

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Further, in keeping with the Code of Canon Law no. 87, I grant to all the Catholic faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation until further notice. Temporary Masses Hours, up to 65 people only, by appointment:

Little Flower Sunday Masses

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday 9:30 a.m.

Little Flower Office Hours

Temporary Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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"I wish to labor for Thy Love alone, with the sole aim of pleasing Thee, of consoling Thy Sacred Heart, and of saving souls who will love Thee throughout eternity."

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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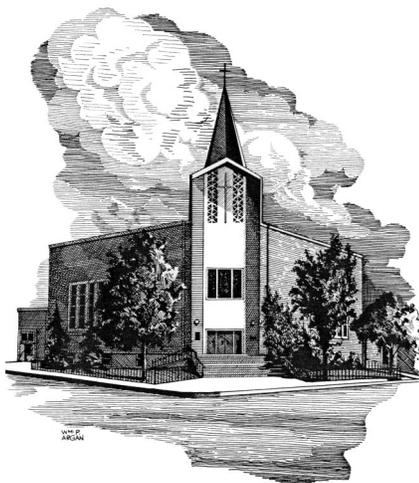
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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: Who rules this land, and our lives? We need to be missionaries who proclaim from the rising of the sun to its setting that Jesus Christ is Lord!

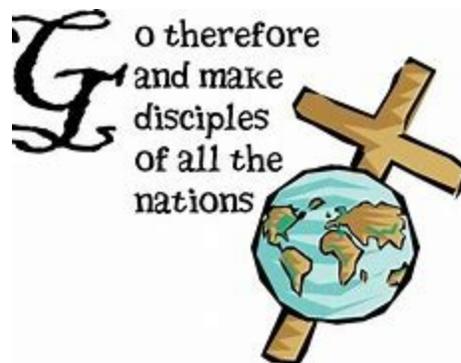
This Week in the Parish . . .

Daily Mass intentions as listed below:

Tues., October 20	Intentions of Edward & Jean Leier
Wed., October 21	+Repose of Margaret Smidt
Thurs., October 22	+Repose of Gerry Obrigewitsch
Fri., October 23	+Repose of Leonard & Florence Baker
Sat., October 24	+Repose of Kathleen Wingerter

Weekday Lector/Altar Server: Gabe Seiferling

A complete list of daily Mass intentions (October) may be found on the parish website.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Little Flower Parish will be holding sacrament preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be six sessions on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm starting on November 8th. For more information, or to register, call our Pastoral Assistant, Bonnie , at 306-352-1651 or email bonnie.littleflower@sasktel.net.

Hospital Chaplains

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for Anointing of the Sick.

If you or a family member wish to receive a visit from a chaplain, please call: General Hospital 306-519-1405, Pasqua Hospital 306-519-1380, Wascana Rehabilitation Centre 306-530-6511.

Also, please let your parish know if you are entering 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 an atonement so that 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 may be requested through the parish office.

If you wish to have the Mass offered on a specific date, please make arrangements at least one month in advance.



“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

COVID-19 Update

We are open for Masses for a maximum of 65 people. If you would like to come for Mass, please call or email the parish Office Administrator (contact on the first page) until Thursdays. You don’t need to book for weekdays Masses.

They’re Still Here!



Youth ministry has perhaps never been more important than it is right now. Our young people can’t wait until the end of the pandemic to be ministered to! So, if you have a role

to play in the spiritual care of our young people...or you would be willing to play a role, please join us on Saturday, October 24th from 1:00 – 3:00 for a virtual workshop to look at what IS still possible to do in ministering to our young people. Please register by emailing Michelle Braden at mbraden@archregina.sk.ca There is no charge. A Zoom link will be sent to you, once your registration is confirmed.

Prayer Ministry

Please pray for the needs of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those who are affected by COVID-19 and the health professionals working on the front line, those in nursing homes and those who care for them, especially: Florence Barrow, Germain Beaurivage, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Judy Klenk, Don Morrell, Claudia Sali, Ron Strassburger, and Louise Wingerter.



Henry & Sharon Lenius—October 18—62 years
Gordon & Eileen Blayone—October 19—29 years
Wilf & Val Chiasson—October 21—48 years

Richest blessings to all our couples. You are a particular witness of God’s love and fidelity amongst us!

