



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



BULLETIN/BOLETIN

DECEMBER 12TH
III SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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III DOMINGO DEL ADVIENTO

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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 — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:30 pm	Español — <i>Livestreamed</i>
Saturday	
Time	Language
8:00 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:00 pm	English Vigil
Sunday	
Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
12:30 pm	Español — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:30 pm	English

CONFESSIONS

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



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CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - REILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

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

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

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome To The Catholic Church!
Congratulations To Our Newly Baptized:

- ◆ Zoe Angela Connell
- ◆ Nicole Mayorga
- ◆ Luna de los Angeles Mejia Al-Albdallah
- ◆ Rodrigo Alexzander Perez Silva
- ◆ Aaron James Porras
- ◆ Mila Alejandra Richardson
- ◆ Santino Darien Torres



Congratulations And God's Blessings To Those Joined In Holy Matrimony:

- ◆ Christian Aguilar & Stephannye Cruzatt



Rest in Peace. We Pray For Those Who Have Entered Eternity:

- ◆ Hilda Aguero

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Private on Saturdays or Group on Sundays at 2pm. Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance.
- Privados los sábados o en grupo los domingos a las 2pm. Arreglos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación.

SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Attendance 1,403

In-Church Collection..... \$9,185

Late, Drop-off & Mail-in \$861

Online Giving \$12,305

Devotional Lights \$522

Poor Box/Charities \$341

*Thank you for your generosity!
¡Gracias por su generosidad!*

Grand Total

\$24,617

DID YOU KNOW?

End-of-Year Giving is an easy way to support the parish while making the most of your tax deductions for the 2021 calendar year. For more details about E-O-Y Giving or how you can support COTLF, please contact our Development Director, Ms. Ashley Sacks, at ASacks@cotlf.org

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 12th

3rd Sunday of Advent

5pm Sat Vigil + Rafaela M. Rodriguez
 7:30 am Carlo Alejandro Chialastri's Birthday
 9:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**
 12:30 pm + Caridad Anillo
 5:30 pm + Ricardo Ramirez

Monday, December 13th

Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:15 am + Cruz Osvaldo Bermudez & Juana Irene Arinero
 8:00 am + Mark Hopkins
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Tuesday, December 14th

Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:15 am Marcia Helu's Health
 8:00 am + Carmen Ferreira
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Wednesday, December 15th

Wednesday of Week III of Advent

6:15 am In Thanksgiving for our Parish Catechists
 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Centurion, Lopez Oña, Centurion, and Perkins Family
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Thursday, December 16th

Thursday of Week III of Advent

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Dulce Marimon
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Friday, December 17th

Friday of Week III of Advent

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am Anniversary of Alexandra Herrera's Baptism
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Saturday, December 18th

Saturday of Week III of Advent

8:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family

Sunday, December 19th

4th Sunday of Advent

5pm Sat Vigil + Bernardina Abreu
 7:30 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Del Rosso & Felice Family
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family**
 12:30 pm + Mario Alberto Rodriguez
 5:30 pm + Lillian Eleanor Cabrera

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

SUNDAY	ZEP 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; PHIL 4:4-7; LK 3:10-18
MONDAY	NM 24:2-7, 15-17A; PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9; MT 21:23-27
TUESDAY	ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 AND 23; MT 21:28-32
WEDNESDAY	IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25; PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14; LK 7:18B-23
THURSDAY	IS 54:1-10; PS 30:2 AND 4, 5-6, 11-12A AND 13B; LK 7:24-30
FRIDAY	GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17; MT 1:1-17
SATURDAY	JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25
SUNDAY	MI 5:1-4A; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10:5-10; LK 1:39-45

THIS WEEK @ COTLF

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

All Masses **2nd Collection:** Retirement Fund for Religious
 2:30 pm **Homeless Ministry Christmas Toy Drive** (Comber Hall Parking)
 Joe Lluhi, lluhij@gmail.com
 6:30 pm **High School Youth Group** (Comber Hall)
 Andria Parks-Herrera, COTLFYouthGroup@gmail.com
 7:30 pm **Young Adult Group** (RPC Hall)
 Ceci Cristobal, [305-528-1780](tel:305-528-1780)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

