

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

December 2015

** Auditorium Booked

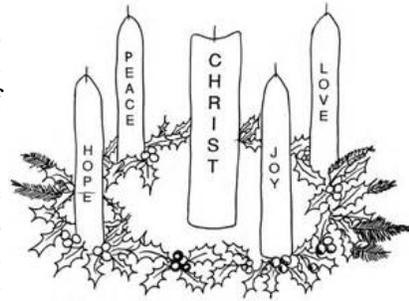
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3 Mass at College Park Residence 10:30 am	4	5
6 2 nd Sunday of Advent Coffee & donuts After Mass	7 Parish Office Closed Baptism Session #3 7:00 pm	8 Men's Club meeting 7:00 pm	9 	10 Mass at College Park Residence 10:30 am	11 	12
13 3 rd Sunday of Advent FOOD DRIVE Celebration of Baptisms 11:00 am	14 	15	16 Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm	17 Mass at College Park Residence 10:30 am	18 Mass at College Park II Residence 10:30 am	19 Blessing of expectant mothers at this weekend's Masses
20** 4 th Sunday of Advent Korean Community Mass 12:30 pm	21 	22	23 	24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 7:00 PM	25** CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 9:00 AM (East Indian Mass & Social in evening)	26 BOXING DAY MASS 5:00 PM
27 MASS 11:00 PM	28 Parish Office Closed	29 	30**	31** New Year's Eve Parish Office Closes at Noon	1 New Year's Day Mass 9:00 am Parish Office Closed	2 

What do the candles in our Advent wreath mean?

The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. In some churches, four purple candles, one for each week in Advent, are used with one larger white candle in the middle as the Christ candle. Other churches prefer three purple or blue candles with one candle being rose or pink, to represent joy.

While the Advent wreath with its four candles did bring light to churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize the coming of Christ. The Advent wreath began in the time of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.



Housing Available

Sacred Heart Manor is a 23 suite apartment building for adults or seniors on low income. There are one and two bedroom apartments available. The rent is 30% of your total income. The address is 3570 – 5th Ave., Regina, SK. If you are interested please call Doreen at 306-586-6770.

Martha House is a Home for the Retired Priests, owned by the Archdiocese of Regina, administered by the Sisters from the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Mother of the Church . Martha House is open and **accepts Retired Priests, Religious or lay seniors - men and women who can ascend and descend stairs independently / Level One.**

They don't need to go out for Masses and other spiritual activities, we have the Rosary every day and celebration of the Mass at the chapel within the house.

We have available rooms .

Contact: Sr. Jessica, dm /Debra Kirkpatrick at 306-545-0509
1855 - 2nd Avenue N
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“Theology on Tap”

This starts this Monday, Nov. 30th at 7:00. All young adults 19 and up are invited to come join us at Bushwackers for an informal evening of discussion around the video series “The Journey to Christmas”. For details contact Braden Kuntz at bkuntz@archregina.sk.ca or 306 352 1651.

Holy Cross Parish 2016 Calendar Raffle

Tickets are \$20 each and are available after all Sunday Masses or by calling Joyce at 306-789-1983 or the parish office at 306-757-1325. Draws for \$25 each Sunday of 2016. Special draws of \$100 on New Year’s Day, Easter Sunday, Feast of the Holy Cross & Christmas Day. Ticket sales deadline is December 31, 2015.



YEAR OF MERCY

Description of the Logo



The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please visit our website: www.littleflowerregina.ca for *A JUBILEE OF MERCY*, an explanation on the upcoming Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis.