

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 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 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 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

**Parish email:** [littleflowerregina@sasktel.net](mailto:littleflowerregina@sasktel.net)



*"Let us love, since that is all our hearts were made for."*

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

*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:** Today marks the beginning of the church year, and our celebration leads us into the mystery of time redeemed by Jesus. He is the Lord of history and all time now bears his stamp. This Eucharist proclaims today in sign, the glory that one day will be fully revealed.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

*The Catholic Church invites us during the entire month of November, the Month of the Holy Souls, to pray for the faithful departed. Offering Masses for loved ones, living and deceased is the 'most powerful' prayer. Contact the office and request a Mass for your loved ones.*

Mass intentions for this week are:

Tues., Nov. 29	<b>4 p.m.</b>	+Gord & Marlene Hoffert
Wed., Nov. 30	<b>8 a.m.</b>	+Lorne Zingbeil +Ernie Womack
Thurs., Dec. 1	<b>8 a.m.</b>	Ron Strassburger
Fri., Dec. 2	<b>8 a.m.</b>	Ray & Gladys Klemchuk
Sat., Dec. 3	<b>5 p.m.</b>	+Winnifred Kelm +Alan Kelm

Weekday Altar Server: Gabe Seiferling

### Coming Activities:

- Nov. 27th** - Sacramental Preparation Session at 2 p.m.
- Dec. 10/11** - Food Drive
- Dec. 10th** - Women's Faith Formation at 3 p.m.
- Dec. 4th** - Sacrament of Reconciliation practice at 2 p.m.

### Join the Little Voices Christmas Choir

All families are welcome to have their children join the Little Voices choir here at Little Flower and 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.



### Hospital Chaplains

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs. To receive a visit from a chaplain, call:

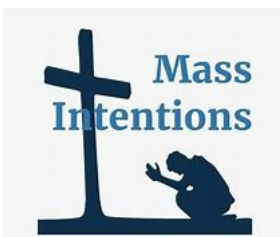
- General Hospital 306-519-1405
- Pasqua Hospital 306-519-1380
- Wascana Rehab Centre 306-530-6511

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 . . .

**Rick Morin**, our parish caretaker and maintenance lead, for the beautifully redone children's care room at the back of the church. The artwork, repair, redecorating and furniture placement are all thanks to Rick.

Special thanks and blessings go out to the family who had donated the couch. It's such a gracious addition to a very comforting room.



**You, our parishioners, and St. Augustine School students**, for filling almost 70 shoeboxes! The boxes will be sent to children in Ukraine and the Philippines, as well as developing countries, to help them celebrate the Christmas season knowing they are loved by God in heaven and their friends here on earth.

And we can't forget the Social Justice team who assembled, collected and got them on their way!

## Finding Advent Resources

Looking for a fruitful and meaningful Advent and Christmas Celebration with your family? Advent and Christmas Books and DVDs are available at the Archdiocesan Resource Centre. Contact Melissa Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext. 237 or email [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca). Or search and reserve library materials online at [www.archregina.sk.ca/resource-center](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/resource-center).

## 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!

## 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. Pray especially for: Germain Beaurivage, Annette Block, Ann Dormuth, 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.



Walter & Erika Hinzmann  
November 17th—60 years  
Claude & Ginger Beaurivage  
November 18th—22 years  
Tyler & Catherine McGregor  
November 24th—15 years

Richest blessings to all our couples!  
You are all special witnesses of God's love  
and fidelity among us.

*"Therefore, stay awake!  
For you do not know on  
which day your Lord will  
come."* Matthew 24:42



People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily, and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day for all that we have been given.

## First Friday Adoration

The First Friday/First Saturday vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held December 2nd and 3rd at St. Mary's Church in Regina. Priests will be available for confession at 6:30 P.M. before Holy Mass as well as after Holy Mass. Holy Mass will occur at 7:30 P.M. followed by the all-night vigil ending with Holy Mass at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday.



## Archbishop's Appeal

To date, our parish has raised \$10,000 toward our final goal of \$29,700. We are so grateful for your generous support.

In the coming weeks as our Archbishop's Appeal comes to a close, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a one-time donation,

or consider giving monthly.

### Reflection

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the time of anticipation to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The readings are full of the language of anticipation. Isaiah's vision shows the coming of the Lord, and challenges us to walk in the light of life. Saint Paul's letter to the Romans shows us that to properly prepare for the coming of Christ is to live in the ways of the Spirit.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that He is indeed coming, and we should have the spirit of awareness and preparation in our lives: aware of our relationship with Christ and preparing our lives in such a way that whenever we see Jesus, we will be ready. The Annual Appeal directly supports catechesis and education. These offices provide resources to parishes and schools to have the skills and tools to prepare us to know Christ deeply and enable us to prepare ourselves in the best way we can. As we prepare to welcome the Child Jesus, let us support the appeal's commitment to education with our contributions.

## How to Submit Your Writing to the Archdiocese

Archdiocese of Regina News ([archregina.sk.ca/news/](http://archregina.sk.ca/news/)) welcomes article submissions from a variety of sources and locations, with preference given to Saskatchewan voices. We are seeking:

- Good news stories on parish events and activities.
- Stories featuring Catholics making a difference in their communities both within and outside of the parish.
- Stories that help people experience God at work in their lives deepen their spiritual life and broaden people's understanding of sacred scripture.
- Articles introducing and explaining the richness of our Catholic tradition and faith.

Contact Director of Communications, Deacon Eric Gurash, at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca) for a copy of our submission

## Ecumenical Advent Series: What Are We Waiting For?

As Christmas and the holidays approach, Christians experience the season of Advent as a time of expectant waiting and preparation. This year, there will be a special ecumenical series of Advent meditations and conversations on the question: "What are we waiting for?" with Canadian church leaders,

On each Thursday in Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22), listeners are invited to join a live discussion at 6:00 pm SK time, via Zoom, with one of the leaders on that week's Advent theme. Attendees will be able to ask questions during the online conversation. Also, each Monday during Advent, the church leaders will release an ecumenical Advent meditation focused on one of the four Advent themes and will address challenges and opportunities facing the Canadian churches. Find out more and register at <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/11/08/ecumenical-advent/>

## TF324: Feast of Christ the King

Thinking Faith welcomes returning guest Brett Fawcett to discuss what has been called the "Crowning Glory of the liturgical year"; the Feast of Christ the King.

*Snippet "When he (Pope Pius XI) talks about nations and societies and peoples recognizing the Kingship of Christ, it's really important to know what he meant by that and what he didn't mean by that, and one of the things we can see he meant by it is some of the things he recommends for the economy..."*



### itwewin Corner

The term "Cree" is derived from the French renderings (Kristineaux, Kiristinous, Kilistinous) of the Ojibway term Kinistino. The proper term in the Plains Cree language is nēhiyawak. The Cree occupy a large area of Saskatchewan, from the northern woodlands areas to the southern plains. While being one people, there is a great variation amongst the different regional groups. One of the main differences is in terms of dialect, of which there are three main ones: "th" Woodlands, "y" Plains, and "n" Swampy Cree.

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