

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25, 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 smile, resting on Your Heart and there tell You again and again that I love You, O my Lord."

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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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: Autumn, a time for some bittersweet loneliness and memories. The choice to love with compassion is the Lord's command, and it frees us to serve the living and true God.

This Week in the Parish . . .

Daily Mass intentions as listed below:

Tues., October 27	+Repose of Jovito Ampong
Wed., October 28	+Repose of Ann Mertler
Thurs., October 29	+Repose of Edward, Charlene & Martin Konechny
Fri., October 30	+Repose of Tony & Kay Fahlman
Sat., October 31	+Repose of Lucia T. Camba

Weekday Lector/Altar Server: Jean Zdunich

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

Weekday Masses from Wednesday to Friday will be back to 8:00am starting on November 3rd, Tuesdays will remain at 4:00pm.



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.



“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

Dear Little Flower Parishioners,

Over the past year, Archbishop Don has been inviting all parishes in the archdiocese to consider who they need to be in dialogue with. Many of the parishes throughout the archdiocese have been challenged, both pre-and post-Covid, by declining attendance and parishioner engagement, lower collections and donations, and aging buildings. Several parishes in our diocese are having conversations with other Catholic parishes, with partners from other Christian denominations, and with towns and RMs in small communities.

About nine months ago, Bishop Don asked the priests assigned to St. Mary’s, Holy Cross, and Little Flower to speak with their pastoral council leadership about entering into exploratory discussions with the other two parishes. Approximately five months ago, representatives from the diocesan leadership met with each of the three pastoral councils to review Bishop Don’s request and asked that each of the three parishes appoint representatives to enter into exploratory discussions. Representatives of the parish councils of the three parishes, along with the parish priests, have met with each other a few times now. The discussions are entered into in good faith and without any predetermined outcome. No decisions have been made.

The encouragement that has been provided is to work towards having parishes that are not only viable but also vibrant and vital to the community. When the initial conversations between the leaders of our three parishes move beyond exploratory dialogue to any type of discernment phase, information will be communicated fully with all parishioners.

Please keep the initial discussions in prayer.

Any questions can be directed to Lisa Polk or Fr. Brian Meredith at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Offices.

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.



Ralph & Theresa Solie—October 25—66 years
 Victoriano & Ma Nerissa Pamaran—October 26—23 years
 Ray & Charlotte Boulanger—October 27—47 years
 Ovide & Pauline Boyer—October 29—63 years

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

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.

Vocation View

“How do you en flesh the great commandment of love? Be aware of how others show this vital commandment. Encourage those who you respect to dedicate their lives to ministry in the Church.” (Matthew 22:34-40)

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



We are now on the fourth Week of the Archbishop's Appeal Campaign. For all those who have already given, thank you very much. For those who have not decided to give yet, please prayerfully consider making a donation this year.

Bulletin Reflection:

Exodus 22:21-27 | 1Thess. 1:5c-10 | Matt. 22:34-40

The theme of this Sunday's readings is love. Jesus reminds us that the most important duty of a Christian is to love the Lord with our whole self and to also love our neighbor as our self.

But love of neighbor is not always an easy task, especially when we recognize that others don't always treat us with that sense of selfless love and, in fact, can be downright cruel to us at times. Nonetheless, Christ's law of love stands firm. We are to love. Always!

Jesus offers us the perfect example of selfless love on the cross in amends for our sins. He gave his life so that we could enjoy everlasting life. The stewardship way of life calls us to follow Jesus' example and act on this selfless love. By doing so, we set an example and call others to follow Christ.

The Lord has given us the gift of love through His own suffering and death. What's more, He has given us our time, our talent, and our treasure, and it is our duty as stewards of these gifts to use them at every opportunity the Lord provides us, like the Archbishop's Appeal to reach out in love for Him and our neighbor in need of His love. [Source: Adapted from Catholic Stewardship Consultants. www.catholicsteward.com].

Drive-Thru Roast Beef Supper –St. Peter's



St. Peter's Church will be having a Drive-Thru Roast Beef Supper.

November 13 & 14.

\$20.00 per person. Mouth watering roast beef, potatoes, gravy, vegeta-

bles, 4 salads and cheesecake dessert. Pickup begins at 5 pm at St. Peter's Church—100 Argyle St.

Contact Patricia 306-530-3075 or Ken 306-519-0313.

Advance tickets only. Proceeds go towards operating costs of church. Thanking you in advance for your support.

TF214: How to Vote Like A Catholic - Part 2 Q&A with Dr. Brett Salkeld

Wrapping up a two-part set on voting like a Catholic, Dr. Brett fields questions from those gathered for a recent virtual discussion sponsored by the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Show Snippet: "Because something is intrinsically evil doesn't mean you can [simply] vote for or against it, it means that you can [find yourself voting] for policies that...mitigate it, eliminate it, or make it worse..."

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/how-to-vote-like-a-catholic-part-2-qa-with-dr-brett-salkeld>.

World Mission Day



Last week, the church celebrated its annual World Mission Sunday. We wish to thank everyone who prayed for and where able to support the work of the missions last week. Your prayers and donations will make a huge contribution to the growth of the church and to the well-being of the poor in the world. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries to bring Christ's message of love to the world's most vulnerable. Also, your generosity and support of the missions throughout the year would also be very much appreciated. With deep gratitude, we thank you again for your prayerful and financial support of World Mission Sunday 2020.

Marriage Prep

Diocesan Marriage Prep Program "*Couples Connect*" will be offered Dec 13th, 2020—March 14th, 2021 at Resurrection Parish. 8 sessions with dynamic, knowledgeable speakers who will share with couples what is needed to have a mutually fulfilling relationship. Sessions will take place on Sunday afternoons and will include 2 - 40 min presentations, private couple discussion/sharing time, Q&A with presenters and Fr. Rick, followed by an amazing couple's dinner. Register ASAP. \$300 per couple. We welcome Dating, Engaged or Newly-married couples from all parishes in the diocese. To register please contact Emily at 306-531-5890 or elizee@sasktel.net for more information ask Kendra at 306-424-7110 or kendrahoffarth11@gmail.com.

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>

Engaged Encounter Weekend

Want a weekend away to focus on your relationship? "A Wedding is a Day; a Marriage is a Lifetime". Catholic Engaged Encounter uses a tried and true method of marriage preparation that has been used in hundreds of dioceses throughout the world. For the first time, being held at the Mother Teresa Centre, Kenosee Lake, November 13-15. COVID precautions will be in place. For more info or to register visit www.ceewest.com, contact Angela and Kris Lang at eereginnacc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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>.

"The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."

St. Josemaria Escriva



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.



Saskatchewan Provincial Election



The organization Catholic Conscience - is working with Catholic dioceses across the province to offer information and resources during the Saskatchewan provincial election. The Catholic Action campaign is a non-partisan voter education initiative, centered on educating Catholic voters about Catholic social teaching and how that teaching relates to relevant political issues; along with mobilizing the Catholic community to get out and vote. The first Catholic Action campaign was held during the 2019 federal election, and included a range of resource materials such as "Conscience Cards," one-page briefs on themes of Catholic social teaching and its relation to relevant election issues, and party platform comparisons from the perspective of Catholic teaching. Catholic Conscience's latest Catholic Action campaign will help Saskatchewan Catholic voters prayerfully and thoughtfully discern their vote in this provincial election. Find resources and info online at: <https://catholicconscience.org/saskatchewan2020/>.