

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 20, 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. & 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.

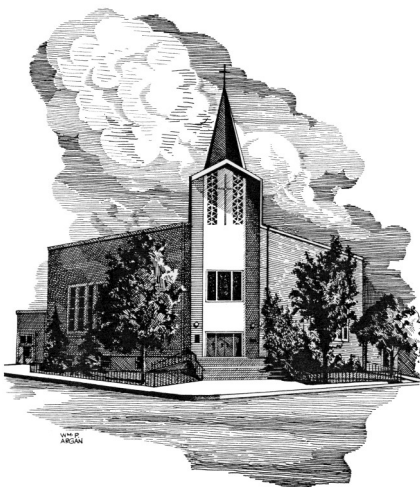
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

*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 WEEK OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 20, 2020

**Theme:** Our Advent journey has brought us close to Bethlehem. By her consent Mary gives life to the promise. The church follows her lead, conceives in faith and is filled with the presence of the Lord. As we approach our journey's goal, we discover the great hope that throbs within us.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

*Daily Mass intentions as listed below:*

Tues., December 22	Intentions of Fahlman Family
Wed., December 23	No Mass intentions
Thurs., December 24	Christmas Eve
Fri., December 25	Christmas Day
Sat., December 26	+Repose of Brenda Dyck

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.



“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. 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 through our gratitude and generosity.

**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.**

**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.

*Have a Merry Christmas and God bless you all!*



We are not having Masses from **December 29th to 31st**. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

**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!

Steve & Jane Ottenbreit—December 20—45 years

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

**Food Drive**



Thank you for sharing your treasure with those around you.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Vocation View**

*“Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say “let it be” in response to God’s call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always.” (Luke 1:26-38)*

**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

Contributions to date - \$21,145 from 105 contributors. This represents 83% of our target of \$25,400 from 24% 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 75% (328) of the cards that were mailed.

### Advent Resources

**2021 Sunday Missals** Our missals for 2021 are available at the back of the church for a minimal cost of \$5 each.

### Daily Online Advent Reflections

Visit the website:

- [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com)  
Arts and Faith: Advent (video series)  
Sacred Space (daily prayers)
- <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>  
Praying Advent
- <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/advent>  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### Little Blue Book

Journey through Advent & Christmas with six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year B. Cost \$3.50 each. These may be found at the back of the church.

### Advent Knitting Tree

Thank you so much for all who donated.

### TF223: Faith and Politics Revisited – Part 2

The discussion on faith and politics continues as guests Brendan Hodge and Charles Camosy examine the potential that exists in both left and right political ideologies for a radical coming together on a variety of important issues.

\\Show Snippet: “Why do we have to choose between protecting pre-natal children from being dismembered in the womb, or people with massive brain injuries from being starved and dehydrated to death, and actually supporting nursing homes and long-term care facilities...with adequate resources?”

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/faith-and-politics-revisited-part-2>

### 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](http://www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina)  
or [www.archregina.sk.ca/live](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/live).

“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

“I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifices to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul.”

– *Thérèse de Lisieux*