10:00 am **Seekers Bible Study** (Rear Conference Room)
 Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
 7:00 pm **Cristo en Cuba** (Chapel Conference Room)
 Adriano Garcia, adrianogar@aol.com
 7:00 pm **Adult Bible Study Group** (Zoom)
 Julie Otero, JOtero@vistacolor.com
 7:30 pm **Emaus de Hombres** (RPC Hall)
 Andres Hernandez, hernandezandres@hotmail.com
 7:30 pm **Ejercicios Espirituales** (Rear Conference Room)
 Marcia Iglesias, marcia@amprex.net

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

6:30 pm **Escuela: Talleres de Oracion y Vida** (Rear Conference Room)
 7:00 pm **RCIA** (STS Cafeteria)
 7:00 pm **Unfolding the Scriptures with Fr. Omar** (Zoom)
 7:00 pm **Legion of Mary** (Legion of Mary House)
 Maria Lopez, [786-247-3872](tel:786-247-3872)
 7:00 pm **Reaching for a Smile Rosary** (St. Joseph Chapel)
 Maru de Castro, [305-335-4104](tel:305-335-4104)
 8:00 pm **English Charismatic Prayer Group** (Chapel Conference Room)
 Felipe Vizcarrondo, fevmd@bellsouth.net
 8:30 pm **Revelando las Escrituras con el Padre Omar** (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

4p & 6:30p **Religious Ed Classes**
 7:30 pm **Oracion de Intercesion / Grupo Carismatico** (Zoom)
 Maria Arrabal, uria.bernardo1996@att.net
 7:30 pm **Women's Emmaus** (Chapel Conference Room)
 Marifer Ordoñez, mfordonez@earthlink.net

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

7:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal** (RPC Hall)
 Luis Cuza, LCuza@cotlf.org
 7:00 pm **Cub Scouts** (STS Cafeteria)
 St Theresa Pack 16, stspack16@gmail.com
 7:30 pm **Men's English Emmaus** (Comber Hall Foyer)
 Core Team, contact@littlefloweremmaus.org

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

10:00 am **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
 Katy Dunn, katyddunn@gmail.com
 7:00 pm **Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus** (Zoom)
 Daisy Muik, dmuik48@yahoo.com
 8:00 pm **English Marriage Covenant** (Zoom)
 Janetsy Christensen, JanetsyC@bellsouth.net

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

10:00 am **Religious Ed. Classes**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

6:30 pm **High School Youth Group** (Comber Hall)
 Andria Parks-Herrera, COTLFYouthGroup@gmail.com
 7:30 pm **Young Adult Group** (RPC Hall)
 Ceci Cristobal, [305-528-1780](tel:305-528-1780)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

Pure joy! On the opening night of the fair last weekend, after going through a lockdown and a pandemic that we're still going through and all the obstacles we underwent to get to that point, I stood by myself near one of the rides just observing the pure joy on the faces of our children. It was a reflective moment and something that we don't often do which is to pause and take in the beauty and joy of a singular moment. Like the sight of children opening gifts on Christmas morning, the faces of parents when their child is baptized or receives their First Holy Communion, the face of a mother or father when they hold their newborn child, or even the precise moment when a bride and groom exchange wedding vows and become husband and wife. As a priest, I've learned over the years, despite always thinking about what's next, to take in and enjoy those moments of pure joy that I am privileged to witness through the sacraments and through my ministry. So I stood there, seeing smiles, hearing laughter, and thanking the Good Lord that we were able to share this weekend of great joy as a community. I had promised and fervently prayed for a big parish celebration on the other side of the pandemic, and God had heard our prayers and allowed us to share in this divine joy that he promises us in the gospel of St. John.

Joy is what this Third Sunday of Advent is all about. "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!" This is what we hear in the first reading from Zephaniah this Sunday. St. Paul takes it a step further in the second reading in his letter to the Philippians when he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Phil 4:4)" Why do we rejoice? Why are our hearts filled with joy? Because our salvation is at hand. Christmas draws ever near.

St. John Paul II once said: *Faith is our source of joy. We believe in a God who created us so that we might enjoy human happiness - in some measure on earth, in its fullness in heaven. We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done. We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy. It makes us see that Jesus did not come to lay burdens upon us. He came to teach us what it means to be fully happy and fully human. Therefore, we discover joy when we discover truth - the truth about God our Father, the truth about Jesus our Savior, the truth about the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts.* (Angelus, 11/30/86)

The greatest source of our joy is Jesus Christ. Christ brings us together as one body and makes us a family in this parish. The quote above from St. John Paul II really resonated with me this past week especially after the completion of our parish fair. "The joy of work well done!" This is what so many experienced after three joy-filled yet exhausting days of putting on a fair. I want to thank the army of parishioners and school parents who spent countless hours working booths and behind the scenes to make this fair a success. I want to thank the many sponsors who were so generous to us. And I want to thank all of you for participating and supporting our annual fair. It was truly a memorable weekend where we were reminded of the joy of encountering Christ in the faces of our children, in our fellow parishioners, and feeling the joy of being surrounded, in person, by our parish family.