Sacred Heart Community School



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs are still accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Please call Sacred Heart School at 306-791-7290 and speak to Tracy or Sonia in the school office for more information. We look forward to hearing

from you.

Vocation View

“God has called you by your name. You are a child of God. Are you aware of your strength in God?” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

During this difficult time, your parish needs you!

Covid 19 has limited how we are able to gather. However, our parishes have regular and ongoing expenses. Although you may not be attending Mass, these expenses still remain. During this time, it’s prudent to consider how you might support your parish.

Your cheque can be mailed to Little Flower Parish or left in the parish office mail box (no cash please). **OR** Your donation can be made to your parish through the Archdiocese of Regina by:

- Pre-authorized direct debit
- E-Transfer
- Offline by cheque
- By phone
- Credit card

Visit our Giving Page at <https://archregina.sk.ca/giving> for more information on how you can continue to support your parish.

THANK YOU to those who continue to support the parish through their weekly collection envelopes.

Archbishop's Appeal



Our readings today invite us to examine closely what we have, where it has come from, and why it has been given to us. This year allow our Archbishop's Appeal to become the vehicle for your own spiritual renewal as you offer your own financial gifts to further the mission of Christ

in the Archdiocese of Regina.

Reflection:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6|1Thess. 1:1-5a| Matt.22:15-21

We have been gifted with so much in our lives: jobs, homes, family, friends, and all of the material trappings of our modern lifestyles. These things in and of themselves cannot bring us the fulfillment and purpose our hearts seek. Jesus tells us this week what really matters, in all the gifts we are privileged to receive, is that we appropriately give what is due "to God what belongs to God." For we all belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. It is only in "Giving to God what is God's", that we will find true happiness and fulfillment. Let your support of the Archbishop's Appeal be a well-discerned and responsible act of sacrificial praise, service, and worship. [Source: Adapted from Appeal 2017 Parish Manual]

Drive-Thru Harvest Supper –St. Martin de Porres



Sunday November 8, 2020 - 5:00-6:00 pm

Catered by Charlotte's. It will be a traditional turkey thanksgiving meal and all funds raised will go to the needs of our parish. This will be a drive-thru event and will follow all COVID-19 regulations and precautions.

Your delicious meals will be delivered in a takeout package directly to your car. Each boxed meal costs \$20. Generous portions, enough to share with small children or to be split between children.

Tickets available only through the St. Martin de Porres parish office beginning Monday October 5.

Cash, cheque or e-transfer are accepted. E-transfer email: st.martinsadmin@sasktel.net. Last day to buy tickets is Friday Oct. 30.

TF213: How to Vote Like A Catholic - Part 1

This week on the Thinking Faith Catholic Podcast, we offer an online talk delivered recently by Dr. Brett Salkeld at the invitation of the Paulist Fathers and the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan on the topic of Catholics and voting. Show Snippet: "Many people have the impression that Church teaching would expect any two well-formed Catholic consciences to come to the same conclusion on election day. It. Does. Not...This is the kind of logic that leads us to excommunicate one another and to cheer on those figures dedicating themselves to setting other Catholics straight on the internet - to the great glee of the parties..."

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/how-to-vote-like-a-catholic-part-1>

Read the Full text of this talk at Church Life Journal here: <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/holding-your-nose-how-to-vote-like-a-catholic/>

For the Love of Creation



For the Love of Creation is hosting a Fall Forum every Monday evening this November on Zoom. Join us to learn more about our collective work for climate justice, engage with guest speakers, and take action for climate justice together online. Simultaneous translation will be available. Join us for one or more of the following sessions:

Nov 2nd: Communicating Climate Change

Nov 9th: Advocating for Climate Justice

Nov 16th: Grieving, Healing, and Connecting with Creation (English Only)

Nov 23rd: Creation Care: A Letter of the Faithful

Nov 30th: Climate Action Now!

