

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

**DECEMBER 25, 2022
AND JANUARY 1, 2023**

Mass Times

Christmas Eve 5 p.m. New Year's Eve 5 p.m.
Christmas Day 10 a.m. New Year's Day 10 a.m.

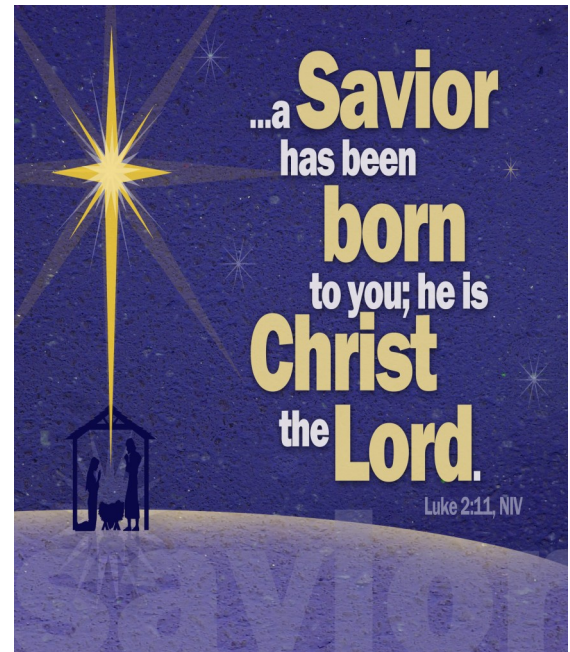
Reconciliation prior to mass OR by appointment

No Weekday Masses Dec. 26 to Jan. 4 inclusive

Office is closed Dec. 26 to Jan. 2 (We continue to monitor phone calls and voicemail)

Christmas Masses

On 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 and everyone must wear a mask, but if you do not feel comfortable with higher numbers, please consider coming on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.



Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed from December 26 to January 2. 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.



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.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..."* John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

Theme: The Father's love for us surpasses our wildest dream and expectations. God reveals himself to us in the birth of our Saviour. In Jesus, God speaks his Word in the world of our human experience..

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 again this year. May God bless you and your family with his infinity mercy and love.

With Love from Fr. Jake and your parish office team



Feast of the Holy Family - December 30, 2022



"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 John 3:1

The family is a chief source of life. Present-day society resists recognizing this reality. God's gift of faith helps us rediscover the primary value of family for our moral growth, our happiness, our benefit to the community. The call to family living is a call to a greater concern for the larger community.

FEELING GRATEFUL to . . .

Father Jake, who is always available to pray with and for us, and help us on our journey to holiness. May he enjoy a pleasant and restful vacation.

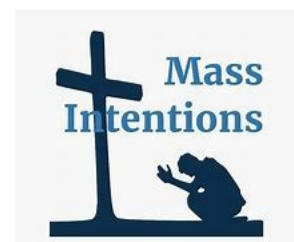


All the knitters who contributed to our Knitting Tree. We had a total of 58 items, down considerably from past years. But we're grateful to those who spent hours producing these beautiful items which were delivered to two agencies: Shirley Schneider Support Centre and Families First.

They were all received with much gratitude.

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 are requested through the parish office.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God *"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."* Luke 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVÉE

All 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, 2023

1:00 p.m.

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

Theme: The eighth day of Christmas! Today we appreciate a special gift of this season: God's son has become our human Brother so that we can live and pray as sons and daughters of God.

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 in Ukraine.

Parish Food Drive—Jan. 7/8

We will have the Food Drive collection for Marian Centre and Visitation House next weekend. All contributions are welcome, but please be mindful that we cannot accept packaging that has been opened, items that are partially used or those beyond their expiry date.

Thank you for sharing with those around you.



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.

Please also let your parish know if you've been admitted to hospital.



Pastoral Centre Christmas Hours

The Archdiocese of Regina Pastoral Centre will be closed to the public for Christmas, beginning Monday, December 26. We will re-open on Monday, January 2nd. Staff from the Finance and Appeal Offices will be present occasionally between December 28th and 30th. Deliveries can be left in the mailbox at Blessed Sacrament parish, 2049 Scarth St. If you need to contact someone from the finance or appeal department, please find their contact info here archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/staff-contacts/. Merry Christmas from Archbishop Don and all of the staff at the Pastoral Centre!



Sacramental Preparation

Preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion will begin in March. If you have a child in Grade 2 or higher who is not yet registered, please call the office.

Christmas Flowers in Memory of...



Leonard & Lorene Baker

Eladio Balanga

Raymunda Balanga

Lee Brenda

Andre R. Cabaluna

Anore Cabaluna

Pacifico Cabaluna

Pedro Cabanda

Unborn babies of Rosario Catarina

Marlon Catarina

Marjory Cwynar

Brenda Dyck

Nick Eberle

Manuel Estacion

Mary Grace Estacion

Danilo Galera

Felipe Galera Sr.

Mary Gebert

Leo Goski

Douglas Immel

Jasodia and Tatie

Theresa & Leonardo Klimek

Edward Konechny

Martin Konechny

Edward Leier

All family members of Jean Leier

Donald Mandryle

William McGill

Alfredo Ratch

Relatives and friends of Dyal & Tara Singh

