

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Masking required to attend mass

## Little Flower Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

## Little Flower Weekday Masses

Tuesday 4:00 pm

Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Times

Christmas Eve (December 24th) -Mass at 5:00 pm

Christmas Day (December 25th) -Mass at 10:00 am

New Year's Eve (December 31st) -No Mass

New Year's Day (January 01st) -Mass at 10:00 am

## College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10:00 am

## College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month 10:00 am

## Little Flower Office Hours

Monday

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Tuesday to Friday

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

## Parish Staff Team

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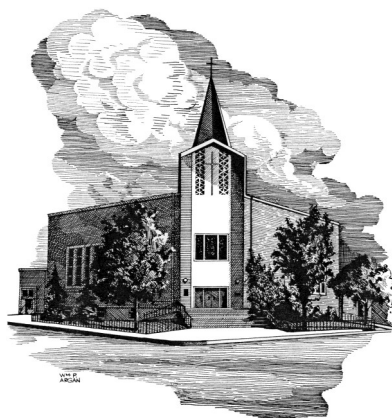
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## Treaty Acknowledgement



Little Flower Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), Nahkawé (NUK ah way), and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples



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.*

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 19, 2021

**Theme:** Christians depend on God, not themselves. This is our security. It is also the source of surprises. To depend entirely on our own resources means the uncertain achievement of a predictable goal. To travel with God means a successful journey with a surprise ending.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

Daily Mass intentions as listed below:

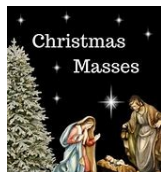
Tues., Dec. 21 +Repose of Kathleen Wingerter  
Wed., Dec. 22 Intentions of Karen Aman  
Thurs., Dec. 23 Intentions of Eleanor & Bill Kotylak  
Fri., Dec. 24 No Mass Intentions  
Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm  
Sat., Dec. 25 No Mass Intentions  
Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am

Altar Server: Gabe Seiferling

We ask you to please continue remembering our parish with your weekly donations. Your collection envelopes may be placed in the parish mail box outside the office door.



### Christmas Masses



On December 24th we will have our Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm. We are expecting a higher number of people attending this mass. In order to better accommodate everyone, we will be removing all the tapes from the pews. We will try our best to respect social distancing and everyone must wear a mask, but if you do not feel comfortable with a higher number of attendees, please consider coming to our Christmas Day Mass on December 25th at 10:00 am. Thank you.

### 2022 Collection Envelopes



2022 collection envelopes are now at the back of the church for you to pick up. If a box has not been assigned to you and you wish to have one, please complete the form that is on the table with the envelopes.

### Mask Mandate



Everyone is required to wear a face covering/mask upon entering and remaining within Little Flower Parish. This measure is to further reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 within Little Flower Parish and within the broader community, and we are also following the Saskatchewan Health Authority new policy.

### Hospital Chaplains



Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for Anointing of the Sick. If you or a family member wish to receive a visit from a chaplain, please call: General Hospital 306-519-1405, Pasqua Hospital 306-519-1380, Wascana Rehabilitation Centre 306-530-6511.

### 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). Masses may also be offered for the intentions of the living or in thanksgiving. Masses may be requested through the parish office. If you'd like to offer a mass on a specific date, please make arrangements at least one month in advance.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 19, 2021



*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."*

Luke 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lector or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

## Food Drive



Thank you to all who contributed to our monthly Food Drive last weekend, the last one in 2021.

With your donations throughout the year, you "fed the hungry". We from the Little Flower Parish Social Justice Committee would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Holiday Office Hours



The office will be closed on December 24th and December 31st. If you have any business to do on those days, please call ahead to make sure someone is here. In case of any emergency, please leave a message on our voice mail.

## Weekday Masses Schedule



We won't be having our weekday masses at Little Flower Parish from December 28th to December 31st and also from January 4th to January 7th.

## Archbishop's Annual Appeal to Date



**\$19,240** from 95 contributors. This represents 60% of our target of **\$32,143** from 22% of our parishioners.

We have also received **\$2,050** of TRC contributions from 30 contributors. In addition **\$337.50** from 12 people was received from the TRC pew collection.

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to those of you who have returned your cards, however we still have not received 77% (338) of the cards that were mailed.



## Prayer Ministry



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, people who are alone and/or afraid to go out, our farmers, those who are affected by COVID-19 and the health professionals working on the front line, those in nursing homes and those who care for them, especially: Agnes Fahlman, Fred Fry, Shelly Joubert, Clair Wingerter, Lima Perras, Jose Estioco, Germain Beurivage, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Judy Klenk, Don Morrell, Claudia Sali, Ron Strassburger, Louise Wingerter, Father Lorne Crozon & Fr. Peter Pham



Steve & Jane Ottenbreit - December 20 - 46 years

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

If you are a new parishioner or would like to have your anniversary here please contact the office administrator.

