

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22ND, 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

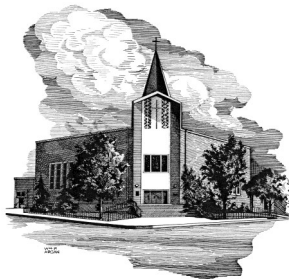
Caretaker/Maintenance: Rick Morin

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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: Christians depend on God, not on themselves. This is our security. It is also the source of surprises. To depend entirely on our own resources means the uncertain achievement of a predictable goal. To travel with God means a successful journey with a surprise ending.



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:

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| Tue. 24 | No Mass Intention |
| Wed. 25 | No Mass Intention |
| Thu. 26 | No Mass |
| Fri. 27 | No Mass |
| Sat. 28 | Repose of Brenda Dyck |

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.

The St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Join us in praying the St. Andrew Christmas Novena this Advent season. This prayer is said daily from **November 30th until Christmas Eve.**

**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 22, 2024
4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest; rather, look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

December 31, 2024
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them every day! Also, pray for those people who are different from you, those whom you may not like. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

January 1, 2025
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

"...But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Mary responded to the miraculous events by quietly reflecting on them in her heart. This teaches us the value of contemplation in our spiritual lives. While the world is filled with noise and awe, we are called to pause, reflect, and allow God's presence to deeply touch our hearts.

January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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 the repose of the souls of Tim Wingerter and Hartley O'Connor.

Also, pray for the recovery of Fr. Jose, who is recovering from a heart attack, and for Fr. Jake, who is healing from broken ribs.

Christmas New Year's Bulletin



We've got a quick update about our weekly bulletin. This bulletin for the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22nd, 2024, is the last one of the year. We will be taking a short break and will return with the bulletin for January 11st, 2025, which will be The Baptism of the Lord.

Thank you for your understanding!

Parish Office Hours



The office will be closed from **December 24th to January 2nd**. If you have any business to conduct during these dates, please call ahead to ensure someone will be available. For emergencies, please leave a message on our voicemail.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas & New Year **Mass Schedule**

December 24th - Christmas Eve
5:00 pm

December 25th - Christmas Day
10:00 am

January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 am



Gratitude and Blessings for the New Year to Our Parish

Dear Parishioners,

As 2024 comes to a close, we are filled with gratitude for the community we have built together. This has been made possible through the dedication, generosity, and hard work of each and every one of you.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who shared their time, talents, and energy, as well as to those who helped with the Christmas decorations. Your efforts have created a spirit of unity and a welcoming environment for all.

A special thanks to the committees who worked behind the scenes, enriching our parish life throughout the year.

"Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, surrounded by light, may we set out to see the sign that God has given us. May we overcome the distractions that cause us to forget the One whose birth we are celebrating."

As we celebrate Christ's birth, let us seek the deeper light that guides us. Together, we look forward to building an even stronger community in the New Year.

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

With sincere thanks,

Father Jake & Little Flower Team

New Year's Day Levée

The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the **Archbishop's New Year's Levée** at **Holy Rosary Cathedral** (3125-13th Ave., Regina) on **January 1, 2024**, at **1:00 p.m.** Come and receive the Archbishop's blessing for the beginning of the New Year.



Christmas Message 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A Saviour has been born for us; a Son has been given to us.

Christ, who in his birth and in becoming human has allowed us to share in the glory of his immortal nature. He has freed us from death, and the power of sin and darkness. This promise of salvation is ours and thus we rejoice in the knowledge that God is with us.

In our world overshadowed by war, injustice, oppression, division and selfish concerns the Good News proclaimed by Christ continues to offer us a message of salvation and hope. His words speak to us today, they reassure us, and fill us with hope:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

I am the way, and the truth and the life.

I am the good shepherd.

I am the bread of life.

On 29 December 2024 the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope will take place in the cathedrals across Canada. In announcing the Jubilee year Pope Francis wrote: *"The Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love."*

May the light of hope illuminated by the Holy Spirit burn within our hearts this Christmas. May the light of God's love shine through us, and may our witness of faith be an invitation for others to believe in the gift of salvation that Christ offers to all, and most especially in this upcoming Jubilee year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2025!

The Most Rev. William McGrattan



Christmas Flower Memorial
In Memory of :

Albert Zacher
Alfred Ratch
Aloys Eberle
Anore Cabaluna
Basilia Sabadi
Brenda Dyck
Catherine Cox
Charlene Konechny
Dalmacio Sabadi
Danilo Galera
Donald Mandryk
Dormuth Family
Douglas Immel
Edward Klimek
Edward Konechny
Eladio Balanga Sr.
Elisa Palcongan
Elmer Palcongan
Emilia Maier
Family members and relatives
and friends of Dyal & Tara
Singh
Felipe Galera Sr.
Frances Spangenberg

Frank & Cecilia Sali
Irene Cwynar
Jo James
Laura Müller
Ma. Chona Cabaluna
Manuel Estacion
Marjory Cwynar
Marlon Catarina
Martin Konechny
Mary Grace Estacion
Melvin Sebastian
Miguela Cabanda
Pacifico Cabaluna
Patrick Family
Paul Müller
Pedro Cabanda
Peter & Ida Strassburger
Raymunda Balanga
Ron Strassburger
Rose Zacher
Tony Fahlman
Unborn babies of Rosario Ca-
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William McGill