Have a Blessed Gaudete Sunday!



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

¡Pura alegría! En la noche de apertura de la feria el pasado fin de semana, después de pasar por un confinamiento y una pandemia que todavía estamos atravesando y todos los obstáculos que sufrimos para llegar a ese punto, me paré solo cerca de una de las atracciones solo observando la pura alegría en los rostros de nuestros hijos. Fue un momento reflexivo y algo que no hacemos a menudo, que es el hacer una pausa y asimilar la belleza y la alegría de un momento en particular. Como la cara de los niños abriendo regalos en la mañana de Navidad, los rostros de los padres cuando su hijo es bautizado o recibe su Primera Comunión, el rostro de una madre o un padre cuando sostienen a su hijo recién nacido, o incluso el momento preciso en que una novia y un novio intercambian votos matrimoniales y se convierten en marido y mujer. Como sacerdote, he aprendido a lo largo de los años, a pesar de pensar siempre en lo que sigue, a asimilar y disfrutar de esos momentos de pura alegría que tengo el privilegio de presenciar a través de los sacramentos y a través de mi ministerio. Así que me quedé allí, viendo sonrisas, escuchando risas y agradeciendo al Buen Señor que pudimos compartir este fin de semana de gran alegría como comunidad. Había prometido y orado fervientemente por una gran celebración parroquial cuando se terminara la pandemia, y Dios había escuchado nuestras oraciones y nos había permitido compartir esta alegría divina que nos promete en el evangelio de San Juan.

La alegría es de lo que se trata este tercer domingo de Adviento. "¡Regocíjate, hija de Sión! "Esto es lo que escuchamos en la primera lectura de Sofonías este domingo. San Pablo da un paso más allá en la segunda lectura de su carta a los Filipenses cuando escribe, "Alégrense siempre en el Señor, se los repito: ¡alégrense! (Fil 4:4)"¿Por qué nos regocijamos? ¿Por qué nuestros corazones están llenos de alegría? Porque nuestra salvación está cerca. La Navidad se acerca cada vez más.

San Juan Pablo II dijo una vez: *La fe es la fuente de nuestra alegría. Creemos que Dios nos creó para vivir en profundidad la felicidad humana, que de algún modo experimentamos en la tierra, pero cuya plenitud acontecerá en el cielo. La alegría de vivir, la alegría del amor y de la amistad, la alegría del trabajo bien hecho, etc., expresan, de un modo admirable, lo que todos entendemos por alegría humana. Para nosotros, los cristianos, la causa-fundamento de nuestra alegría no es otra que la causa de la alegría de Jesús: ser plenamente consciente de que Dios, nuestro Padre, nos ama. Este amor transforma nuestras vidas y llena de gozo nuestro corazón. Nos ayuda a comprobar que, realmente, Jesús no vino para imponernos ningún tipo de yugo. Él vino para enseñarnos lo que significa ser plenamente feliz y plenamente hombres. Por tanto, cuando descubrimos la verdad, descubrimos también la alegría: la verdad sobre Dios, nuestro Padre, la verdad de Jesús, nuestro Salvador, la verdad sobre el Espíritu Santo que vive en nuestros corazones.* (Ángelus 11/30/86)

La mayor fuente de nuestro gozo es Jesucristo. Cristo nos une como un solo cuerpo y nos hace una familia en esta parroquia. La cita anterior de San Juan Pablo II realmente resonó conmigo la semana pasada, especialmente después del final de nuestra feria parroquial. "¡La alegría del trabajo bien hecho!" Esto es lo que muchos experimentaron después de tres días llenos de alegría, pero agotadores de organizar una feria. Quiero agradecer al ejército de feligreses y padres de escuela que pasaron incontables horas trabajando en los puestos y detrás de escena para hacer de esta feria un éxito. Quiero agradecer a los muchos patrocinadores que fueron tan generosos con nosotros. Y quiero agradecerles a todos ustedes por participar y apoyar nuestra feria anual. Fue realmente un fin de semana memorable donde se nos recordó la alegría de encontrar a Cristo en los rostros de nuestros hijos, en nuestros compañeros feligreses, y sentir la alegría de estar rodeados, en persona, por nuestra familia parroquial.