## Vocation View



*"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."*

1 John 4:9

## Pope Francis' - The beauty of Christmas Message



*"The beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of concrete love. It is not alienating; it is not superficial or escapist. On the contrary, it broadens the heart, opens it to gratuitousness, to the gift of self, and can also generate cultural, social and educational dynamics."*

Pope Francis

## Development & Peace People and Planet First Campaign



Thank you to everyone who signed our Development & Peace Petition. In signing it you are joining with many others who are calling upon the House of Commons to adopt human rights and environment due diligence legislation to protect third world countries from Canadian companies who ignore human rights and leave environmental damage.

We had a total of 43 signatures and these with many others will be delivered to Ottawa in the New Year.



## CCCB Journey Through Advent Table Grace – December 19



Creator God, we acknowledge the truth, and we seek reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. As Pope Francis continues to meet at the Vatican with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit, we ask you to help him to listen with all his heart. Give the delegations wisdom as they advise the Pope and help him to discern a good response. On our part, we commit ourselves to work for a reconciliation not just in words but in action. Help us live together in peace, justice, and mutual respect. We thank you for this food. Let a new joy leap into the hearts of all of us.

Come, Lord Jesus! Amen. For more information on the CCCB Journey Through Advent 2021 visit their page at: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent>

### Trinity Manor at Westerra: Welcome Home!



Regina's new active living retirement community is proudly a part of the Emmanuel Care, which is under the leadership

and sponsorship of the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan. With customized packages, and a wide choice of social and recreational activities, our residents say "Trinity Manor has everything I need. I could sell my car because I don't need it". Located in the beautiful Westerra neighborhood of Regina, our personal care suites, run by nurses, offer extensive amenities and specialized services starting at \$2245. Allow us to provide a relaxing drive to your medical appointments, and enjoy our variety of fun outings on the Trinity Manor bus. Attend daily mass, visit with our spiritual care workers, or spend time in quiet reflection in our tranquil chapel. Our services promote opportunities for our residents' personal growth, while providing stimulating and entertaining activities. At the end of the day sit by the window and enjoy country sunsets, 10 minutes from downtown. Book your personal tour now by contacting Janet at [306-550-8077](tel:306-550-8077) or visit us at [www.trinitymanorregina.ca](http://www.trinitymanorregina.ca).



## TF275: Living Simply: Brett Salkeld And Peter Van Kampen - Part 2



With a timely Christmas-theme, Dr. Brett Salkeld and guest Peter Van Kampen continue their discussion on the impact simplifying our own living expenses can have on the lives of others.

**Peter's Book:** Live Simply: So That Others Might Simply Live <https://amzn.to/3DgGOod>

**The Bicycle Project:** <https://worldbicyclerelief.org/>  
<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/living-simply-brett-salkeld-and-peter-van-kampen-part-2>

### Christmas Season Live stream Mass Schedule



**December 24:** 11:00 PM (Christmas Carols for one hour before Midnight Mass) – Livestreamed from Holy Rosary Cathedral

**December 25:** 9:00 AM – Livestreamed from Resurrection Parish

**January 1:** 11:00 AM – Livestreamed from Holy Rosary Cathedral

Live stream Link: [www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina](http://www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina)

### Accompaniment Workshop Series Compassionate Communication



Life has its challenges and COVID has brought to light that many people are struggling and often have no one to turn to. Have you ever tried to accompany someone and struggled to know what to say or how to act? The Archdiocese of Regina through the Victim Service Advocacy position is pleased to offer the first in a series of four workshops on accompaniment through a trauma informed approach. Please join us for this free zoom workshop on Sunday January 16, 2022 from 1:00-5:00 PM. Our topic in this workshop will be Compassionate Communication: through the lens of a professional counsellor, a spiritual director and a victim of clergy sexual abuse and other traumas. If you would like to register or are looking for more information please contact [Pamela](mailto:pamela@victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com) at [victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:pamela@victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com).



itwewin Corner (itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...'). Did you know that... when the original treaties were drawn up between the Canadian government and the First Nations people of the prairies, neither party negotiated and agreed that residential schools be established. Instead, the First Nations negotiated for schools on their reserves where their languages and cultures were the main components of the curriculum along with learning the English language and math so that their children could work alongside the newcomers and their children.