To Register: <http://bit.ly/flcforum2020>. Questions? Email flc.pac@gmail.com. For the Love of Creation brings together over 30 churches and faith-based organizations in Canada, including KAIROS, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Canadian Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), the Canadian Religious Conference (Catholic religious orders), Citizens for Public Justice, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Mennonite Central Committee, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and the United Church of Canada.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Weekday and Sunday Mass Livestreamed

English Weekday and Sunday Masses are livestreamed at 9:00 AM daily from Christ the King and Resurrection Parishes. French Sunday Masses are livestreamed from St. Jean Baptiste Parish every two weeks.

For livestream Links visit www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina.

Prayers and Devotions – Here you will find information on daily Mass, daily readings and reflections, prayers, stations of the cross and other resources that may be valuable during this time of social distancing. <https://archregina.sk.ca/prayers-devotions>

World Mission Day



Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in World Mission Sunday. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionary disciples who all have a role to play in the missionary activities of the church. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. Your kind support will help new churches to become strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. Thank you in advance for any financial support that you can provide on this World Mission Sunday.

Biblical reflection:

“Here I Am, Send Me” (Isaiah 6:8)

Isaiah wrote, “I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send and who will go for us?’ I replied, ‘Here am I, send me.’ God then said, ‘Go...!’” (Isaiah 6: 8-9). In the preceding verses, Isaiah offered God various excuses for why he was not qualified to do God’s work. In the Kingdom of God, however, the call is always more crucial than competency. What is important is neither experience nor expertise, but availability and the capacity to learn. If you are prepared to act when God calls you, He will bring you to inaccessible places to realize there the impossible. Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Esther, Moses, Samuel, David, and Isaiah, all had something in common. They all said, “Here am I.” Is it not unnecessary for us to waste time and energy worrying about where God might send us, when all is required of us is to say, “Here am I”? It is up to God to guide us where He wants. It is up to us to be open to God’s call. Just as a doctor, or a police officer, or a fireman react to an emergency, so should we eagerly respond to what God asks of us. Sometimes, it is a simple prompting to be of service to a nearby neighbour. Other times, it is a call to travel half-way round the world. But it all begins with the simple prayer, “Here am I.” It is what Moses said at the burning bush. It is what God wants you to respond today.

In the Gospels, when Jesus saw the crowds, he lamented the same problem of the lack of labourers. Jesus noticed all the distress, the loneliness, and the hopes of all the people who came to him. He was the only one to respond to their expectations (plight). Jesus saw them as sheep without someone to care for them, without a shepherd to feed them. Until his coming, the religious people of his time did not preoccupy themselves with the suffering and needy sheep. There were plenty of scribes and priests but no shepherds. There were religious people who sought honours in public places or on the chair of Moses, but no labourers. Therefore, Jesus indicated this problem to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest.” (Matthew 9: 37-38) What Jesus wants, is not only preachers or singers to climb onto a stage, but labourers who will be obedient to the Lord of the harvest. The work of as missionary is not reserved to only a few. Every woman or man of good will can take on this mission. The Lord needs us to work in his vineyard.

Gathering God's Harvest - An Ecumenical Stewardship Webinar Series



You are invited to join us for our fall ecumenical series on stewardship, Thursdays, Oct. 22 to Nov. 19 at 3pm and 7pm.

- Oct. 22, Stewardship in the land of ‘Mammon’: How are we working for God?
- Oct. 29, Money Talks: How to Preach Stewardship
- Nov. 5, The Stewardship of Self-Care
- Nov. 12, Practical Stewardship Tips for Your Congregation
- Nov. 19, “Ordinary” People doing Extraordinary Things!

Each webinar will be live on Zoom at 3pm with presentation, break-out rooms, and Q&A.

The sessions will be repeated at 7pm with the recorded presentation, new break-out sessions, and Q&A.

The series will also be posted on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3jFN1RU>.

One registration works for all afternoon and evening sessions.

Please register by emailing Nick Jesson at njesson@archregina.sk.ca.

If you registered for the Oct. 1 webinar, you do not need to register again. New registrants are welcome.

Maximum 100 participants. Zoom software is available for free at www.zoom.us

This series is organized in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

For more detailed information on the sessions please visit the event page at: <https://archregina.sk.ca/calendar/ecumenical-and-interfaith-relations/2020-10-22/gathering-gods-harvest-ecumenical-0>.