

# ***LITTLE FLOWER PARISH***

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 17, 2017**

### **Little Flower Sunday Masses**

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation prior to all Masses OR by appointment

### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.

Friday Adoration 7:30—8:00 a.m.

### **College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy**

Every Thursday 10:30 a.m.

### **College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month 10:30 a.m.

### **Broadway Terrace Liturgy**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 9:30 a.m.

### **Little Flower Office Hours**

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

1:00—3:30 p.m.

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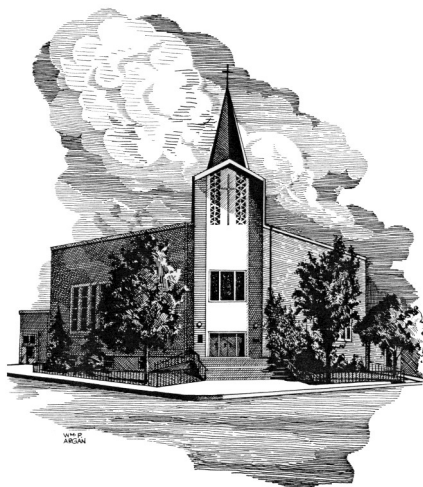
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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

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**Theme:** Our Advent journey leads us to the discovery of joy. The Lord comes with healing for the broken-hearted and glad tidings for the sorrowing. His coming is an invitation to joy—joy for us and joy for all who need his healing.

### Saturday, December 16: 5:00 pm

**Altar Servers:** Denise Arevalo, Jack Catarina, Ella Forrest

**Community Leader:** Judy Klenk

**Lector 1:** Barb Aman

**Lector 2:** Tom Kraemer

### Sunday, December 17: 10:00 am

**Altar Servers:** Anthony Pascua, Madelyn Probe, Alex Singh

**Community Leader:** Tara Singh

**Lector 1:** Wanda Lamberti

**Lector 2:** Shelly Ferguson

**Weekday Lector/Altar Server:** Jean Zdunich



*Rejoice in the Lord always.*

*Th 1:46*

### This Week in the Parish . . .

*Daily Mass intentions as listed below:*

Tues., Dec. 19	<b>8:00 am</b>	Special intentions
Wed., Dec. 20	<b>8:00 am</b>	Intentions of Weir Family
Thurs., Dec. 21	<b>8:00 am</b>	Intentions of the Cecilia Paiement
Fri., Dec. 22	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Repose of John Resch
Sat., Dec. 23	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Repose of Lorne Lichtenwald

*A complete list of daily Mass intentions (December) may be found on the bulletin boards and the parish website.*

*Events:*

Mon., Dec. 18	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Fri., Dec. 22	<b>10:30 am</b>	St. Augustine School Advent Mass



### Advent Reconciliation Service

All parishioners are encouraged to join us for our parish Advent Reconciliation Service Monday, December 18 at 6:30 pm. Several priests will be in attendance.



## Financial Update



Envelopes/Donations - 126  
Non-envelope collection  
Total collection

Collection	Target	Dec 10 Over (short) from target	Jan 1 - Dec 10 Over (short) from target
Dec 10	Dec 10		
\$ 3,182			
\$ 356			
\$ 3,538	\$ 5,242	\$ (1,704)	\$ (36,039)

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.



### Electronic Giving

Little Flower is now set up to accept auto debit. We have placed forms and basic information on the tables at the back of the church and on the website, if you are interested.

Please pick up your box of collection envelopes that have been assigned to you. You will need them for the special collections that are taken up during the year.

## Annual Appeal

Contributions to date—\$24,917 from 161 contributors. This represents 96% of our target of \$ 26,085 from 33% of our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to those of you who have returned your cards, however we still have not received 62% (306) of the cards that were mailed.



You may still contribute to this year's Appeal until December 31<sup>st</sup>. If we exceed our target we receive a rebate of 80% of the amount we are over.

Give the Gift of Hope this Christmas; Hope for the sick, Hope for our youth and Hope for those in prison. These are just a few of the ministries supported by the Archbishop's Appeal. If you have not already donated to the 2017 Archbishop's Appeal, it is not too late! We are so grateful to those who have already given. Thank YOU!

