

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24TH, 2023

Little Flower Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.

Reconciliation prior to mass OR by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 4:00 pm

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 am to 1:30 pm

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

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator: Rev. Jake Ibay

Office Administrator: Valerio Quirino &
Lauana Candido

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: Our Advent journey has brought us close to Bethlehem. By her consent Mary gives life to the promise. The church follows her lead, conceives in faith and is filled with the presence of the Lord. As we approach our journey's goal, we discover the great hope that throbs within us.



This Week in the Parish . . .

Contact the office to request a Mass for your loved ones. The agenda for 2023 Mass requests is open

Mass intentions for this week are:

Tues., Dec 26	NO MASS
Wed., Dec 27	NO MASS
Thu., Dec 28	NO MASS
Fri., Dec 29	NO MASS
Sat., Dec 30	+Repose of Brenda Dyck

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.

Return to Vibrancy Announcement:



Saint Thérèse had a deep love for the world around her and all that was in it. As a young child she owned a favourite blue hat. She sometimes wondered if it were possible to love God as much as she loved that hat. We know from her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, she loved God above all. Saint Thérèse said: "When one loves, one does not calculate."

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.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

December 24, 2023
4th Sunday of Advent

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” -
Colossians 3:13**

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

January 7, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Christmas New Year's Bulletin



We've got a quick update about our Christmas bulletin. It's coming your way on Saturday, December 23, 2023. After that, it will be taking a little break. During this time, there won't be any bulletins. It'll be back in action on Saturday, January 13, 2024. That's when the bulletins will start up again

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: Germain Beurivage, Ann Dormuth, Jose Estioco, Agnes Fahlman, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Shelly Joubert, Judy Klenk, Don Morrell, Lima Perras, Claudia Sali, Ron Strassburger, Louise Wingerter, Frances Gyurek, Family of Clair Wingerter, Barb’s brother and family who lost their home in a fire, Delores Blank, Theresa Sokalski the lonely, vulnerable, and homeless, Suffering in the world, as well as all who are affected by war.

Changes in Weekday Mass Schedule



Please be advised of the following changes in our weekday Mass schedule for the upcoming week and new year:

- **December 26th to 29th: Weekday Masses are canceled.**
- **Saturday, December 30th: Mass at 5:00 PM.**
- **Sunday, December 31st: Mass at 10:00 AM.**
- **Monday, January 1st (Solemnity of Mary): Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM.**
- **January 2nd and 3rd: Masses are canceled.**

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Wishing you a blessed and joyous holiday season.

Holiday Closure Notice



Please be advised that the parish office will be closed in observance of Christmas Day and Boxing Day on December 25th and 26th, respectively. We will resume regular office hours on Wednesday, December 27th. Wishing you a joyful and blessed Christmas season!

Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Dedication to Our Parish

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the end of another year, We are filled with immense gratitude and joy for the vibrant community that we have become, thanks to the dedication and hard work of each and every one of you.

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who generously offered their time and talents to make our parish events throughout the year a resounding success. Your commitment and enthusiasm have truly made a significant impact, creating a sense of warmth and togetherness that defines our community.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the various committees that tirelessly worked behind the scenes, planning and organizing events that brought us closer as a parish family. Your creativity, attention to detail, and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in making these gatherings memorable and meaningful.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, let us also look ahead with optimism and determination. We are excited about the prospect of working even harder in the coming year to make our parish even more vibrant. Together, we can continue to build a community that is welcoming, supportive, and spiritually enriching. Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to our parish. Your contributions, big and small, have made a significant difference, and We are truly grateful to have such a dedicated and passionate community.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a blessed New Year!

With heartfelt thanks

Father Jake & Little Flower Team



CATECHISM LESSON THIRTY-SIX What is Baptism?

Watch Videos: www.archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/

Catechism Text: CCC nos. 1213-1222

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 28.19, Mark 16.16, Acts 16.14-15, 32-33, 18.8 & John 3.5

St. Vincent Ferrer: Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God.

FAQ: How is the Catechism an example of episcopal collegiality?

Because the Catechism was requested by the Synod of Bishops and affirmed by the Bishop of Rome; it was conceived, designed and written by Bishops primarily for Bishops; it was examined by the Catholic episcopate worldwide, and it was officially promulgated by the Bishop of Rome. When Cardinal Ratzinger presented it to Pope John Paul II, the cardinal said: "Thus, once again, the affective and effective collegiality of the Episcopate has been engaged in real and concrete terms, with abundant fruitful results."

Christmas Mass Livestream

Midnight Mass (Holy Rosary Cathedral)

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

New Year's Day (Mary the Holy Mother of God): 10:00 AM



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

Children have an attraction towards reality. Israel is real. Mary is real. She spends the first Advent on a long southbound road to Bethlehem. The children in the atrium are spending their Advent thinking about Mary, about Gabriel's words to her, about Isaiah's prophecies concerning her and about the baby inside of her. I wonder...if God is so big, why would he send a baby who is so small? As we approach Christmas, wonder alongside us! For more information, contact the Archdiocese's Good Shepherd Catechists at regina.cgs33@gmail.com or visit the catechesis webpage at <https://archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/> and click on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd image icon.

Christmas Flowers in Memory of . . .

*Leonard & Florence Baker
Edward Leier
Baker Family
Dear Friends of Jean Leier
Andre R. Cabaluna*

*Anore Cabaluna
Pacifico Cabaluna
Unborn babies of Rosario Catarina
Marlon Catarina
Marjory Cwynar
Irene Cwynar
Brenda Dyck
Nick Eberle
Manuel Estacion
Mary Grace Estacion
Dionesio Mui
Pedro Cabanda
Janet Chenier
Dormuth Family
Patrick Family
Edward Schmidt
Jean Schmidt
Eileen Sauers
Temotea, Cesar, Apolonia, Tito, Rusty,
Numa, Denis, Totoy, Aida, Charlie, Rum-
ssel, Violeta & Crispim Joaquin, Carlo
Joaquim, Aunona Abejar, Severino Abe-
jar*

*Danilo Galera
Felipe Galera Sr.
Eladio Balanga
Raymunda Balanga
Mary Gebert
Nick Eberle
Leo Goski
Douglas Immel
Don Mandrik
Jasodia and Tatie
Theresa & Leonardo Klimek
Edward Konechny
Charlene Konechny
Martin Konechny
Donald Mandryle
William McGill
Laura Miller
Paul Miller
Alfredo Ratch
Relatives and friends of Dyal &
Tara Singh
Jasodra Suhrom & Satie Veero-
pen
Emilia Maier
Edward Klimek
Jo James*

