

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS  
DECEMBER 22 TH, 2019 TO JANUARY 5, 2020



## 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 5:00 pm

Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am

## College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy

1st & 3rd Thursday 10:30 am

## College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy

2nd & 4th Friday of the month 10:00 am

## Little Flower Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30 am—12:00 noon

1:00—3:30 pm

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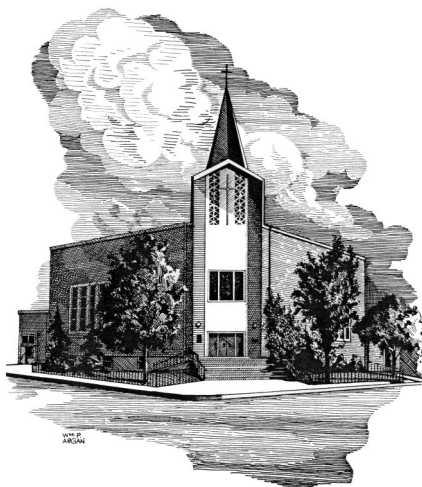
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

*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.*

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**Theme:** God, who is Love, draws near to us. In Jesus, the Almighty truly shares our human experiences. In hushed anticipation, we await the Lord's coming.

## These Weeks in the Parish . . .

*Daily Mass intentions as listed below:*

Sat., December 28	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Repose of Brenda Dyck
Sat., January 4	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Intentions of Ann Dormuth
Sat., January 11	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Intentions of Roy LeBlanc

*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, 2020 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. Refreshments in the parish hall.



1st January



## 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.

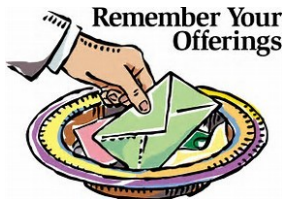
Also, please let your parish know if you are entering the hospital.

## 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—112  
 Non-envelope collection  
 Total collection

		Dec 1 Over	Jan 1-Dec 15 Over (short)
Collection Dec 15	Target Dec 15	(short) from target	Over (short) from target
\$ 3,762	\$ 310		
\$4,072	\$6,235	(\$ 2,163)	(\$44,977)



December 22, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Advent  
*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."* (Matthew 1:24)  
 Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

December 29, 2019 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

*"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..."* (Colossians 3:18-21)

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

January 5, 2020 - Epiphany of the Lord.  
*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* (Matthew 2:11)  
 The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to us.

### Holiday Office Hours



The office will be closed from December 24th to 27th 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!*

### 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: Judy Klenk, Florence Barrow, Germain Beurivage, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Mary Kish, Don Morrell, Claudia Sali, Kathleen Wingerter, Louise Wingerter and Ron Strassburger. Please also, keep in your prayers all who are grieving the death of a loved one.



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—63 years

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



Thank you for all parishioners, volunteers and Communities for all the incredible work during this year, for your patience with all the changes we suffer at our Little Flower Parish and for your friendship and companionship. We are very happy to have you here with us and we hope to have you here next year as well as our team.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

May the blessing of the Lord be with you and your family as you celebrates the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Father Jake, Gadia, Bonnie and Rick

### Vocation View

*"Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you?"* (Matthew 1:18-24)

## Archbishop's Appeal



Helping to bring God's transforming grace to places of need. If you have not already donated to the 2019 Archbishop's Appeal, it is not too late! You may donate online at our website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/3509/> donation, or give at your parish. For those who have already given, we are so grateful. Thank YOU!

Contributions to date—\$26,935 from 147 contributors. This represents 102% of our target of \$26,473 from 33% 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 62% (271) of the cards that were mailed.

## Rummage Sale

Christ the King parish hall, 3239 Garnet St. Regina. Friday, Jan 24th, 2020, 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, Jan 25th, 2020, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Come and shop 'til you drop! Everything from buttons to hammers, lamps to sports equipment, treasures of all kinds and much, much more! Proceeds to go towards: Christ the King Capital Fund and Cuernavaca Project.



The students, families and staff at St. Augustine Community School have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season – and Little Flower Parish has played an important part in our Advent preparations to ready ourselves for the coming of Jesus this Christmas. We have many thanks to offer you all... Thank you to Bonnie, Gadia, Father Jake and the others for hosting our St. Nicholas Days at the church where our students enjoyed the videos, hot chocolate, teachings and treats. "This is my favourite day of the year!" was a quote we overheard a student say while on his way to the church. Thank you to Father Jake and the visiting priests for providing our students with an opportunity for Reconciliation last week. Thank you to the parishioners for all the wonderful donations to our annual Santa Store - which provides our students with a chance to purchase special gifts for their families. Thank you for lending us kitchen supplies for us to use while preparing the annual Christmas Dinner for the students. And we thank all of you for your continued prayers, support and love. We are so grateful and keep you in our prayers, too. May you all enjoy with a joyful, radiant and blessed Christmas - and God's mercy, kindness and love in the New Year. On behalf of your neighbours at St. Augustine School – Merry Christmas and Thank You!

## TF170: Advent Retreat - Fostering A Contemplative Attitude Part 1

Keep awake and stay alert. These advent themes invite us to foster and develop what is known as a Contemplative Attitude - a particular way of being within the world that is 'highly tuned' to the presence of Christ in our midst. In this part one of a two-part Advent retreat, Deacon Eric reflects on this call to keep watch and how we might foster a contemplative attitude this Advent this week on Thinking Faith! <http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf170-advent-retreat-fostering-a-contemplative-attitude-part-1>



## Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

Sign up Now At - [www.archregina.sk.ca/news](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/news). The week's top local stories, parish and diocesan events, and national and international news of Catholic interest delivered to your in-box every Friday. For assistance in signing up contact: [communications@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:communications@archregina.sk.ca) or 306-352-1651 ext. 237

## Holiday Mass Schedule

*Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve*  
7:00 pm

*Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day*  
10:00 am

*Saturday, December 29*  
5:00 pm

*Sunday, December 29,  
Feast of the Holy Family*  
10:00 am

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

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, a day that  
The Faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.