

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15 TH, 2019

## 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

## Parish Staff Team

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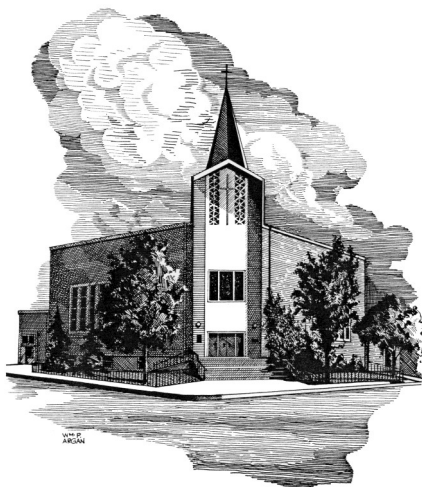
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

*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:** Beautiful flowers spring forth in the desert wastelands. The eyes of the blind are opened. God blesses us; we are his people.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

*Daily Mass intentions as listed below:*

Tues., December 17	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Intentions of Denise Carmel
Wed., December 18	<b>8:00 am</b>	Int. of All teachers, helpers and students from St. Augustine
Thurs., December 19	<b>8:00 am</b>	No Mass intention
Fri., December 20	<b>8:00 am</b>	No Mass intention
Sat., December 21	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Repose of Walter Wittal

**Weekday Lector/Altar Server:** Barb Aman

*A complete list of daily Mass intentions (December) may be found on the bul-*



### 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.

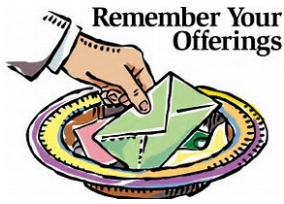
Also, please let your parish know if you are entering the hospital.

### 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—123  
 Non-envelope collection  
 Total collection

Collection Dec 8	Target Dec 8	Dec 1 Over (short) from target	Jan 1-Dec 8 Over (short) from target
\$ 4,366			
\$ 477			
\$4,843	\$7,103	(\$ 2,260)	(\$42,814)



*“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (James 5:8)*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

## Santa Store



St. Augustine Community School provides an incredible opportunity for its students through the generosity of people like you! Donations are accepted of gently used/new items. This store gives our students the opportunity to shop for their loved ones, and they are grateful for this. Without the Santa Store, many of our families would not have the chance to give a gift for Christmas. We are looking for donations that may be used for babies, older and younger siblings, as well as mom and dad. If you happen to have any gently used or new items you would like to donate to make this magical store happen, please drop them off at 2343 Edgar Street any time between 7:30 am and 4 pm on December 16th. We will have elves that can run out to your car and carry in the items for you. Thank you in advance for anything you might be able to offer this cause. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help on the event days (Dec 17 & 18) please call the school at (306)791-7310. Please note that due to lack of storage space, we simply cannot accept donations ahead of time – thank you for understanding.

## Divorce Care for Men

Are you a man who is has been separated or divorced and who is suffering? Do you know someone who is?? Find help, healing and real hope for your future. Join with others and 'grow' through the pain of divorce together. Starting Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 7 - 9 p.m. Contact: Deacon Kevin Harty 306.537.7192 or [deacon@christtheking.ca](mailto:deacon@christtheking.ca) Because no one should go through separation or divorce alone.

## 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.



In your prayers, please remember the repose of Ernest Womack.



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

Steve & Jane Ottenbreit—December 20—44 years

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

## Advent Reconciliation at Little Flower

Tuesday, December 17  
 7 pm

One good way to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas is to set aside time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The grace of the sacrament helps us to avoid even venial sin, and frequent examination of our failings helps us to resolve to do better in the future.



December’s Food Drive was amazing! Thank you for your generosity in sharing your treasure toward those who do not have as much as we do.

## Vocation View

*“Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God’s promise.” (Isaiah 35:16, 10)*

## Archbishop's Appeal



Contributions to date—\$24,190 from 139 contributors. This represents 91% of our target of \$26,473 from 32% 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 64% (208) of the cards that were mailed.

## When Christmas Hurts

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - 7:00 PM at Christ the King Parish Hall

What if your childhood Christmas memories are not filled with peace, joy, and love? For many victims of trauma and abuse, the Christmas season is not met with joyful anticipation but rather with sadness and dread.

In creating trauma informed perspectives in their community, workplace and families, a greater understanding of how to support better outcomes for victims and survivors of trauma and abuse may result. This workshop provides an opportunity to learn about clergy sexual abuse and other types of trauma and abuse, while illustrating common trauma responses. An introduction to trauma informed care is designed to encourage practical ways of supporting people in the community who are hurting. The presenter is Lorie Harrison of Legacy Ridge Inc. Lorie is a registered professional counsellor who has been contracted by the Archdiocese of Regina to counsel victims of clergy sexual abuse, and to help educate parishes, in consultation with victims of clergy sexual abuse, providing a trauma informed perspective.

## Grief Share

It hurts to lose someone but you don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Weekly sessions:

Tuesdays 2 – 4 p.m., January 21 – April 7, 2020

Christ the King Parish at Parish Centre

Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Our sessions are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss. What others are saying:

"I am thankful to find a group that that knows how I feel"  
"Helped me simply get through each day"; "Grief Share literally saved my life!"; "I am thankful to find a group that knows how I feel."

For more information, or to register, contact:

Linda Lucyk, Pastoral Care Coordinator 306. 539.6889  
lindalucyk@sasktel.net.



## TF169: Enculturation, Syncretism and Our Lady Of...

The National Day of Prayer In Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples which coincides with the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) and the concerns around Indigenous statues at the Vatican is a perfect time to revisit a past show topic. In this part one of two, we'll discuss Our Lady's role in enculturating the Gospel through dress, language, and symbol and try to put to rest the concerns about wooden statues once and for all. This week on Thinking Faith! <http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf169-enculturation-syncretism-and-our-lady-of>

## 9 Day Novena for Christmas

St. Cecilia Church, 5020 – 7th Ave, Regina. Members of the Colombian community invite you to experience a tradition dating from the 1700s and passed from generation to generation. The Novena is a 30-minute devotion consisting of prayers said every day from December 16 to 24 (mostly 6:30 p.m.). This is a wonderful family spiritual event; children of all ages most welcome. **Mon.**, Dec. 16, 6:30 pm; **Tues.**, Dec. 17, 6:30 (Mass 7:00 p.m., Adoration & Individual Reconciliation 7:30-8:30); **Wed.**, Dec. 18, 6:30; **Thurs.**, Dec. 19, 6:30; **Fri.**, Dec. 20, 6:30; **Sat.**, Dec. 21, 6:00 (Mass 7:00 p.m.); **Sun.**, Dec. 22, 5:30 (Spanish Mass 6:00 p.m.); **Mon.**, Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m.; **Tues.**, Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve Mass 8 pm).



## 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.