¡Tengan un bendito domingo de Gaudete!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN**ON JORDAN'S HYMN (WINCHESTER NEW)**

Missalette 146 (p. 240)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**EMMANUEL (STEVE AGRISANO)**

Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
Salvation is drawing near.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
Make all our sad divisions cease,
And be for us the King of Peace.

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10:30 AM ANTHEM**ON JORDAN'S BANK (ARR. MALCOLM ARCHER)****COMMUNION****O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (VENI, VENI EMMANUEL)**

Missalette #139 (p. 238)

RECESSIONAL HYMN**O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH (VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE)**

Missalette #144 (p. 238)

CANTO DE ENTRADA**QUE SE ABRAN LOS CIELOS (ELEAZAR CORTÉS)**

Que se abran los cielos
y que llueva el redentor.
¡Maranatha! Que llueva el Salvador.

1. Oye nuestra súplica,
perdona nuestra culpa,
ven a salvarnos, ¡ven, Señor!
2. En todos los tiempos
se escuchan las plegarias:
ya no te tardes, ¡ven, Señor!
3. Seca nuestras lágrimas,
convírtelas en gozo,
ven a nosotros, ¡ven, Señor!

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CANTO DE OFERTORIO**OH VEN, OH VEN EMMANUEL (VENI, VENI EMMANUEL)**

Misal #280 (página 320)

CANTO DE COMUNIÓN**ARRIBA LOS CORAZONES (TRADICIONAL)**

Misal #328 (página 351)

CANTO DE SALIDA**TODA LA TIERRA (ORLANDO RODRÍGUEZ Y ROGELIO ZELADA)**

Toda la tierra grita tu nombre;
todos los pueblos te esperan ya.
Todos te llaman, todos te buscan,
sólo en ti alcanzan su libertad.

1. Voy caminando por este mundo,
te voy buscando a ti, Señor,
en mis hermanos, en los que sufren,
en los que esperan tu salvación.
2. Da tu rocío, que el pobre anhela,
con agua viva su sed calmar.
Que se abran todos los corazones,
que un mundo nuevo, quiere empezar.
3. El Señor viene, su luz se acerca.
Rompen la noche gritos de sol;
son alegría, abrazo y beso,
signos del Reino, que comenzó.

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

Advent Penance Service with Individual Confessions

Wednesday, December 22nd

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Church

Masses for Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

5:00 pm - English Children's Vigil Mass

11:30 pm - Christmas Musical Prelude

12:00 am - Bilingual Midnight Mass

Masses for Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm - English

12:30 pm - Spanish

Masses for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 26th

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,

and 5:30 pm - English

12:30 pm - Spanish

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, December 31st

5:30 pm - Spanish Vigil

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

8:00 am - English

10:30 am - Bilingual

THE COTLF GIVING TREE

Parishioners are invited to bring **new** and **wrapped** gifts to our annual COTLF Giving Tree, which is located at the entrance of the Church, by the North staircase, from now through Wednesday, December 22nd. Please be sure to mark donated gifts with a tag identifying the appropriate age range of the recipient and whether the gift would be suitable for a boy or for a girl. All donated gifts are collected for the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. Your generosity in support of those in need from our local community is greatly appreciated!



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 22nd

7:00pm—9:00pm

Holiday Office Closures

With Christmas and New Year's falling on a Saturday this year, please note the following schedule during which the Parish Office will be closed:

Wednesday, December 22nd — Office to close early at 12:30pm

Friday, December 24th — Office Closed (Christmas Eve)

Monday, December 27th — Office Closed (Christmas Observed)

Friday, December 31st — Office Closed (New Years Observed)



O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair love, protect our families so that they may always be united and bless the upbringing of our children. Our hope, look upon us with pity, teach us to go continually to Jesus, and if we fall help us to rise again and return to him through the confession of our faults and our sins in the sacrament of penance, which gives peace to the soul. We beg you to grant us a great love of all the holy sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth. Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our consciences, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all others true joy and true peace, which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

