

# BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

Discalced Carmelite Fathers of San Antonio, Texas

Pastor: Fr. Luis Gerardo Belmonte-Luna, OCD

Rector: Fr. Gregory Ross, OCD

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Marion Bui, OCD

In Residence: Fr. Luis Joaquin Castaneda, OCD, Fr. Ralph Reyes, OCD, Fr. Henry Bordeaux, OCD,  
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*The Epiphany of the Lord*

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint Therese Parish

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30am, 9:00am (Español), 11:00am, 1:00pm,  
6:30pm (Español).  
(Discalced Carmelite Nuns at 7am)

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday ~ Friday: 12:00pm & 5:30pm  
(Discalced Carmelite Nuns at 7:00am)  
Saturday: 8:00am & 5:30pm (Vigil)  
(Discalced Carmelite Nuns at 7:00am)

## SPECIAL MASSES

Tuesday: 5:30pm Carmelite Community Mass  
Thursday: 8:30am Little Flower School Mass  
1st Friday: 5:30pm Mass for the Sick

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: 6:00pm~7:00pm Holy Hour  
Monday ~ Sunday Our St. Elias Chapel is  
open for Adoration from 8:00am to 6:00pm

## CONFESSIONS~CONFESIONES

Tuesday: 6:00- 7:00pm  
Saturday: 4:00- 5:00pm & 7:00- 8:00pm  
By appointment, call the parish office.  
Spiritual Direction, call the parish office.

## BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Second Sunday of the month  
Spanish: Third Sunday of the month  
For more information: [www.littleflowerbasilica.org](http://www.littleflowerbasilica.org)

## WEDDINGS~ BODAS

At least six months prior to wedding date.  
View requirements on website:  
[www.littleflowerbasilica.org](http://www.littleflowerbasilica.org)

## VISITING THE SICK

Call the parish office (210) 735-9126.

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Senior Secretary: Sylvia DeHoyos ext. 116  
Business Manager: Susana Cantu ext. 114  
Book Keeper: Consuelo Salazar ext. 104  
Human Resources: Laura Cole ext. 105  
CCD Director: Rita Beltran ext. 110

## LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Nora Mazingo  
905 Kentucky Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78201  
Tel. (210) 732-9207 \* Fax (210) 732-3214



## From the Pastor's Desk,

Dear Little Flower Parishioners,

Happiness goes with the hand of appreciation; and this happiness that we celebrate at Christmas converts to appreciation in the end and beginning of the New Year. When we are appreciated, our mind and heart focuses on **what we have** and not on what is

needed. That simple act makes us much happier people. Everything in life is a gift! And what do we do when we are given a gift...we give thanks. Today is the appropriate moment in which we should focus on the gratitude for the year that is ending, accompanied by the joys and sorrows, to give thanks to God for our family, for our friendship, for our health, for our work, for our accomplishments and failures and finally, for the very fact of existing.

How many times have we received displays of affection, favors, help from those near to us and we are not capable of recognizing what they share with us? How are we able to do this with God? To be appreciative speaks well of us, of what we are and what we believe. Gratitude is the essential element in love. It is a complete surrender that in a certain way expresses the contrary of receiving. In it, man is made richer, in it, he grows. As the philosopher Kierkegaard said: *"His richness- of man- increases every time he asks and gives thanks...what poverty not to ask, what poverty not to give thanks; what poverty to have to take everything without recognition."*

In this New Year, more than resolutions, let us make reality our good intentions. The good intention never suffices, it is our acts. Today, what we need is to commit to ourselves and to others and to stop thinking of our own benefit. All of the resolutions that we may think of for this new year of 2017, none of them, can be carried out if not founded in LOVE. May these festivities resound in our heart the prayer of humility of Saint Francis of Assisi and may we make it ours this New Year:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Fraternally,

Fr. Luis Gerardo Belmonte-Luna, OCD

Pastor

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**



All are invited to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Solemn Mass 5:30p.m.**

**Wedding Group Celebration**



Fr. Luis invites all couples that are **not** married by the Church, (just by the county court) to participate in a wedding group celebration on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Basilica. The preparation is in English and Spanish.

Requirements are:

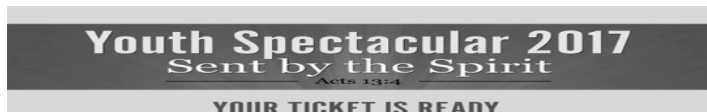
- Updated Baptismal certificate for both
- Copy of your civil marriage license
- Copy of your civil divorce or church annulment (if it is the case).

Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment with the pastor at (210) 735-9126.

**La Cofradía del Escapulario Café**

La Cofradía del Escapulario Café tendrá su próxima junta el 15 de enero 2017 seguido de la celebración de la misa de las 9 am. La reunión se llevará acabo en el centro pastoral ubicado en el 824 Kentucky Ave.

