

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

## Little Flower Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.

**Reconciliation** prior to mass OR by appointment

## Weekday Masses

Tuesday 4 p.m.

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 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

## Parish Staff

Parish Administrator: Rev. Jake Ibay

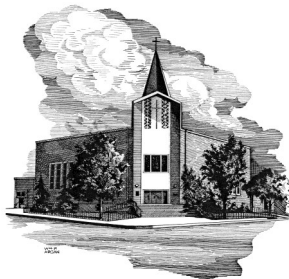
Office Administrator: Valerio Quirino &  
Lilian Marouelli

Caretaker/Maintenance: Rick Morin



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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: Christians are travelers, on the road. As followers of Jesus, who “set his face toward Jerusalem,” we cannot stand still. Between the first and the final coming, in a time of both fulfillment and new birth, we live in a rhythm of departures and new advents, goodbyes and hellos.**



**Contact the office to request a Mass for your loved ones. The agenda for 2025 Mass requests is now open.**

### **Mass intentions for this week are:**

Tue. 10 **Repose of Rose Marie Facht**  
Wed. 11 **Repose of Alfred Ratch**  
Thu. 12 **Direction for Dinesh Singh**  
Fri. 13 **Repose of Clair Wingerter**  
Sat. 14 **In Memory of George Mertler**

**Altar Server of the week: Barb Aman**

### **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.



### **Advent Novena: The St. Andrew Christmas Novena**

Join us in praying the St. Andrew Christmas Novena this Advent season. This prayer is said daily from **November 30th until Christmas Eve.**

**Hail and blessed be the hour and moment  
In which the Son of God was born  
Of the most pure Virgin Mary,  
At midnight, in Bethlehem,  
In the piercing cold.  
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
O my God,  
To hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
[mention your intentions here]  
Through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,  
And of His Blessed Mother.  
Amen.**

### **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 Bit December 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

### Second Sunday of Advent

As we enter the second week of Advent, let us pray the Advent Wreath Prayer:

*"Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen."*

Let us continue to reflect on the gift of peace this Advent season.

### The Little Flower Parish Raffle Draw

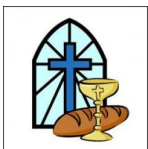


Thank you for your support. We're excited to announce that we're almost at a sell-out! Join us this weekend, **December 8th, after Mass**, for the **Raffle Draw**. We'll also have **free donuts and coffee** to enjoy.

Let's come together to celebrate our community. Your support for The Little Flower Parish Raffle makes a difference.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### St. Augustine Catholic School Mass



We are excited to welcome students, faculty, and staff from St. Augustine Catholic School and St. Maria Faustina School to Mass on **Thursday, December 12th at 9:45 AM**.

Let us come together in prayer and celebration. We are grateful for the presence of our school community as they join us in this special liturgy.

## 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 the repose of the souls of Tim Wingerter and Hartley O'Connor.

Also, pray for the recovery of Fr. Jose, who is recovering from a heart attack, and for Fr. Jake, who is healing from broken ribs.

### Food Drive This Weekend



Get ready for a week of giving! Our upcoming Food Drive will take place this weekend, **December 7th and 8th**.

Your generosity can make a significant impact, so please join us in sharing your

treasures with those in need. To ensure the quality and safety of donations, kindly note that we cannot accept opened packaging, partially used items, or those beyond their expiry date.

Let's come together as a community and make a difference! Your participation is deeply appreciated.

### 2025 Collection Envelopes



The 2025 collection envelopes are now available at the back of the church, arranged alphabetically for current users. Special Collection envelopes for auto-debit contributors are at the end.

Please pick up your box today. If you are a first-time user, kindly fill out the sheet on the table, and we will prepare a box for you.

Thank you for your continued support!

### Office Hours Update for December 2024

Please be advised that our office hours will change during December:

- **December 10th to 19th:** The office will be open from **9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**.
- **December 24th to January 2nd:** The office will be **closed**.
- On all other weekdays, our regular office hours will remain **9:30 AM to 1:30 PM**.
- **Saturdays:** Office hours will be from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples 12 December 2024

On 12 December, the **feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the Church in Canada marks the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

This initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council).

This year, the reflection by the Council is inspired by Pope Francis's words of healing and reconciliation spoken during his "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada.

Together we pray:

*O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility and hope, we, your children, acknowledge the relationship in You of all living things.*

*For this we thank You and praise You.*

*We call on You, Great Mystery, our God who comes to us in Jesus Christ, Your Son – our Lord, teacher, prophet and brother – to open our minds and hearts as we continue to walk the difficult, yet critical journey of reconciliation and healing.*

*In our world of such blessed diversity, we see so many struggles and obstacles to oneness and unity.*

*We implore You to heal our brokenness and division. Show us in Jesus the way to unity among the multiplicity of Your peoples in our world.*

*We also pray that You will guide and lead us in the Truth, and show us how to be a people who walk with You. May we be a people of Respect, Humility, Courage, Honesty, and Compassion - as we find Your Wisdom on the Spirit-led journey that supports deep healing and fosters renewed relationships.*

*Lord, make us channels of Your Peace, Hope, and Love!*

*Amen*

## Archbishop's Appeal Bulletin Reflection

As Advent begins, Jesus urges us to be vigilant, preparing our hearts for His coming. This season is a time of hopeful anticipation and active readiness. Contributing to the Archbishop's Appeal is a meaningful way to prepare, supporting ministries that bring Christ's light to others. Our unified generosity ensures that the message of hope reaches those who need it most. By staying awake and attentive through acts of kindness and support, we not only ready ourselves but also help prepare the world to receive the joy of the Savior's birth.



### Prayer of Intercession

We lift up our clergy in prayer, asking for strength and guidance in their ministry. May they lead their parishioners toward unity in faith, and may those discerning a call to the priesthood find clarity and encouragement .

### Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up at [archregina.flocknote.com/ ArchdioceseofRe5](http://archregina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5) or email [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca)



### Pope's December prayer intention: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope . [popevideo.org](http://popevideo.org)