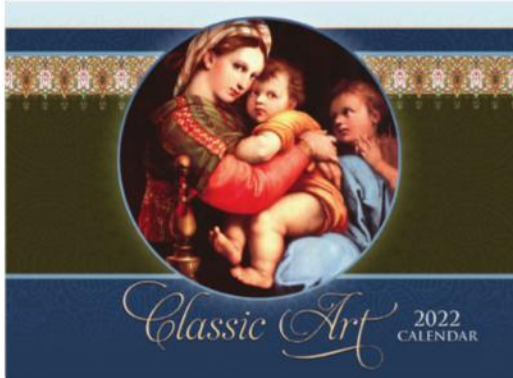
-St. Pope John Paul II Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members—today and tomorrow. Please give generously to the special 2nd Collection to be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thank you!!



2022 Church Calendars

The 2022 COTLF Church Calendars have arrived and will be distributed at all Masses next weekend, December 18th and 19th.

We thank our longtime calendar sponsors,
Pilar Hopkins & Associates Realty Inc.,
The Law Office of Patricia Bango Diaz,
 and *SeaChange Solutions, Inc.*

for their support and hope you enjoy the beautiful 2022 Calendars!

Homeless Ministry Annual Toy Drive

The Homeless Ministry will host it's annual
Christmas Toy Drive collection

THIS WEEKEND, Sunday, December 12
from 2:30 pm to 3:30pm.

A truck will be at the parking lot behind Comber Hall to collect NEW and UNWRAPPED toys in conjunction with the Miami Rescue Mission. The MRM has a goal of distributing 6,000 toys for youth-at-risk boys and girls, 10 years and older, in our community because every child should have something to look forward to on Christmas morning!



UPCOMING MARRIAGE COVENANT RETREAT

The Marriage Covenant Experience, taking place weekend of January 28 – January 30, 2022, is a 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, and what role God plays in our everyday lives. It is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience!

The application is now open and can be submitted by following the QR code here:

For any questions, please contact **Janetsy Christensen** at 305-215-2061 or JanetsyC@bellsouth.net





We are so grateful for your faithful support of Church of the Little Flower. This past year, Church of the Little Flower has been busier than ever as we've been blessed with tremendous church growth. Our online worship services have been incredibly successful, in addition to welcoming many, many new parishioners and families. Developments like this wouldn't be possible without supporters like you! This holiday season, we invite you to financially support our parish mission. Please pray about making a year-end gift to our parish to better serve you - it's as easy as visiting www.OSVHub.com/COTLF.

All donations are tax-deductible. May God bless you always!

Estamos muy agradecidos por su apoyo fiel a la Iglesia de Santa Teresita. Este último año, Santa Teresita ha estado más ocupada que nunca, ya que hemos sido bendecidos con un crecimiento tremendo. Nuestros servicios de adoración en línea han sido increíblemente exitosos, además de dar la bienvenida a muchos, muchos feligreses y familias nuevas. ¡Desarrollos como estos no serían posibles sin partidarios como ustedes! En esta temporada navideña, los invitamos a apoyar financieramente nuestra misión parroquial. Por favor, oren acerca de hacer un regalo de fin de año a nuestra parroquia para servirles mejor a ustedes - es tan fácil como visitar al www.OSVHub.com/COTLF.

Todas las donaciones son deducibles de impuestos. ¡Que Dios los bendiga siempre!

VBS 2022 DATES ARE SET!



Mark your calendars! VBS will be making its long-awaited return **June 20 – July 1, 2022**. Join the fun as we go off-roading for a *Monumental* adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Vacation Bible School details, including camper registration, volunteer applications, and all corresponding fees will be announced this coming Spring.

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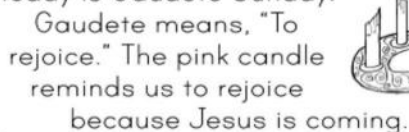
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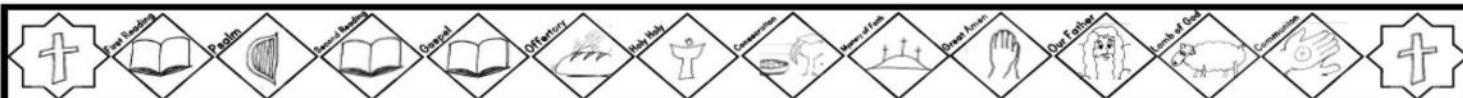


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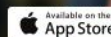
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