

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH



December 23, 2018 to January 5, 2019

Little Flower Sunday Masses

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation prior to all Masses OR by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

Friday Adoration 7:30—8:00 a.m.

College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy

1st & 3rd Thursday 10:30 am

College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy

2nd & 4th Friday of the month 10:30 am

Broadway Terrace Liturgy

1st & 3rd Friday of the month 9:30 am

Little Flower Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

1:00—3:30 pm

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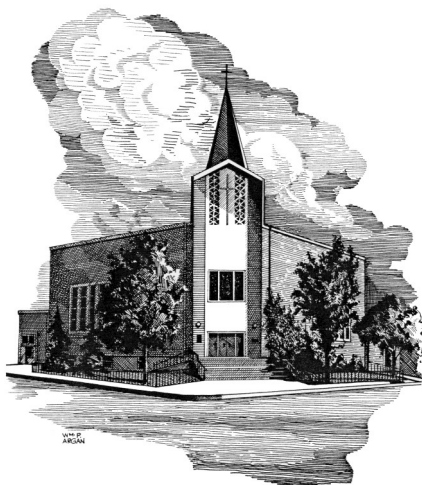
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DECEMBER 23, 2018 TO JANUARY 5, 2019

Theme: Christians depend on God, not on 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:

Thurs., Dec. 27	8:00 am	Intentions of Jim Brady
Fri., Dec. 28	8:00 am	+Repose of Margaret Romaniuk
Sat., Dec. 29	5:00 pm	+Repose of Brenda Dyck
Thurs., Jan. 3	8:00 am	Intentions of Eileen Strassburger
Fri., Jan. 4	8:00 am	Intentions of Lin Yin Family
Sat., Jan. 5	5:00 pm	Intentions of Gabriel Blank

A complete list of daily Mass intentions (January) may be found on the bulletin boards and the parish website.



NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVÉE

The faithful of the Archdiocese
are cordially invited to
the Archbishop's New Year's Levée
to be held at

Holy Rosary Cathedral
3125-13th Ave., Regina

January 1, 2019

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*And to receive the Archbishop's blessing
for the beginning of the New Year*

Please come and meet the Archbishop and
exchange New Year's greetings.

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.

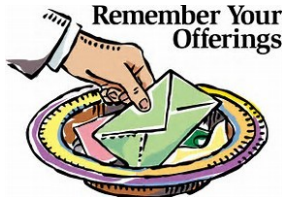
Also, please let your parish know if you are entering the hospital.

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 an atonement so that 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 may be requested through the parish office.

If you wish to have the Mass offered on a specific date, please make arrangements at least one month in advance.

Financial Update



Envelopes/Donations—120
 Non-envelope collection
 Total collection

	Dec 16	Jan 1-Dec 16	Dec 16	Jan 1-Dec 16
	Collection	Target	Over	Over
	Dec 16	Dec 16	(short)	(short)
			from target	from target
	\$ 4,806			
	\$ 327			
	\$5,133	\$6,712	\$ (1,579)	(\$45,607)

“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 each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lector or priest, rather look inside yourself.

Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed Wednesday, December 26, Boxing Day and intermittently during the remainder of the week. If you have any business to do, please call ahead to make sure someone is here. In case of an emergency, please leave a message on our voice mail.



Annual Appeal

Contributions to date—\$28,450 from 164 contributors. This represents 104% of our target of \$27,297 from 33% of our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to those of you who have returned your cards, however we still have not received 60% (296) of the cards that were mailed.



Mass Journal Details

EXPECT God to communicate with you

ASK GOD: GOD Show me one way in this Mass that I can become a-better-version-of-myself this week !!

LISTEN:

- to the music
- to the readings
- to the prayers
- to the homily
- to the quiet of your heart

THE ONE THING will strike you !!! Write it down and pray about how you will incorporate that into your life this week.

These guides are available on the tables at the back of the church.


Prayer Ministry

Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those in nursing homes and those who care for them, especially: Florence Barrow, Germain Beurivage, Fr. Lorne Crozon, Adam Eberle, Tony Fahlman, Dean Hutchence, Mary Kish, Jean Leier, Fr. Don McNeil, Fr. Emmett Morrissey, Theresa Periyilkatte, Claudia Sali, Margaret Schaeffer, Kathleen Wingerter and Louise Wingerter. Please also, keep in your prayers all who are grieving the death of a loved one.



Joseph & Karen Makan—December 28—44 years
 Marciano & Mary Gonzales—December 31—21 years
 Aaron & Mary Euteneier—January 2—62 years

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



23rd Anniversary
 of Ordination
 Sunday, December 30, 2018
 11 am

Our Pastor's Anniversary Please join us as we help Father Jose celebrate his anniversary with cake and coffee after Mass.

Bible Study

Our bible study will resume again in the new year. Please watch the bulletin for the start-up date.



Journey Into Truth

Journey Into Truth Instructions in the Catholic Faith (DVD Series presented by Fr. John Flader). Sunday evenings January 13 to March 31 – 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish, 5020 Sherwood Drive. The 24 half-hour segments will be offered over 12 weeks (2 segments/evening). For more information or to register, contact: Phyllis: 306-949-1709; Joanne: 306-545-2758. Everyone Welcome!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

My dear friends I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas.!

Jesus is born!

‘The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shone.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

“Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and always.” With God there is no such thing as time. All of time is totally present to him right now. God’s work among us is always in process, it never comes to an end. In God’s eyes, Christmas is an everyday event, that involves Jesus knocking on the door of my heart, seeking admission. The God-dimension never changes, the offer is always there, the good news is delivered with greater consistency than the morning newspaper. What happens after that is totally dependent on whether I accept the offer, open the door, and make my heart available as a manger.

When the shepherds heard the message they said, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see it for ourselves.” The life of the Christian is a journey of discovery. It involves coming to find out for myself the truth and the reality of what I had been told by my parents, teachers, or preachers in church. I have to cross that bridge. The gospel is in between two phrases. At the beginning, we are invited to “Come and see,” and, at the end, we are instructed to “Go and tell.”

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us (see Romans 5:2-5). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which no pain nor sorrow can diminish, and which neither life nor death can take away.

"Lord our God, with the birth of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, your glory breaks on the world. As we celebrate his first coming, give us a foretaste of the joy that you will grant us when the fullness of his glory has filled the earth."
God bless you all

Fr.Jose



Holiday Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve
7:00 & 10:00 pm

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day
10:00 am

Saturday, December 29
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 30,
Feast of the Holy Family
10:00 am

Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 am

This day is a Holy Day of Obligation, a day that the Faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.

Christmas Resources

2019 Sunday Missals Our missals for 2019 are available at the back of the church for a minimal cost of \$5 each.

Little Blue Book

You can still journey through Christmas with six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year C. Cost \$3 each. These may be found at the back of the church.

~The Spirit of Giving~ Christmas Gift Suggestions

To Your Enemy ~ Forgiveness
To An Opponent ~ Tolerance
To A Friend ~ Your Heart
To A Customer ~ Service
To All ~ Charity
To Every Child ~ A Good Example
To Yourself ~ Respect

