

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 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



“Now I realize that true charity consists in putting up with all one’s neighbor’s faults, never being surprised by his weakness, and being inspired by the least of his virtues.”

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: God, who is Love, draws near to us. In Jesus, the Almighty truly shares our human experiences. In hushed anticipation, we await the Lord's coming.

This Week in the Parish . . .

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

Mass intentions for this week are:

Tues., Dec. 20	4 p.m.	+Jasodra Sukhram +Edwin Sali
Wed., Dec. 21	8 a.m.	+Ronnie Strassburger
Thurs., Dec. 22	8 a.m.	+Susan Schramm
Fri., Dec. 23	8 a.m.	+Kathleen Wingerter

Weekday Altar Server: Gabe Seiferling

Coming up:

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 25—Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m.

Dec. 26 to 30—Office is closed; no weekday masses



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.

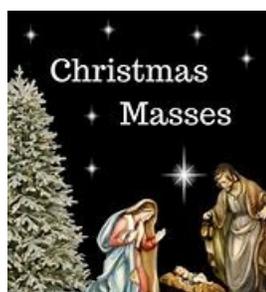
If you wish to have the Mass offered on a specific date, let us know at least one month in advance.

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.



Christmas Masses

On Saturday, December 24th we will have our Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. We are expecting a higher number of people attending this mass and will try our best to respect social distancing.

If you do not feel comfortable with a higher number of attendees, please consider coming to Christmas Day Mass on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Holiday Office Hours



The office will be closed from December 26 to January 2. If you have business with the parish, please call ahead to make sure someone is here.

In case of any emergency, please leave a message on our voice mail.

Have a Merry Christmas and God bless you all!

FEELING GRATEFUL to . . .

All parishioners!!

...Christmas is a time of giving, and our Little Flower parishioners gave above all expectations to our December food drive.



We all know how expensive groceries are, and many people can't afford even the basics. Your generous donations are graciously accepted and appreciated by those we serve in our community.



There will be no daily Mass from **December 27 to 30**, as Father will be taking a well-deserved vacation starting that week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Answering the Archbishop's Challenge:

Where do you fit?

Ministries exist for shy introverts, raging extroverts, and everyone in between.

Some serve by preparing sacred vessels for Mass or sitting at the computer making schedules. Others prefer to be part of a team decorating our church, serving coffee after Mass, or setting up the auditorium for a funeral lunch.

God blesses all our volunteers.

If you haven't yet submitted your form, get in touch today and we can help you find your calling. Whatever your special gifts are, there is a role for you to serve God's church! Email littleflowerregina@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-522-8583.



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 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

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



Join the Little Voices Choir

All children are welcome to sing at the December 24 Christmas Eve mass (5 p.m.) and into the new year.

Email Marie Currie Sanchez

mcurrie_sanchez@yahoo.com for more information.

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24



Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

One-day Advent Retreat

TUESDAY, DEC.20, 10:00AM – 4:00PM - Pondering the Advent Mystery Presentations, prayer and sharing – all are welcome. Lunch is included. If you plan to attend, please call ahead: Sister Chantelle at (306) 441-2358 or chantelle.houseofprayer@gmail.com.



Christmas and New Year's Live Stream Masses

December 25, 2022: Midnight

January 1, 2023: 11 a.m.

youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

TF327: Advent Retreat—Pt. 2

Fostering a Contemplative Attitude

As the Advent season moves quickly into Christmas, we invite you to take a few moments to step out of the frantic pace of the holidays and discover the hidden gifts and graces that only a contemplative attitude can reveal.

Synod Listening Session: "Enlarge the space of your tent" (Isaiah 54:2)

You are invited to join the Synod's Continental Stage on Saturday, January 7 from 10 am to 12:30 pm as we gather to reflect on the "*Document for the Continental Stage*." **Come give your guidance and advice** to the Archdiocese's delegates who will be part of the North American Listening Sessions in January. The document poses the following questions which we will explore together:

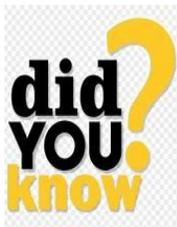
- which intuitions in the document resonate most strongly with the lived experiences and realities of the Church in North America? Which experiences are new, or illuminating to you?
- what substantial tensions or divergences emerge as particularly important in a North American perspective? Consequently, what are the questions or issues that should be addressed and considered in the next steps of the Synod process?
- what are the priorities, recurring themes and calls to action that can be shared with other local Churches around the world and discussed during the First Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2023?

Please register in advance at <https://bit.ly/Regina-Synod-Jan-7> and download and read the "*Document for the Continental Stage*" at <https://bit.ly/Synod-DCS>. For more, contact Nick Jesson, Synod Coordinator, at njesson@archregina.sk.ca.

Archbishop's Appeal ****DEADLINE UPDATE****

Previously, the Archdiocese noted they'd be accepting Annual Appeal donations into January, however, they have since clarified that does not apply to parishioners. Only donations received at Little Flower or the Archdiocese office by December 30th are eligible for a 2022 income tax receipt.

itwewin Corner



(itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...') Inuit — Inuktitut, "the people" — are an Indigenous people, the majority of whom inhabit the northern regions of Canada. An Inuit

person is known as an Inuk. The Inuit homeland is known as Inuit Nunangat, which refers to the land, water and ice contained in the Arctic region.

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

"Silence is so lacking
in this world which is often too noisy,
which is not favorable to recollection
and listening to the voice of God.
In this time of preparation for Christmas,
let us cultivate interior recollection
so as to receive and keep Jesus in our lives."

— Pope Benedict XVI