

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1ST, 2024**

Little Flower Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.

Reconciliation prior to mass OR by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 4 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday 8 a.m.

College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy
1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 10 a.m.

College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy
2nd & 4th Friday of the month 10 a.m.

Office Hours (for in-person service)

Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator: Rev. Jake Ibay

Office Administrator: Valerio Quirino &
Lilian Marouelli

Caretaker/Maintenance: Rick Morin

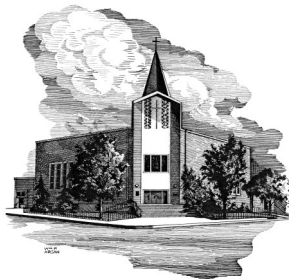


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MISSION STATEMENT: Little Flower Parish as a faith community reaches out to all in service, compassion and love to fulfil our mission of proclaiming the gospel daily in word and deed.



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Land Acknowledgement



Little Flower Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.



Little Flower is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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Theme: As Christians, we are a people facing the future, taking our clues from the signs around us, making over this given world into God's world. Our overwhelming desire is to do whatever is necessary to bring into existence his kingdom, the New Jerusalem.



Contact the office to request a Mass for your loved ones. The agenda for 2025 Mass requests is now open.

Mass intentions for this week are:

- Tue. 3 Int. of Little Flower Parish
- Wed. 4 Repose of Brenda Achtemichuk
- Thu. 5 Repose of Timothy Wingerter
- Fri. 6 Repose of Majok Majok
- Sat. 7 Repose of Ron Strassburger

Altar Server of the week: Jean Zdunich

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 atonement so 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 are requested through the parish office.



Advent Novena

The St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
In which the Son of God was born
Of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem,
in the piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
[mention your intentions here]
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His Blessed Mother.

Amen.

Hospital Chaplains

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs.

To receive a visit from a chaplain, call:

- General Hospital 306-519-1405
- Pasqua Hospital 306-519-1380
- Wascana Rehab Centre 306-530-6511

Please also let your parish know if you've been admitted to the hospital.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit
December 1, 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Advent Begins
First Sunday of Advent

“Be vigilant at all times and pray.” (Luke 21:36a)

Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Parish Food Drive Announcement

We are excited to announce our **Food Drive**, taking place next week on **December 7th and 8th**!



Thanks to your generosity, our last food drive was a great success, and we are looking forward to making an even bigger impact this time. We invite you to bring non-

perishable food items to help those in need in our community.

Additionally, we welcome monetary donations, which will be used to purchase perishable items. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

Thank you!

Prepare Your Heart for Advent at Little Flower Parish

Secure your spiritual companions for the upcoming season:

2024-2025 Sunday Missals: \$5 each
Advent Season Little Blue Books: \$4 each

Available at the back of the Church.

Prayer Ministry



Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, people who are alone and/or afraid to go out.

Pray especially for: Ann Dormuth, Jose Estioco, Agnes Fahlman, Dean Hutchence, Shelly Joubert, Don Morrell, Lima Perras, Anthony & Louise Wingerter, Claudia Sali, Theresa Sokalski, Judy Klenk recovering from surgery.

Last Week to Get Your Raffle Tickets

This is the **last week** to purchase your tickets, and a **limited number** are still available!

Prizes:



- **First Prize:** \$1,000 Cash
- **Second Prize:** King Size Quilt (\$800 value)
- **Third Prize:** Double Size Quilt (\$500 value)

Tickets available before and after Mass. All proceeds support our parish.

The draw will be made at the coffee social following Mass on Sunday, December 8th. Please join us in the auditorium!

Thank you for your support!

Development and Peace Campaign



Thank you for supporting our Development and Peace Campaign – Reaping our Rights!

The signed postcards have been collected and will be added to the postcards of other parishes. They will then be on sent to our Government in Canada.

Our parish had 41 postcards signed.

Samaritan’s Purse
Operation Christmas Child



The Samaritan’s Purse Campaign was a great success. Thank you to all who donated and also thank you to the helping hands that helped to load the boxes.

We had 64 boxes which we know will put smiles on many little faces.

Thank you!

Advent

Advent begins on December 1st. The Advent wreath becomes a part of our Sunday celebrations. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The wreath itself, which is made of various kinds of evergreens, signifies life.

Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which meant 'coming' or 'arrival'. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of the Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus, the baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist and his first miracle at Cana. During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for the celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6th century, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the Coming of Christ. But the 'coming' they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. The Advent season was not explicitly linked to Christ's first coming as Christmas until the Middle Ages.

The various types of greenery have different meanings. Laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. Pine, holly and yew signify immortality. Cedar signifies strength and healing and pine cones symbolize life and resurrection.

Candles represent the light of Christ. The purple candles represent a time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and spiritual reflection. The fourth candle, the pink candle, represents joy. It is a time of joyful anticipation, inviting believers to rejoice as Christmas draws nearer. Each candle represents a theme—hope, peace, joy and love.

Holcomb, J., What is Advent? The Season's History, Meaning and Traditions, October, 2024; Advent Wreath and Candles, Mercy Home, October 2024.

Archbishop's Appeal Bulletin Reflection

As Advent begins, Jesus urges us to be vigilant, preparing our hearts for His coming. This season is a time of hopeful anticipation and active readiness. Contributing to the Archbishop's Appeal is a meaningful way to prepare, supporting ministries that bring Christ's light to others. Our unified generosity ensures that the message of hope reaches those who need it most. By staying awake and attentive through acts of kindness and support, we not only ready ourselves but also help prepare the world to receive the joy of the Savior's birth.



Prayer of Intercession

We lift up our clergy in prayer, asking for strength and guidance in their ministry. May they lead their parishioners toward unity in faith, and may those discerning a call to the priesthood find clarity and encouragement.

Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up at [archregina.flocknote.com/ ArchdioceseofRe5](https://archregina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5) or email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca



Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions - December For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. popevideo.org