*A day without laughter is a day wasted.*  
Charlie Chaplin

## Prayer Ministry

Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those in nursing homes and those who care for them, especially: Florence Barrow, Germain Beaurivage, Alfred Boehme, Tony & Kay Fahlman, Fr. Joe Firkola, Dean Hutchence, Mary Kish, Fr. Ken Koep,Carolynn Meginbir, Fr. Emmett Morrissey, Thomas & Theresa Periyilkatte, Claudia Sali, Dianne Stromich, Kathleen Wingerter and Louise Wingerter. Please also, keep in your prayers all who are grieving the death of a loved one.



Steve & Jane Ottenbreit—December 20—42 years

Richest blessings to you . You are a particular witness of God's love and fidelity amongst us!

## Advent Veggie-tastics

The Archdiocesan Resource Centre will be hosting a *Advent Veggie-tastics*, a fun filled afternoon of movies and crafts for little ones. Come and join us Wednesday, December 20 at 1:00 pm at 445 Broad Street North. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration necessary. For more information or to pre-register, please call Sr. Rufina B. Dubao at 306-352-1651 Ext. 238

## Birtheright

Want to do something 'rewarding' by participating in a Corporal Work of Mercy, without spending more than 4 hours per week (or bi weekly)? At BIRTHRIGHT you can spend that short amount of time - helping others! Become a volunteer, we need YOU! Call 306-359-1862 (soon to be 306-543-4343). Learn more about us, our International Office is 50 this year! [www.birtheright.org](http://www.birtheright.org)

## Vocation View

God gives you a mission. How will you respond? Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you.

*(Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11)*

## ADVENT CORNER

At the back of the church we have a variety of resources at a minimal cost:

### 2018 Sunday Missals

These are available for a donation of \$5.

### Children's Sunday Missal

The 2018 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics is a wonderful resource for children preparing for their sacraments, for a donation of \$10.

### The Little Blue Book for Advent & Christmas

A limited supply is available for a \$3 donation.

### Daily Advent Readings & Devotionals

We have a variety of booklets to help you journey through Advent. These are available to be borrowed and returned after Advent please.

### Advent Reconciliation Service

An opportunity will be provided for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as a parish, on Monday, December 18 at 6:30 pm. Several priests will be in attendance.

*Night is about disengaging from distractions, about fasting in mind and heart, so that when the light appears, we will see it.*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Light the pink Advent candle of Joy.



## Give the Gift of Camp

As we get ready for another season of summer camp in 2018, we ask that you consider 'giving the gift of camp' this Christmas. Your donation to *Camp Monahan* means that camper fees can be subsidized, that we are able to hire quality staff, add to programs, and maintain & update 50 acres of land and buildings. By giving to camp, you are giving a gift that will provide a lifetime of memories for the children who call Monahan their home away from home! Merry Christmas and thank you for your support in 2017.

## Development & Peace

Thank you parishioners for your support of the 2017 Development & Peace Advent Campaign. Our 116 signed postcards will be included with those of many other parishes and all will be sent to our Members of Parliament in Ottawa. This is our opportunity to be a voice for those who have no voice.

For the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace, free lifetime memberships are being offered until the end of the year. To get a membership on-line, go to [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) and type the word Membership into the website search and click on the link. You may also call the regional office at 306-205-2334. Your support as a member is appreciated.

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

....for those who prefer a digital format

### Daily Online Advent Reflections

**Sign up for emails:**

[www.americamagazine.org](http://www.americamagazine.org) (Jesuit)

Reflections by Elizabeth Kirkland Cahill

<https://dynamiccatholic.com>

Best Advent Ever 2017 (Matthew Kelly)

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

Bishop Barron's Daily Advent Reflections

**Visit the website:**

[www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com)

Arts and Faith: Advent (video series)

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

Advent Prayers and Reflections for Children

PDF format

## The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass:

**Christmas Eve** on VisionTV at 6:00 pm PT/ 7:00 pm MT/ 8:00 pm CT. **Christmas Day** at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV. You can also watch on the web at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

## TF65: "Spiritual Not Religious" or "I don't think that word means what you think it means"

So you're sitting around the table at your up-coming Christmas Family Feast and right after grace, in between "pass the turkey" and "where's the cranberries?" your cousin Rene comments on how spiritual you are closing with, "I'm spiritual, but not religious". How do you respond? Don't let fear and trepidation seal your lips. On this part 1 of 2 episodes of Thinking Faith, Eric and Brett will begin discussing what those words mean, and what they don't. We'll see just how much common ground you share with your beloved cousin (or uncle, or sibling), and the opportunity for some interesting conversation around the plum pudding!

<http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf65-spiritual-not-religious-or-i-dont-think-that-word-means-what-you-think-it-means>

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.

Dr. Seuss

