

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

## 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 and Friday 8 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 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 Wednesday: 9 a.m. to noon

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

(We continue to monitor phone calls  
weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

## Parish Staff Team

Parish Administrator: Rev. Jake Ibay

Office Team: Valerio Quirino and Diane Goski

Caretaker/Maintenance: Rick Morin



*"I rejoice to be little because only children, and those who are like them, will be admitted to the heavenly banquet."*

*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:** Here's how we are challenged today: "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand." Putting aside our fears, we trust in God who can change our hearts.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

*(Contact the office and request a Mass for your loved ones.)*

Mass intentions for this week are:

Tues., Dec. 6	<b>4 p.m.</b>	Clair Wingerter
Wed., Dec. 7	<b>8 a.m.</b>	+Frank & Adeline Zimmerman
Thurs., Dec. 8	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Paul Schimmelmann
Fri., Dec. 9	<b>8 a.m.</b>	Young-Strassburger family
Sat., Dec. 10	<b>5 p.m.</b>	+George Mertler +Alan Kelm

Weekday Altar Server: Jean Zdunich

### Coming Activities:

**Dec. 4** - Sacramental Preparation Session at 2 p.m.

**Dec. 10/11** - Food Drive

**Dec. 10th** - Women's Faith Formation at 3 p.m.

### Parish Food Drive—Dec. 10/11



We will have the Food Drive collection for Marian Centre and Visitation House this weekend. All contributions are welcome. Thank you for sharing your treasure with those around you.

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



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### 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 when you're in the hospital.

### 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.

If you wish to have the Mass offered on a specific date, let us know at least one month in advance.

## FEELING GRATEFUL to . . .

**Bernadette Sokalski** for capturing the fun of Sister Mel's birthday supper in pictures, and then making a display of them for our front entrance. It looks like Sister Mel thoroughly enjoyed her special night.

**Everyone who attended our Coffee Social** on November 27. We had a great time visiting with fellow parishioners and getting to know new people. Several signed up for ministries as well. Let's keep the spirit of service alive and keep those questions coming!



### Join the Little Voices Christmas Choir

All children are welcome to sing at the December 24 Christmas Eve mass (5 p.m.). Email Marie Currie Sanchez [mcurrie\\_sanchez@yahoo.com](mailto:mcurrie_sanchez@yahoo.com) for details.

### Answering the Archbishop's Challenge:

#### Returning to Parish Vibrancy

As mentioned at Mass on Nov. 19 and 20, the Archdiocese set a challenge for us to show we have what it takes for our parish to survive for the long term. We must improve the level of volunteerism and participation and raise our donations to where our income covers operating costs.

Following the presentation, we received five volunteer forms in the collection basket and a total of seven people (two new families) stepping forward. We truly appreciate everyone who has taken the time to complete the form, as this challenge to our survival as a parish is one that will require us all to look deep into ourselves to determine what we can contribute through our participation in ministries and activities, as well as providing for the financial needs of the parish.

Only by working together will we be able to successfully meet the challenge and keep our parish open for many years to come.

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help, and return your completed form at your earliest opportunity. Additional copies of the presentation, the Archbishop's letter, our list of ministries and the volunteer form are available in the literature racks at the back of the church and on our website at [LittleFlowerRegina.ca](http://LittleFlowerRegina.ca).

Thank you all for your continued support of our Little Flower Parish community!

## 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: Germain Beaurivage, Annette Block, Ann Dornmuth, Jose Estioco, Agnes Fahlman, Marlene Frey, Fred Fry, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Shelly Joubert, Judy Klenk, Don Morrell, Lima Perras, Claudia Sali, Ron Strassburger, Clair Wingerter, Louise Wingerter, the lonely, vulnerable, and homeless, as well as the people affected by war in Ukraine.

### Happy anniversary!

You are special witnesses of God's love and fidelity among us.

**Steve & Jane Ottenbreit**

Dec. 20—47 years

**Marciano & Mary Gonzales**

Dec. 31—25 years



### Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with Reflections by Fr. Christian Lindenbach, music, CCCB Advent Reflections, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. Email [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca).

