

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6 & 7, 2018

Little Flower Sunday Masses

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation prior to all Masses OR by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.

Friday Adoration 7:30—8:00 a.m.

College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy

Every Thursday 10:30 a.m.

College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy

2nd & 4th Friday of the month 10:30 a.m.

Broadway Terrace Liturgy

1st & 3rd Friday of the month 9:30 a.m.

Little Flower Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

1:00—3:30 p.m.

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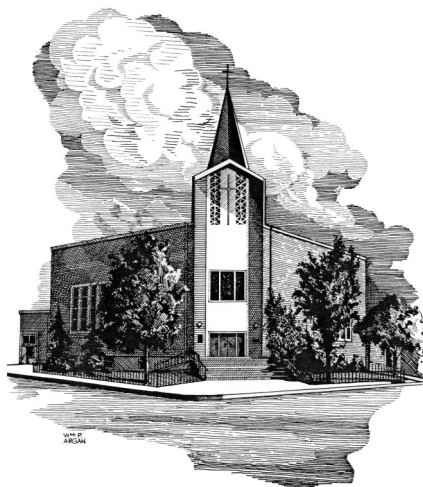
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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

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Theme: Jesus Christ is light for all who search in the darkness. On this feast of Epiphany, we remember the first star searchers who found the light. That light still shines for those who seek. It is a bright contrast to the darkness that obscures the world and lurks in every human heart.

Saturday, January 6: 5:00 pm

Altar Servers: Denise Arevalo, Jack Catarina, Ella Forrest

Community Leader: Judy Klenk

Lector 1: Carma Staples

Lector 2: Tom Kraemer

Sunday, January 7: 10:00 am

Altar Servers: Lily & Regan Beurivage, Josh Cabanda

Community Leader: Tara Singh

Lector 1: Nathan Diehl

Lector 2: Wanda Lamberti

Weekday Lector/Altar Server: Carma Staples



This Week in the Parish

Daily Mass intentions listed below:

Tues., Jan. 9	8:00 am	Special intentions
Wed., Jan. 10	8:00 am	+Repose of Consolation Onza
Thurs, Jan 11	8:00 am	Intentions of Andrea Howard
Fri., Jan 12	8:00 am	+Repose of Michael Kolody
Sat., Jan 13	5:00 pm	Intentions of Ann Dormuth

A complete list of daily Mass intentions (January) may be found on the bulletin boards and the parish website.

Events:

Sun., Jan. 7	11:00 am	Coffee Sunday
Tues., Jan. 9	6:15 pm	CWL meeting
Thurs., Jan 11	7:00 pm	Finance meeting

Financial Update



Envelopes/Donations - 172
Non-envelope collection
Total collection

Collection	Target	Dec 24-31 Over (short)	Jan 1 - Dec 31 Over (short)
Dec 24-31	Dec 24-31	from target	from target
\$ 17,861			
\$ 1,384			
\$ 19,245	\$ 12,745	\$ 6,500	\$ (29,862)

Parish Office Closed



The parish office will be closed Monday, January 8. In the event of an emergency, please leave your brief message on our voice mail

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11



Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Annual Appeal

Contributions to date—\$26,497 from 174 contributors.

This represents 102% of our target of \$ 26,085 from 35% of our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to those of you who have returned your cards. We never did receive 59% (292) of the cards that were mailed.

We will receive a rebate of 80% of the amount we are over target.



Dine with
Archbishop Donald Bolen
&
Celebrate
Fr. Jose Periyilkatte's
22nd Anniversary of Ordination
6:30 pm
Saturday, January 13, 2018
Little Flower Auditorium
Roast beef supper catered by
Charlotte's Catering
Adults \$15 Children (5—10 years) \$8
Tickets available in the Pamphlet Room after Mass:
December 23, 24, 30, 31
January 6, 7

Prayer Ministry

Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those in nursing homes and those who care for them, especially: Florence Barrow, Germain Beaurivage, Alfred Boehme, Tony & Kay Fahlman, Fr. Joe Firkola, Dean Hutchence, Mary Kish, Fr. Ken Koep, Carolyn Meginbir, Fr. Emmett Morrissey, Thomas & Theresa Periyilkatte, Claudia Sali, Dianne Stromich, Kathleen Wingerter and Louise Wingerter. Please also, keep in your prayers all who are grieving the death of a loved one.



Aaron & Mary Euteneier—January 2—61 years

Richest blessings to you. You are a particular witness of God's love and fidelity amongst us!

Sacramental Preparation Restored Order Sacraments



Preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation will begin at Little Flower on Sunday, January 14



at 4 pm. If you have not yet registered your child for this series of preparation sessions, please do so by e-mailing Bonnie at bonnie.littleflower@sasktel.net or by calling the parish office at 306-522-8583 prior to the first session. Please bring your child's baptism certificate with you.

Food Drive

Our monthly Food Drive will take place January 13 & 14. All contributions are welcome. Thank you for sharing your treasure with those around you.

Please be mindful that we do not accept packaging that has been opened, items that are partially used or those beyond their expiry date.

Vocation View

God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a church minister. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

The Sacred First Class Relic of St. Francis Xavier's Forearm

This sacred relic is making a rare visit to Canada and it will be in Regina for only a very short time on SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 AT RESURRECTION PARISH. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you don't want to miss. It is presented by the Archdiocese of Ottawa, Catholic Christian Outreach and the Jesuits in Canada. More details at cco.ca/relic.

10 am: Mass (with Archbishop Donald Bolen)

11 am - 4:00 pm: Veneration

7-10 pm: Relic Event

(Talk, Testimonies and Veneration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at various times during the day.

Our Lady of Peace Concert Series

Please join us at Our lady of Peace Concert Series, 425 Broad Street North on Sunday, January 14, 2018 with the Regina Nigerian Catholic Community at 3:30 pm. Refreshments and cookies. Free will offering.

Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign *Together for Peace*

Please note the following Share Lent 2018 workshop schedule in the archdiocese:

- January 18: Regina - Little Flower Parish (7 – 9:30 pm)

A Thank you Note from Father Jose

We are in the second week of Year 2018. We have a lot to thank God for—the blessings we have received during this Christmas season, especially for a Bright New Year. I would like to thank each and every member of our parish who actively participated in the Liturgies and all who did the ministries during this Advent and Christmas season. I would also like to thank you for all your prayers, greetings and gifts you gave me for Christmas. We will work together for the glory of God in this bright New Year. God bless you and your families.

THANK YOU

The Epiphany is celebrated each January 6 and is a day dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who came to visit Him.

The word "epiphany" means "an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity." Christ revealed himself in the form of a newborn babe to the Three Wise Men, who traveled from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God. It is also a reference to the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist. The six Sundays following Epiphany are known as the time of manifestation.

The Gospel of Matthew describes three Wise Men, named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who were told of Christ's birth and set off, following the Star of Bethlehem, to meet the baby Jesus. Each king brought with him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to represent Jesus' elevated position, divine birth and mortality respectively.

Divine manifestation: The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek "epiphania," which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. "Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Savior is this day made manifest to the world." The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete. The Gospels of the baptism and the marriage at Cana are read on the Octave Day and the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and later Sunday masses in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles.

Royal kingship: A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

Your Light is Come: Closely linked to both these themes of divine manifestation and world kingship is a third idea running through the Epiphany feast: that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness, and we prayed and waited in the spirit of the Jewish nation which lived in expectation of the Coming Light during thousands of years. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: "The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising."