

# ***LITTLE FLOWER PARISH***

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

### **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 Wednesday: 9 a.m. to noon

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

(We continue to monitor phone calls  
weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

### **Parish Staff Team**

Parish Administrator: Rev. Jake Ibay

Office Team: Valerio Quirino and Diane Goski

Caretaker/Maintenance: Rick Morin

**Parish email:** [littleflowerregina@sasktel.net](mailto:littleflowerregina@sasktel.net)



*"There is no need for me to grow up. In fact, just the opposite: I must become less and less."*

*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:** Beautiful flowers spring forth in the desert wastelands. The eyes of the blind are opened. God blesses us; we are his people.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

**(Contact the office to request a Mass for your loved ones.)**

Mass intentions for this week are:

Tues., Dec. 13	<b>4 p.m.</b>	Elizabeth Diewold
Wed., Dec. 14	<b>8 a.m.</b>	+John Sali
Thurs., Dec. 15	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	+Ernest Sali
Fri., Dec. 16	<b>8 a.m.</b>	+John Resch
Sat., Dec. 17	<b>5 p.m.</b>	+Brenda Dyck

Weekday Altar Server: Barb Aman

### Coming up:

**Dec. 11**—Coffee Social

**Dec. 11**—First Reconciliation

**Dec. 13**—office is closed in the morning

**Dec. 24**—Christmas Eve Mass, 5 p.m.

**Dec. 25**—Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m.

**Dec. 26 to 30**—Office is closed; no weekday masses

### Join the Little Voices Christmas Choir



All children are welcome to sing at the December 24 Christmas Eve mass (5 p.m.) and into the new year.

Email Marie Currie Sanchez [mcurrie\\_sanchez@yahoo.com](mailto:mcurrie_sanchez@yahoo.com) for more information.



### Hospital Chaplains

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs. To receive a visit from a chaplain, call:

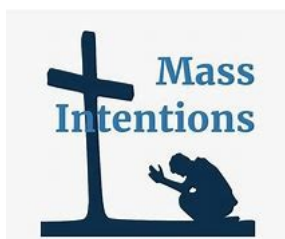
- General Hospital 306-519-1405
- Pasqua Hospital 306-519-1380
- Wascana Rehab Centre 306-530-6511

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

### 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.

If you wish to have the Mass offered on a specific date, let us know at least one month in advance.



## FEELING GRATEFUL to . . .

**Social Justice Team** who stored and then sorted all the Knitting Tree donations and displayed them for our viewing pleasure. These items will keep those less fortunate a little warmer this winter! If anyone has their own knitting to contribute, you can leave it at the office (call first) or in the pamphlet room. Thank you for thinking of the less fortunate!

New knitters are welcome — and needed! We have lots of wool you can use.



**Pastoral Care Ministry**, especially Rosemarie, for delivering the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are confined to their homes, organizes our prayer ministry and makes comforting calls to bereaved families in our community.

### ***Answering the Archbishop's Challenge:***

#### ***Where do you fit?***

If you're still unsure where your talents and abilities could best be used, check if any of these describe your gifts:

- Computer tech—website content creation and posting
- Organizational pro—scheduler or protocol officer
- Public speaking—lector at Mass
- Photography—public relations and communication
- Beautiful spaces—church décor committee
- Faith formation—Sacramental preparation co-ordinator

If you're a current volunteer, God bless you for giving of your time and talents. A new steering committee of volunteer leaders from the parish will meet before Christmas and consider where best to place our new volunteers.

If you haven't yet submitted your form, get in touch today and we can help you find your calling. Whatever your special gifts are, there is a role for you to serve God's church! Email [littleflowerregina@sasktel.net](mailto:littleflowerregina@sasktel.net) or call Diane at 306-522-8583.

### **Ongoing Hunger Crisis in Somalia**

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada stands in solidarity tackling the hunger crisis in Somalia. Donate today by selecting "the Hunger Crisis" at [www.devp.org/donate](http://www.devp.org/donate) and join your support with the thousands of Canadian Catholics who are offering help in this desperate time. For more information, see [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)



## 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 Beaurivage, Annette Block, Ann Dormuth, Jose Estioco,

Agnes Fahlman, Marlene Frey, Fred Fry, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Shelly Joubert, Judy Klenk, Don Morrell, Lima Perras, Claudia Sali, Ron Strassburger, Clair Wingerter, Louise Wingerter, the lonely, vulnerable, and homeless, as well as the people affected by war

## Happy anniversary!

You are special witnesses of God's love and fidelity among us.

**Steve & Jane Ottenbreit**

Dec. 20—47 years

**Marciano & Mary Gonzales**

Dec. 31—25 years



## Christmas décor needed for our church



Do you have more Christmas decorations than you need? Little Flower is looking for gently used, church-appropriate items that you're willing to part with. You can drop them at the office (call first, office hours vary) or in the pamphlet room (in east hallway) after Masses. God bless you!

*"You, too, must be patient. Make your hearts firm because the coming of the Lord is at hand."*  
James 5:8



Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

## Journey Through Advent

### Overnight Retreat

DEC. 12 – 14 Qu'Appelle House of Prayer is offering a three-day, two-night Advent retreat entitled, "Entering the Mystery: Risking Incarnation...An Advent Journey." Dec. 12, 2:00 pm – Dec. 14, afternoon. You are invited to spend some time in sharing, silence and prayer as we explore what the mystery of incarnation means in our world and in our lives and its call to transformation and hospitality.

Retreat is limited to 5 persons and will be animated by Sr. Chantelle Bonk. For inquiries or to book, phone Sister Chantelle at (306) 441-2358 or chantelle.houseofprayer@gmail.com.

### One-day Retreat

TUESDAY, DEC.20, 10:00AM – 4:00PM - Pondering the Advent Mystery Presentations, prayer and sharing – all are welcome. Lunch is included. If you plan to attend, please call ahead: Sister Chantelle at (306) 441-2358 or chantelle.houseofprayer@gmail.com.

### Reflections

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with Reflections by Fr. Christian Lindbach, music, CCCB Advent Reflections, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca).



**"Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun..." Song 6:10 (Vg)**

**O Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Intercede for us with your Son  
That we who live in this land,  
Indigenous and non-Indigenous together  
may experience healing and  
reconciliation,  
on a renewed journey for justice  
and peace for our children.**

**Mother of the Church, pray for us.**

## Archbishop's Appeal **\*\*DEADLINE UPDATE\*\***

Last weekend the Archdiocese noted they'd be accepting Annual Appeal donations into January, however, they have clarified that does not apply to parishioners. Only donations received at Little Flower or the Archdiocese office by December 30th are eligible for a 2022 income tax receipt.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is a Catholic coalition of Indigenous people, bishops, clergy, lay movements and institutes of consecrated life, engaged in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples in Canada.**

[www.ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca](http://www.ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca)

### TF325: Advent Retreat—Pt. 1 Fostering a Contemplative Attitude



Keep awake and stay alert. These advent themes invite us to foster and develop what is known as a Contemplative Attitude - a particular way of being within the world that is 'highly tuned' to the presence of Christ in our midst. In this part one of a two-part Advent retreat, Deacon Eric reflects on this call to keep watch and how we might foster a contemplative attitude this Advent this week on Thinking Faith!

### itwewin Corner

The Métis - "We call ourselves in our own language - Michif - from the beginning we have always been the Red River Métis. The Red River Métis is the origin, root, and core of the Métis Nation. The Red River Métis is the Métis Nation. Our People have a strong distinct identity and share a common history in the great western plains centered in the Red River Valley that is entirely our own."



~ Fr. John Weckend, Archdiocese of Regina

**FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE—Dec. 12 when the church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Unity with Indigenous Peoples.**