

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28TH, 2024

Little Flower Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.

Reconciliation prior to mass OR by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 4:00 pm

Wednesday to Friday 8 a.m.

College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy
1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 10 a.m.

College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy
2nd & 4th Friday of the month 10 a.m.

Office Hours (for in-person service)

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

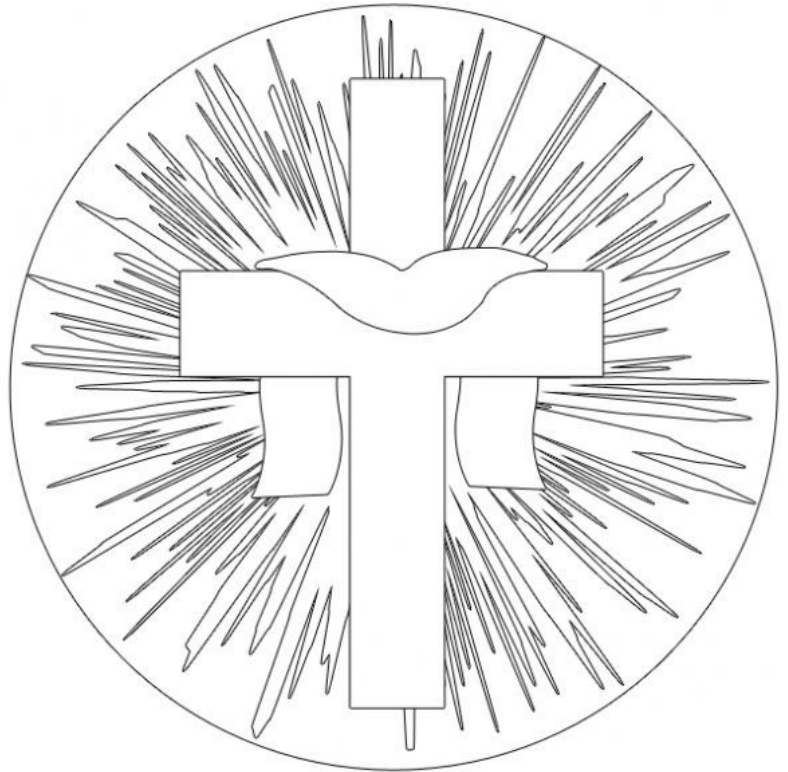
Parish Staff

Parish Administrator: Rev. Jake Ibay

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MISSION STATEMENT: Little Flower Parish as a faith community reaches out to all in service, compassion and love to fulfil our mission of proclaiming the gospel daily in word and deed.



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Land Acknowledgement



Little Flower Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.



Little Flower is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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Theme: Through this month of May, we continue to celebrate the Lord's resurrection and its effects in our lives. The risen Lord gathers us as his disciples and friends. He strengthens us with his



Contact the office to request a Mass for your loved ones. The agenda for 2024 Mass requests is open

Mass intentions for this week are:

Tues. 30, No Mass Int.
Wed. 1, +Repose of Clair Wingerter
Thu. 2 +Repose of Diana Day
Fri. 3, No Mass Int.
Sat. 4, Int. Of Annie Dormuth

Altar server Of the Week: Jean Zdunich

Offering of the Mass



By virtue of the "communion of saints," the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf. (Catechism of the Catholic Church). This practice dates as

far back as Judas collecting a sin-offering for the dead, making atonement so they might be delivered from their sin. (2 Maccabees 12:39-45). Masses may also be offered for the intentions of the living or in thanksgiving. Masses are requested through the parish office.



Return to Vibrancy Announcement:

From her writings we know that for St. Thérèse prayer is an upward leap of the heart, an untroubled glance towards heaven. Prayer is a cry of gratitude and love which she uttered from the depths of sorrow as well as from the heights of joy.

St. Thérèse said: "The guest of our soul knows our misery. He comes to find an empty tent within us. That is all He asks. Do not fear to tell Jesus that you love Him, even without feeling it. That is the way to summon Jesus to

Hospital Chaplains

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs.

To receive a visit from a chaplain, call:

- General Hospital 306-519-1405
- Pasqua Hospital 306-519-1380
- Wascana Rehab Centre 306-530-6511

Please also let your parish know if you've been admitted to the hospital.

Stewardship Bulletin Bits April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -

1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" "Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Join us in celebrating Mother's Day



After a few years, we're excited to announce the return of our beloved Mother's Day Breakfast.

Date: Sunday, May 12th

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Parish Hall

Tickets:

\$12 for adults

\$5 for kids aged 6 to 12 and

free for kids aged 5 and under

Tickets will be sold at the door. No advanced tickets will be sold.

