And you believed in us before we fully believed in our abilities. Years from now, we may forget lessons or assignments, but we will never forget the teachers who saw something we could not yet see in ourselves. You truly carried us to the finish line.

And to our families: thank you. Every graduate sitting here today has a story. But behind every graduate is another story. A family story. A story of early mornings. Long days. Quiet sacrifices. And prayers whispered late at night. Of people who gave us opportunities they may never have had themselves.

Today, we celebrate a milestone in our lives. But this moment belongs to them, too. There is a quote by José Martí that has stayed with me: "Ser cultos para ser libres." "To be educated is to be free." He was not only speaking about knowledge, but about what knowledge gives us—the freedom to grow beyond where we started.

As the daughter of Cuban immigrants, those words mean everything to me. My parents came to this country carrying dreams for a future they hoped would be better for their children. My mother, already a physician, chose to begin again in a new country and rebuild her career from the ground up. My father, a physicist by profession, built a different path while holding our family steady. For more than twenty-five years, they have carried every challenge together with courage, faith, and perseverance. Mama and Papa, thank you for every sacrifice I never saw. For every worry you never showed. For every prayer you whispered when I did not know you were praying. For every opportunity you worked so hard to provide. Everything I accomplish will always be built on the foundation you created. I love you.

But every graduate here has a story like this. Every one of us is here because someone carried us through moments we did not even see. As we leave St. Theresa, I hope we remember that our education is about more than grades or achievements. At St. Theresa, we learned that faith matters. Character matters. Compassion matters. We learned that leadership is service. And we learned that success means very little if it is not used to help others. This year, we received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We stood before God and owned the faith that has guided us here. Now we carry that forward. Not simply to succeed, but to serve. Not simply to achieve, but to give. Not simply to become educated, but to use it for good.

When I think of St. Theresa, I think of her promise to send a shower of roses from heaven. For a long time, I thought of those roses as something extraordinary. I see them differently now, though. Sometimes a rose is a sacrifice. Sometimes it is encouragement. Sometimes it is kindness. Sometimes it is a prayer offered when no one is watching. Throughout our lives, we have all been showered with roses. Roses in our families. Roses in our teachers. Roses in our faith. Roses in one another. For years, we have received these roses. Now, it is our turn to become them. To become the encouragement someone else needs, the kindness that changes someone's day, the faith that gives someone hope. To become the answer to someone else's prayer.

Graduates, wherever life takes us, may we never forget the people who brought us here. May we never forget the faith that shaped us. May we never forget the love that carried us. And may we always remember: "Ser cultos para ser libres." To be educated is to be free. Free to learn. Free to serve. Free to lead. Free to love. Congratulations, Class of 2026. We did it.



## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that from Monday, June 8 through Friday, July 31, the Parish Office will be open Monday - Friday, from 8:30am to 3:00pm, closing for lunch from 12:00pm - 12:30pm.

Daily Masses will continue as regularly scheduled throughout the summer months.



## ORGAN VOICING CONTINUES

Over the next four months, the team from CB Fisk will be on site every day to continue the tedious work of voicing and tuning the organ. As beautiful as the organ currently sounds, it is still only about 40% voiced!

Due to the delicate nature of the work and the need for silence in the space while each individual pipe is tuned properly, the church will be generally closed Monday - Friday from 11:00am through 5:00pm until late September.

The team is working to have the organ completed in time for our Centennial Mass on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Dedication Concert on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

## COTLF IS HIRING!

Church of the Little Flower is seeking to hire a full-time Coordinator of Religious Education/  
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*Centennial  
Gala*

We are thrilled to share that our Centennial Gala has raised over \$500,000 to date! The incredible generosity of our parish and school community continues to inspire as we prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Only 5 tables remain for the event, at the \$15,000 and \$25,000 sponsorship levels — and once they're gone, they're gone. **This event WILL sell out!!**

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this historic evening as we celebrate 100 years of faith, education, and community at Church of the Little Flower and St. Theresa Catholic School

To secure your table or for more information,  
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*Thank you for your continued support of our Centennial celebration!*

