

# *LITTLE FLOWER PARISH*

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

**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.

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

**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.

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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:** Today we begin a journey of discovery, an exploration of the Lord's nearness to his people. Our journey begins at its end, the promise of the Lord's return in glory. Along the way, we hear the whispers of his presence in our lives, first hints of the new world to come.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

*Daily Mass intentions as listed below:*

Tues., December 1	+Repose of Ernie Womack
Wed., December 2	+Repose of Hildegard Willen
Thurs., December 3	No Mass intention
Fri., December 4	+Repose of Kathleen Wingerter
Sat., December 5	+Repose of Lucia T. Camba

Weekday Lector/Altar Server: Gabe Seiferling  
A complete list of daily Mass intentions (December) may be found on the parish website.



### 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.



*“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

## 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: Florence Barrow, Germain Beaurivage, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Judy Klenk, Don Morrell, Claudia Sali, Ron Strassburger, and Louise Wingerter.



If you are a new parishioner or would like to have your anniversary here please contact the office administrator.

My beloved Parishioners of Little Flower,  
Greetings in Christ!

Christmas is in the air. We are in the month of November and before we know it, it will be December already. We are planning ahead for the Christmas Eve Mass/es (December 24th) and Christmas Day Mass/es (December 25th) because of the pandemic situation we are in now. We would like for us to be able to observe the proper protocols for the attendance of the parishioners because we cannot have an overflow of people inside the church.

With the foregoing, we would like to ask your participation to register your attendance as early as now at the Parish Office. Please signify as to whether you will be attending Mass on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. This will help us determine how many Masses we will be having on said days and thus schedule them accordingly. The office administrator will get back to you with the scheduled time of the Mass you will be attending, on the eve or day you have chosen. You have until December 5th to confirm your attendance. Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

My prayers are with you always,

**Fr. Jake Ibay,**  
Parish Administrator

## 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) until Thursdays. You don't need to book for weekdays Masses.**

## Advent Knitting Tree



If you have any items to donate to our tree, they may be brought to Mass and left at the back of the church or to the office any time during office hours. We truly appreciate the time, talent and treasure and love that goes into each and every garment brought in.

## Vocation View

*“Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary.” ( Mark 13:33-37)*

## 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.

## Archbishop's Appeal



Archbishop's Appeal 2020 contributions to date are \$15,320 from 92 contributors. This represents 60% of our target of \$25,400 from 21% of our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to those of you who have returned your cards, however we have not received 78% (342) of the cards that were mailed.

## Food Drive



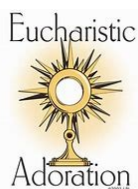
We will have the collection for Marian Centre and Visitation House on December 12th. We're also including baking for the Marian Centre bagged lunches, you can bring it as well if you would like. Thank you for sharing your treasure with those around you.

*Please be mindful* that we do not accept packaging that has been opened, items that are partially used or those beyond their expiry date.

**Please see the suggested list with some items in need:**

- Kraft Dinner
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Non perishable-dry package soups
- Noodle packages
- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups
- Small cans of meat or fish (flip up tops)
- Mitts (much needed now)
- Powdered Milk

## All Night Adoration



The First Friday /First Saturday all-night vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is December 4/5 at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Winnipeg Street in Regina. Mass begins at 7:30 P.M. Friday ending with mass at 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning. There is confession before and after mass. Please come for some or all of the vigil. Please register by telephoning to: 306-525-9744.

## TF220: A Funny Story and A Cautionary Tale - Part 1

Wherein we discuss the interesting exchanges that can take place in email inboxes and the need for charity in our virtual conversations.

Show Snippet: "I got a little assertive at this point, I don't think unjustly, but I got a little assertive, I said, if you decline to show me the error I need to stop responding to your email...not everyone who attacks you on the internet deserves your time."

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/a-funny-story-and-a-cautionary-tale-part-1>

## St. Augustine School—Games for our Gators



Every year St. Augustine Community School has been so very fortunate to have had your support for our Santa Store. This year due to Covid, we are unable to provide the opportunity for our students and families. We still want to see our students with a gift for Christmas. We have decided to try to gift every family with a newly purchased board game and hopefully a few treats along with it. If you are willing to provide a family game or a donation please drop it off at the school or at Little Flower Parish by November 30. Thank you for your support.

## SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that some emails are being sent from scammers claiming to be some of our priests and office staff. Names are being pulled from parish and diocesan websites to create fake email (often Gmail) accounts.

You will notice the email address may have some correct info, though in an unfamiliar form with additional characters, numbers or periods. Most will ask you to contact them or send information.

Please do not reply to any suspicious emails. If you are in doubt, contact the person the email is claiming to be from using an alternate contact method (do not reply to the suspicious email).

Also note: At no time will our priests, deacons, religious or diocesan staff contact you seeking Google Play cards, iTunes cards or any other form of personal financial assistance.

## COVID-19 UPDATES

### Weekday and Sunday Mass Livestreamed

English Weekday and Sunday Masses are livestreamed at 9:00 AM daily from Christ the King and Resurrection Parishes. French Sunday Masses are livestreamed from St. Jean Baptiste Parish every two weeks. For livestream Links visit [www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina](http://www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina).

**Prayers and Devotions** – Here you will find information on daily Mass, daily readings and reflections, prayers, stations of the cross and other resources that may be valuable during this time of social distancing. <https://archregina.sk.ca/prayers-devotions>.

## Revive Parishes

The Archdiocese of Regina is pleased to provide free, online faith formation and leadership training through a partnership with Revive Parishes. Revive is a free online platform with a variety of resources to help parish leaders learn, grow, and renew their parishes. Featuring courses led by renowned Catholic speakers like Mark Hart, Pat Lencioni, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and Chris Stefanick, Revive offers leadership training in areas of parish renewal, evangelization, stewardship and giving, parish communications, and more. For more information and free access to online courses, visit Revive Parishes at: <https://reviveparishes.com/regina>.

## Advent and Christmas Books and DVD's



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 445 Broad Street North, Regina. We are open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact Melissa Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext. 237 or email [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca). You can also search and reserve library materials online at [www.archregina.sk.ca/resource-center](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/resource-center).

## Bill C-7: Speak out Against Expanding the Criteria for Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to expand the criteria for euthanasia so that even more people will be eligible. As Trudo Lemmens, Professor of Law and Bioethics at the University of Toronto said: “Legalizing MAID outside the end-of-life context explicitly confirms the ablest presumption that people with chronic disabilities may be better off dead.” Write your MP today to let them know what you think. We have a draft letter below, but we ask you to personalize it as much as you can. They need to hear your stories, your fears, and your opinions. Visit the link to send your message to your MP today: [https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal\\_government](https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government).

## Holy Trinity CWL Christmas Raffle



First Prize: Quilted/Beaded Wall Hanging,  
Second Prize: \$50 PC gift card.  
Tickets: \$5/each. To purchase tickets, call:  
Sharon at 306-359-3264 or Debbie at 306-  
545-7654. Draw Date: Dec. 13th.

## Home for Christmas – Virtual Christmas Concert



Covid can't stop Christmas. And this year, the Daughters of St Paul choir's Christmas Concert is finally making it to Canada... virtually!

The Daughters of St Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. The sisters of the USA & Canada province have long wished to bring their Christmas Concert tour north, but international rights and customs made it impossible. But this year has offered the sisters the unique opportunity to launch their first ever virtual concert, “Home for Christmas,” with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours! So, join us, the Daughters of St Paul Choir, for our first concert for Canada! “Home for Christmas” is a free YouTube live-streamed event where you can expect to meet our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories, and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there, December 3rd at 8pm EST!

## Journey Through Advent - A Video Series to Introduce and Reflect on the Season

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announces a new online weekly video series created to help Canadian Catholic faithful to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Entitled *Journey through Advent*, the series is a joint project involving the CCCB's Office national de liturgies, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The initiative was developed as a way, through the modern method of video messaging, to offer a resource that enriches faith formation during a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of the Lord and Saviour into the world.

This video series is especially relevant given the COVID-19 pandemic that places limitations on in-person gatherings for faith communities. It is hoped that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful preparation for all.

The videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (November 23, November 30, December 7 and December 14). <http://bitly.ws/aEq9>