Save the date for a delightful morning of food, fun, and celebrating the amazing mothers in our community! See you there.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May



For the formation of religious and seminarians.

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Prayer Ministry



Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, people who are alone and/or afraid to go out. Pray especially for: Ann Dormuth, Jose Estioco, Agnes Fahlman, Dean Hutchence, Shelly

Joubert, Don Morrell, Lima Perras, Anthony & Louise Wingerter, Claudia Sali, Delores Blank, Theresa Sokalski, Judy Klenk recovering from surgery, Karyle and Irwin's Family at the passing of Delores Blank, Kay Seiferling.

International Dinner Event - Thank You



We want to say a big thank you to all of you who bought tickets for the International Dinner. Your support means a lot and helps bring our community together.

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A special shout-out to the volunteers who worked hard to sell tickets. Your efforts really made a difference in making this event happen.

To our fantastic volunteers from different cultures who are cooking with love, thank you! Your delicious dishes will make our event special and show the beauty of diversity.

And finally, a heartfelt thank you to the committee for all the help in organizing this event and making it a success.

We're excited to celebrate together and enjoy the flavors from around the world. Thank you for being part of this wonderful community celebration.



5th Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel reading, 'I am the true vine', brings us another of John's 'I AM' meditations. It takes up an important theme developed by the Old Testament prophets and one of the psalms: the old Israel was Yahweh's 'vine', lovingly planted and tended; but it brought forth only bitter fruits. In Jesus, however, this divine project has been taken up again by the Father – coming forth from his Paschal Mystery, he is the true vine which will bear fruits which give eternal 'glory' to the Father.

Thus our liturgy carries forward our Easter reflection upon what the Savior's Paschal Mystery means in our lives and in the life of the Church. One of the central themes of the New Testament is the solidarity we have with Christ through what was achieved by God through his death and resurrection. For Paul we live 'in Christ', we are 'limbs of his body'. John often repeats that Christ (and his Father) now 'dwell' or 'make their home' in us.

We could easily overlook the fact that what comes through clearly in this gospel is the call to fruitfulness – sharing with the Son all that makes him the 'true' vine, beloved of the Father who has given him over for the sake of the whole world. The vine's branches are 'pruned' by the Father by means of 'the word' – a clear call to nourish our Resurrection life through a knowledge and love of the Scriptures. The fruits we will bear are primarily the witness we must give to others, and the outreach through which we are called to embody the Savior's presence in our world. Israel was called to be 'a light to the nations' but failed; the New Israel, brought into existence through our solidarity with Jesus in his Paschal Mystery, must fulfill that great mission – an apparently impossible task, until we recall that what is at stake is the Father's great design in creation, and we recognize that all that is to be achieved derives from the One who is 'the true vine'.

In the first reading from Acts, the story of the apostolic Church, energized by its Resurrection faith, continues. The conversion of Paul – through his meeting with the Risen Lord - is a great turning point in this story. As now, the difficulties to be overcome, if the community of believers was to bear life-giving fruits, were both internal and external. It was not easy to accept and trust as a brother the man who had been so violent against them. And the message of life - brought to a lost world - was hated by those who preferred darkness to the light.

If the fruits of life 'in the vine' stressed in the gospel are the Church's effective witness and outreach, the 'discipleship' referred to at the end of the gospel's teaching brings great personal blessings to each believer. The reading from John's letter spells out some of them: learning from the Savior what authentic 'love' is; finding the trust in God which overcomes all our deepest fears and self-doubts; the unspeakable privilege of the divine indwelling; and finally the gift of God's own Spirit.

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Raise the Roof with Madz- A Benefit Concert for the Holy Family Parish

Come experience the world-renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers as they showcase their exceptional vocal talents in a captivating concert. Prepare to be enchanted by their harmonious melodies and powerful performances. This is an event you won't want to miss! Grab your friends and family for a memorable musical experience.

Join us on **Thursday, May 2nd at Westminster United Church** (3025-13th Ave.) Doors open at 6 pm, performance begins at 7 pm.

Tickets are on sale after all Masses this **weekend for \$35** each (VIP and Premium tickets sold out!)

Holy Cross Parish Cal Murphy Memorial Golf Tournament

Deer Valley Golf Club Friday, May 31 Putting contest 9:00 am Rolling start 10:00 am Banquet 4:00 pm Tournament fee of \$150 includes green fees, power cart, banquet and tax receipt.

Deadline for entries is May 24.

Banquet only \$30.

Entry forms available at www.holycrossregina.ca, email Joyce at byapple@sasktel.net / phone 306-789-1983 or phone John at 306-789-7609