Además se les hace una cordial invitación a mujeres y hombres que quieran pertenecer a la cofradía para conocer el significado e importancia del escapulario y la devoción a la Virgen del Carmen. Para mayor información llamar a Elia Cintron miembro de la ofradía al (210) 291-5926. Muchas gracias por su amable atención; Dios los bendiga.



Saturday, February 4, 2017 at St. Mary's University The Archdiocese of San Antonio invites all middle school and high school students to our annual gathering for and with our youth in order to evangelize, inspire, form, and ignite them to become true missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Valentine's Annual Dance -**

**Save the Date!**

Saturday, February 11th  
Little Flower



**Little Flower School Open House**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017  
9:00am - 2:00pm



- ~STEM Based Curriculum
- ~Enrolling PK3 to 8th Grade
- ~1:1 Chromebooks

**Parish Giving**

For most Catholics, opportunities for giving begin in their parish and diocese. Diocesan and parish stewardship programs should help individuals, families and communities better understand why, in the context of a total commitment to stewardship that is planned, proportionate, and sacrificial, it is important to set goals for giving. All Christian stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and they should make a decision (in advance from the "first fruits" instead of what is left over after obligations have been met) about what will be given. Many parishes now offer electronic funds transfer options for the weekly offertory in addition to the traditional envelope system.

**Señor Sudz Express Car Wash Fundraiser**

Freaky Clean is now Señor Sudz Express Car Wash, & we're pleased to announce the opening of our new location at 3114 Fredericksburg Road (corner of Fredericksburg & Fresno)! We are also pleased to continue our Little Flower Fundraiser at both locations! Simply choose the Little Flower Sudziest \$15 car wash package, & we will donate 20% to the Little Flower Parish. That's \$3 donated to the Church each & every time! Be sure to choose the Little Flower Sudziest car wash package on your next visit to benefit your car & our Parish! Same owner, same GREAT Freaky Clean SERVICE.

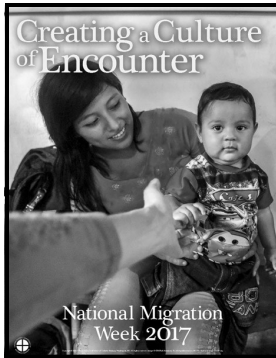
NEW Name & NEW Location!  
1431 Culebra Road  
3114 Fredericksburg Road  
[www.SenorSudzCarWash.com](http://www.SenorSudzCarWash.com)



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## **National Migration Week 2017**

January 8-14, 2017



### **Creating a Culture of Encounter**

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a

culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others." With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as children of God who are worthy of our attention and support. Amen.

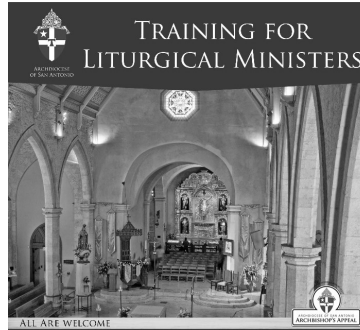
## **Catholic Seniors Conference**

Hallmarks of Aging and Wisdom. Whatever your state in life, the Pilgrim Center of Hope warmly invites you to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Seniors Conference. Celebrate mass with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, and enjoy a day of prayer, learning and laughter while listening to inspiring guest speakers. Reconciliation will also be available and lunch is provided. Fee is \$25. Conference will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church-McDonald Family Center, 10703 Wurzbach Rd, from **7:30 am to 2pm, Saturday February 4, 2017**. To register online go to [www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org](http://www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org) or register by phone call (210) 521-3377.

## **Catholic Men's Conference**

Discover your strength in Christ & receive spiritual tools to live your faith! Register now for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrim Center of Hope's Catholic Men's Conference - **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Share the day with Archbishop Gustavo, Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson and other speakers! Included: Healing Service, speakers, resources, confession, lunch and more! Register at [www.CMCSanAntonio.com](http://www.CMCSanAntonio.com) or call (210) 521-3377 for registration information or questions. Group rates available!

## **Liturgical Ministry Training**



Sat., - Jan. 14, 2017  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
St. Mark the Evangelist  
Catholic Church  
1602 Thousand Oaks  
San Antonio, TX 78232

## **Church in Latin America**

Collection for the Church in Latin America Inspires All to "Share Your Faith"

**The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) will be the weekend of January 21-22.** The 2017 campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to *share faith* with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

## **PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION**



God of all nations,  
Father of the human family,  
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise  
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy  
in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst.