### Advent Calendar

Looking for ways to prepare your hearts for Christmas? Let your family journey along this path towards a meaningful Christmas with this year's Advent Calendar and its daily activities. Available in English and French. Download, share, and print! [archregina.sk.ca/group/retreats-and-spiritual-resources/](http://archregina.sk.ca/group/retreats-and-spiritual-resources/) Remember it's not about the presents, but His presence!

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*  
Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer, or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others, or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church, or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give the Lord during this Christmas season?





## Archbishop's Appeal

Today we bring the 2022 Archbishop's Appeal to a close and share the final video. Over these past nine weeks, we have heard stories of how hope enlivens individuals and communities across our archdiocese.

As we reflect on these four stories, please prayerfully consider how you may joyfully share your faith and offer hope to those in need. Please note that the Archdiocese of Regina will keep its books open and accept donations for the appeal until January 16th, 2023. Gift cards can be mailed directly to the Archdiocesan office or placed in the collection basket.

### Reflection

Cooking meals, wrapping presents, Santa Claus – these are the things people often think about a couple of weeks before Christmas. But the readings today speak of strong images of the Lord coming and inflicting justice upon the earth, and how we are to repent from things that do not bring us closer to Christ. This is where an essential characteristic of Advent begins to show itself. We often think of Advent as a time of waiting and anticipation, but at its core, Advent calls us to prepare for the birth of Christ through repentance.

When we allow ourselves the space to humbly look at our lives and recognize those areas that are stumbling blocks to encountering God, we are preparing ourselves to have a space for Him in our hearts. Christmas is the embrace that God gives humanity, taking us into His heart, and Christ entering the world shows just how far God's love wants to go - to the depths of your soul. Over the last few weeks, we have heard stories about how the appeal has helped our youth, clergy, and families. We have discerned how we can contribute to the works of the Church in the Archdiocese. Your contributions help many people across the diocese in the spiritual and temporal works of the Church.

Thank you deeply for your contribution. Let us all join together as we prepare to welcome the newborn King!

## National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Dec 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, when the Church in Canada celebrates The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This initiative, coordinated since 2002 by the CCCB Advisory group, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, marks this feast as a day of prayer, solidarity and reconciliation.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, appeared in Mexico in 1531 as an Indigenous woman to St Juan Diego, whose Indigenous name was Cuauhtlatotzin ("Eagle Who Speaks"), and spoke to him in his Indigenous language of Nahuatl. She is wearing the black sash around her waist, which is an Aztec Maternity Belt that Mexican women would wear to indicate they were with child. At a time when colonizing powers in the Americas were showing little respect for Indigenous ways, language, and culture, the mother of Jesus, comes as an Indigenous woman to this land, affirming her special love, indeed her identification with and embrace of Indigenous Peoples and culture. God walks with Indigenous Peoples, and has always walked with Indigenous Peoples.

## TF325: Feast of Christ the King—Pt. 2

We continue our conversation with returning guest Brett Fawcett as we discuss what has been called the "Crowning Glory of the liturgical year"; the Feast of Christ the King.

Snippet "*Christ is both present and coming...so there's that eschatological aspect to it that (Pope Paul VI) was drawing our attention to. And I also think it's because it leads into Advent, which is where we recapitulate that; we remember what it was like to wait for the first coming of Christ.*"

### itwewin Corner



The Saulteaux, otherwise known as the Plains Ojibwe, are a First Nations band government in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. They are a branch of the Ojibwe who pushed west.

They formed a mixed culture of woodlands and plains Indigenous customs and traditions.

~ Fr. John Weckend, Archdiocese of Regina  
Truth and Reconciliation Healing Committee

## Christmas Sing-along and Bake Sale

St. Peter's Parish, 100 Argyle Street—**Sunday, Dec. 11**

- Sing-along with **Free Spirit** from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Bake Sale: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (sponsored by CWL)

## German Club Christmas Concert

**Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m.;** \$12 at the door  
Cake and coffee to follow — 1727 St. John St

## New Year's Eve at St. Basil

Celebrate Dec. 31 with dinner and dancing!

**Tickets \$50 from:**

Waverly 306-537-6007; Myron 306-352-8425

Nestor 306-761-0469; Ukrainian Co-op 522-3125