# Saint Charles Lwanga

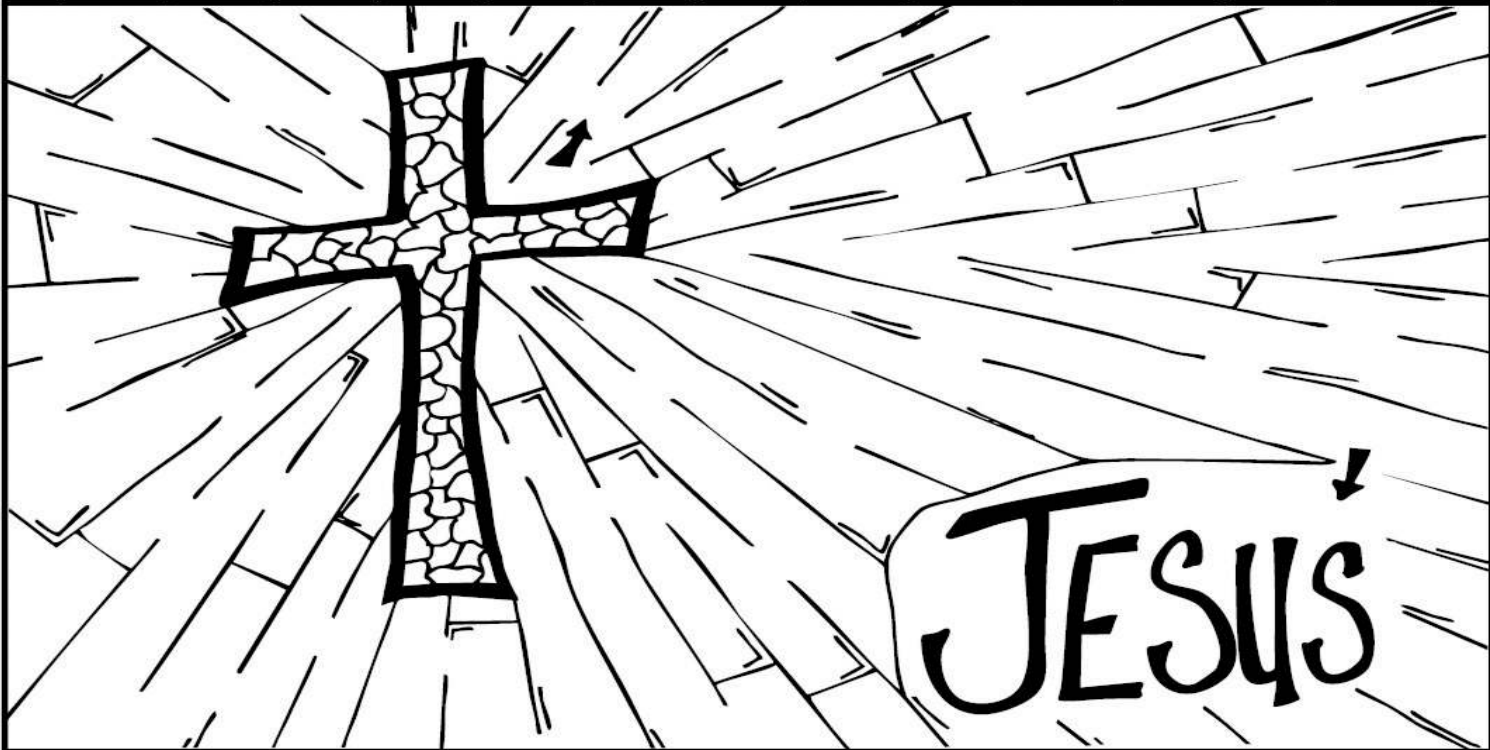
Saint Charles Lwanga learned about God and taught others about Him. He protected boys who were told that they couldn't believe. He was martyred because he kept teaching about God.

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OSHIEHISFLOCKOW  
 We are his people: the sheep of his flock.  
 BPEOPLEKJSOTHEOXJ

BOWSHEEPOTJIBHOFISHIEOJZ

Before church today, dip your fingers in holy water and pray the Sign of the Cross. The holy water can remind people of their baptism.



**Gospel**

Jesus sent his disciples to teach others about God. They led others to follow Jesus.



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