

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 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.

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Theme: Our Advent journey leads us to the discovery of joy. The Lord comes with healing for the broken hearted and glad tidings for the sorrowing. His coming is an invitation to joy—joy for us and joy for all who need his healing.

This Week in the Parish . . .

Daily Mass intentions as listed below:

Tues., December 15	Int. of Le & Gloria Rodrigues and Bruno & Gabriela Soares
Wed., December 16	+Repose of George Mertler
Thurs., December 17	Intentions of Robert Fahlman
Fri., December 18	+Repose of Albert Blank
Sat., December 19	+Repose of Victor & Adeline Pilon

Weekday Lector/Altar Server: Barb Aman

A complete list of daily Mass intentions (December) may be found on the parish website.



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.

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.



“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Food Drive



We will have the collection for Marian Centre and Visitation House this week. 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



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

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



In your prayers, please remember the repose of Louise Zver.

Santa Maria Foundation

Santa Maria Senior Citizens’ Home continues to be an important part of the living and healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The Santa Maria Foundation is the charitable arm of this Home. It raises money for the Home’s non-government funded programs and services for residents such as spiritual care programming and other quality of life programs and supplies such as live musicians, specialized supplies for recreational services, special seating for residents with mobility issues, to name but a few. As we enter into this Advent season, might you consider supporting the Foundation with its important work? On behalf of our residents, families and staff, we thank you for your kindness. Blessings of the Season to you and yours. You can donate online santamariaregina.ca/donate-now/ For more information, please contact the Executive Director kelly.chessie@saskhealthauthority.ca or call 639-625-7094 Santa Maria Foundation is a registered charity. CRA Charitable Number: 838998243 RR0001 Tax deductible receipts are issued for all donations.

Vocation View

“God gives you a mission. How will you respond? Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you.” (Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11)

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 - \$18,420 from 98 contributors. This represents 72% of our target of \$25,400 from 22% 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 76% (335) of the cards that were mailed.

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

or www.archregina.sk.ca/live.

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
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.

TF222: Faith and Politics Revisited – Part 1

With the election cycle in Saskatchewan complete and our neighbours to the south wrapping up their own rather contentious presidential vote, we thought it would be great fun to invite two faithful US Catholics to the show to discuss the fallout. Charlie Camosy, a former member of Democrats for Life, and Brendan Hodge, card-carrying Republican, go head to head talking faith and politics this week on Thinking Faith!

Show Snippet: "There's sort of a line you can't cross over, and we understand as Catholics that we do owe support to the vulnerable and that the right to property is not absolute..."

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/faith-and-politics-revisited-part-1>.

Prayer In Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples



O God, Great Spirit and Faithful Creator, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things. For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you. We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother - to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings. Give us the honesty to recognize that the Earth provides us with life sustaining breath, nourishment and healing, and give us the strength to proclaim by our words and actions that the Earth is a blessing for all peoples. May we avoid the sins of exploitive personal power and profit. May we seek the righteous way of love, service, and healing in all things. Father, as we walk our journey on this Earth, may your life-giving Spirit protect and guide us with your Wisdom so that we might live in right relationship and harmony with all humanity. May we pass on to future generations this Earth and all your gifts as you have provided them to us. Amen.

Thank you to the parishioners of Little Flower who donated and supported our board game drive this season. Our hope was to have a new board game for each family of St. Augustine School, but through the generosity of people like you -we have enough games to give each student his or her own game wrapped up for Christmas! Thank you for the donations of games and funds that went toward making this Christmas wish for our students possible. We also appreciate the prayers and offers of support from many of you during this pandemic; including the St. Michael prayer cards donated for each student by Rick Morin, the offers of spiritual guidance and resources from Bonnie Thiele Hunt, and the prayers and intentions offered by Father Jake and all of you. We are blessed each day to have our students and staff journeying together in Catholic Education, and pray that we continue to be protected and guided by the Holy Spirit and all the Saints in heaven. We wish you all a faith-filled, healthy Advent and a blessed Christmas season.

Sincerely, the staff and students of St. Augustine School.