## **Little Flower Gift Shop**

(210) 736-3889  
Store Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-4pm  
& Saturday 10am to 3pm, Sunday 9am-3pm

**Lectors / Commentators****SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

5:30pm Brenda Villarreal, Yvonne Gunderman / Sylvia Montoya

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:30am Christine Hammes, Lilly Berry / Rosa Maria Martinez

9:00am (S) Maria Luisa Villalon, Cinthia Lazaro / Martha Martinez

11:00am Gerard Migeon, Tony Valek / Carolyn Valek

1:00pm Jeannette Santos, Belle Quesnell / Douglas Dionne

6:30pm Sonia Garcia, Hortensia Ortega / Lucy Torres

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion****SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

5:30pm Rosie Rodriguez, Imelda Garcia

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:30am Santos Ipinia, Alois Iltis

9:00am (S) Carmen Leija, Anita Parral, Silvia Sahagun

11:00am Willie &amp; Connie Barrera, Fred Garcia

1:00pm Isabel Santos, Cynthia Reyes

6:30pm Maria Medina

**Mass Intentions****SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30am For Our Parishioners

9:00am +George &amp; +Thelma Menne &amp; Family

11:00am Little Flower Mass Association

1:00pm +Roman &amp; +Maria Garcia, +Kinney &amp; +Delores Huron

6:30pm OCDS Members (Living &amp; Deceased)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

12:00pm Rosalia Zepeda, OCDS - Happy Birthday!

5:30pm Joseph Solano

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 WEEKDAY [1]**

12:00pm Fr. Emmanuel J. Nnadozie, OCD

5:30pm +Elvira M. DeLuna &amp; +Robert G. DeLuna

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 WEEKDAY [1]**

12:00pm +George &amp; +Thelma Menne &amp; Family

5:30pm Lee &amp; Amelia Hurtado - Happy Anniversary

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 WEEKDAY [1]**

12:00pm +Faustino O. Sanchez

5:30pm Vocations

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 WEEKDAY [1]**

12:00pm +Ernest A. Esquivel

5:30pm Carmelite Fathers of Little Flower

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14** BVM on Saturday/ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

8:00am Cody Vardeman

5:30pm +Eva B. Garcia &amp; Imelda Garcia

**Second Collection:  
Church Maintenance Fund**

January 15 - Church Maintenance Fund

**Weekly Collection - December 25, 2016**

First Collection:	\$ 8,142.55
Assumption Seminary:	\$ 1,138.61
Christmas Day:	\$ 1,704.00
Online Giving:	\$ 470.00
Other:	\$ 548.00

**Total \$ 12,003.16****Weekly Collection - January 1, 2016**

First Collection:	\$ 6,134.76
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	\$ 1,568.04
Online Giving:	\$ 1,006.00
Other:	\$ 494.00

**Total \$ 9,202.80****Registered Online Supporters: 46****Lord, hear our prayers.....**

The following friends and members of the Parish need your prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the Parish Office 735-9126 to have names added to the prayer list.

Clara Ondarza, Arturo Rodriguez, Mary Curiel, Rodolfo Ruiz, Alice Forehand Carroll Hendrix, Fernando Martinez Sr., Yolanda A. Leos, Ernestina Silva, Kay Shaw, Gloria Shaw, Julie Shaw Akins, Manuela Hernandez, The Huerter Family, Kenneth Narendorf, Michael Narendorf, Homer & Maria Idalia Gaytan, Zachary Casarez, Soledad Contreras, Mario Alfaro, James E. Gillette, Gim & Elizabeth Ng, Gloria Galindo, Carlos Garcia, Gloria Ramos, Hermelinda & Raymond Guadiano, Leticia Guadiano, Sue Ruiz, Evangelina Gamboa, George Zentella Sr., George Zentella, Jr., Lucy Phalen, Chad Hammes, Christina Polanco & Baby, Kim Nester-Atiee, Sr. Anne Marie, OCD, Sr. Teresa, OCD, Mary Bustos, Richard Joseph Corbett, Cielo Salinas Sanchez, Deborah Vara, Maria Gamez, Rosamaria Garcia, Baldo Ollerbidez, Ana Cano Hernandez, B.Ortiz, Henry Garcia, Rosa Maria Alfaro, Elisa Valdez & Family, Michelle Guillen, Pat Gallaher, Patrick Goldbach, Renato dePiccoli, Austin Atiee, Gina Gonzalez, Miguel Silva Castillo, Michael Daratt, Virginia Casas, Jesse Villegas, Patricio Reis, Guadalupe Olguin, Roberto Flores, Imelda Tamez, Nick Stromboe, Serenity Bogert & Family, Parvaneh Daneshmand, Angelita Barrera, David Lope, Jesse Barrera, Nancy, Felix, Rose, Rosie, Mary, Jeffrey, Mary Solis, Hector, Ronnie, Isaac Perez, Meladee, Miranda, Nikki Sierra,