

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

DECEMBER 25, 2020 TO JANUARY 3, 2021

Merry Christmas



Further, in keeping with the Code of Canon Law no. 87, I grant to all the Catholic faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation until further notice. Temporary Masses Hours, up to 30 people only, by appointment:

Little Flower Sunday Masses

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m. & 6:00pm
Sundays, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

Little Flower Office Hours

Temporary Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Parish Staff Team

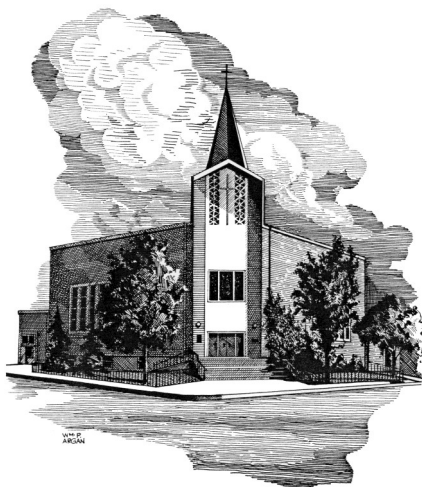
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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.

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Theme: Christmas is a feast that joins past, present and future. It is a time of memory and expectation. Christmas is the day when hope is born and promises are fulfilled.

This Week in the Parish . . .

Daily Mass intentions as listed below:

Tues., December 29	No Mass
Wed., December 30	No Mass
Thurs., December 31	No Mass
Fri., January 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Sat., January 2	+Repose of Kathleen Wingerter

A complete list of daily Mass intentions (December) may be found on the parish website.



COVID-19 Update

We are open for Masses for a maximum of 30 people. If you would like to come for Mass, please call or email the parish Office Administrator (contact on the first page) before Thursdays. You don't need to book for weekdays Masses.



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.



December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

“Christmas isn't just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful event, Christmas is more... Christmas is an encounter!”

~Pope Francis

Dear parishioners,

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for your support, kindness, love and generosity during this difficult year. May God bless you and your family with his infinity mercy and love.



With Love,

Father Jake, Gadia, Bonnie, Rick and Valerio.

Prayer Ministry

Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, 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:

Jose Estioco, Ray Rambow, Olympia Gattering, Florence Barrow, Germain Beaurivage, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Judy Klenk, Don Morrell, Claudia Sali, Ron Strassburger, and Louise Wingerter.



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

Marciano & Mary Gonzales—December 31—22 years

Aaron & Mary Euteneier—January 2—64 years

God bless and give all the virtues to make stronger the commitment of your Matrimony!

Holiday Office Hours



The office will be closed from December 23th to January 1st. If you have any business to do, please call ahead to make sure someone is here.

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

Vocation View

“The Angels announced tidings of great joy for all the people. How is Jesus born in you this day? Celebrate the presence of Emmanuel in a special way.” (Luke 2:1-14)

During this difficult time, your parish needs you!

Covid 19 has limited how we are able to gather. However, our parishes have regular and ongoing expenses. Although you may not be attending Mass, these expenses still remain. During this time, it's prudent to consider how you might support your parish.

Your cheque can be mailed to Little Flower Parish or left in the parish office mail box (no cash please). **OR**

Your donation can be made to your parish through the Archdiocese of Regina by:

- Pre-authorized direct debit
- E-Transfer
- Offline by cheque
- By phone
- Credit card

Visit our Giving Page at <https://archregina.sk.ca/giving> for more information on how you can continue to support your parish.

THANK YOU to those who continue to support the parish through their weekly collection envelopes.



Holiday Mass Schedule Only by appointment

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve
4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day
09:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

Saturday, December 26
5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 27
Feast of the Holy Family
10:00 am and 11:00 am

Friday, January 01 New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 am

The Diocese Tonight Episode 4 – The Church: Forever Young

“The Diocese Tonight” airs on Sunday February 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM. It can be found at www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseRegina The Diocese Tonight is a “virtual family gathering” that celebrates the diversity of people that make up our diocesan faith family. Join us to laugh, learn, pray, sing and celebrate.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Christmas and New Year's Mass Livestream Schedule.

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM: Resurrection Parish

12:00 Midnight: Holy Rosary Cathedral

Christmas Day

9:00 AM: Resurrection Parish

New Year's Day

11:00 AM: Holy Rosary Cathedral

Daily Mass 9:00 am: December 21 - January 4 will be livestreamed from the following parishes: St. Augustine, Wilcox; Our Lady of Peace and Resurrection Parishes, Regina

Visit:

www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

or www.archregina.sk.ca/live.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Please consider participating in Saskatchewan's first ever Week of Prayer for Christian Unity virtual 8-day Bible study sponsored in partnership with The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches

This year, due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold our regular events and so the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and Regina Council of Churches have decided to partner and hold an 8-day virtual Bible study series based on the themes for Week of Prayer 2021 which will run Monday January 18th- Monday January 25th from 12:15-1:00pm daily over Zoom.

The theme for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 is “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”(John 15:5-9) and materials have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. This theme is developed through a series of reflections which extend over eight days and will be the basis of the Bible study. Each day will be led by a different denominational leader.

The daily themes are as follows:

Day 1 - Monday, January 18th: Called by God: “You did not choose me but I chose you” (John 15:16a)

Day 2 - Tuesday, January 19th: Maturing Internally: “Abide in me as I abide in you” (John 15:4)

Day 3 - Wednesday, January 20th: Forming One Body: “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12b)

Day 4 - Thursday, January 21st: Praying Together: “I do not call you servants any longer...but I have called you friends” (John 15:15)

Day 5 - Friday, January 22nd: Letting Oneself Be Transformed by the Word: “You have already been pruned by the word...” (John 15:3)

Day 6 - Saturday, January 23rd: Welcoming Others: “Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last” (John 15:16b)

Day 7 - Sunday, January 24th: Growing in Unity: “I am the vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5a)

Day 8 - Monday, January 25th: Reconciling with all Creation: “So that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11)

Further details and registration information will be released early in January.



Thank you to all the knitters who generously contributed to our knitting tree this year. We had well over three hundred beautifully knitted items, including; mitts, toques, scarves, socks, afghans and other warm garments.

We fell so privileged to deliver those on behalf of Little Flower Parish. This year there were six agencies who benefited from our knitting. They were Santa Maria, St. Augustine School, Catholic Family Services, Marian Centre, Visitation House and Balfour daycare. We'd also like to give a very special thank you to the ladies at College Park they knit every Tuesday all year long and donated their knitting to our parish. Development and peace team.