

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2020

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 5:00 pm

Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am

College Park I Retirement Residence Liturgy

1st & 3rd Thursday 10:30 am

College Park II Retirement Residence Liturgy

2nd & 4th Friday of the month 10:00 am

Little Flower Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30 am—12:00 noon

1:00—3:30 pm

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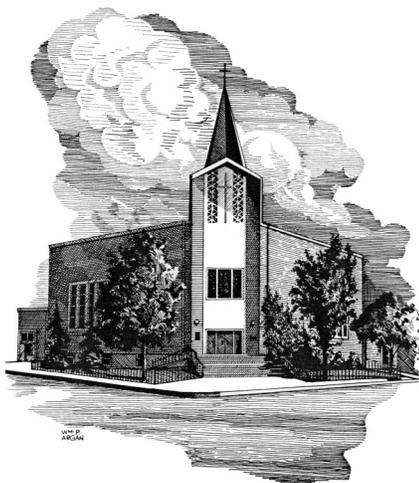
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

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: The coming of the Messiah is announced, not by changes in the world, but by changes in the human heart. In his baptism, Jesus gives a sign of what he wishes to accomplish in our midst. His mission is to create a people, bound by faith and love in the community of the Church. Our assembly is a promise which we are called upon to complete.

These Weeks in the Parish . . .

Daily Mass intentions as listed below:

Tues., January 14	5:00 pm	No Mass intention
Wed., January 15	8:00 am	+Repose of Harry Hoedel
Thurs., January 16	8:00 am	No Mass intention
Fri., January 17	8:00 am	+Repose of Edward Dielschneider
Sat., January 18	5:00 pm	Intentions of Ann Dormuth

Weekday Lector/Altar Server: Barb Aman

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



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.

Financial Update



Envelopes/Donations—165
 Non-envelope collection
 Total collection

	Dec 22-31	Jan 1-Dec 31	Over	
Collection	Target	(short)	Over (short)	
Dec 22-31	Dec 22-31	from target	from target	
\$ 21,120				
\$ 1,524				
\$22,644	\$28,304	(\$ 5,660)	(\$50,638)	

 And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*” (Matthew 3:17)
 Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

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: Judy Klenk, Florence Barrow, Germain Beurivage, Jack Gebert, Dean Hutchence, Mary Kish, Don Morrell, Claudia Sali, Kathleen Wingerter, Louise Wingerter and Ron Strassburger. Please also, keep in your prayers all who are grieving the death of a loved one.



In your prayers, please remember the repose of Elemer Jerkovits.

Knitting Tree 2019



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Knitting tree in December 2019. We had a total of 400 beautifully knitted toques, mitts, scarves, sweaters, afghans, socks, baby dresses and other warm items. These were all donated to 8 agencies including; Marian Centre, Birthright, St. Augustine School, Catholic Family Services, Visitation House, Santa Maria, Balfour Day Care and Carmichael Outreach.
 Thank you also to the knitters at College Park I. They meet faithfully every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00pm. This year they donated 322 items. Everyone was so thankful and appreciative of these wonderful donations.

From Birthright’s director:

I just wanted to send you a thank you note for the beautiful and much needed baby items that we received from Little Flower Social Justice Committee. I would like to thank very specially the seniors from Little Flower Parish who made some of these garments with so much love for our moms’ babies. In addition, I want to thank all of Little Flower parishioners, who matched with their donations through the year those from the largest parishes from our City! A big thank you from the bottom of my heart for your constant support. I trust that you will keep praying for our work and those who come to see us. I keep praying for the Little Flower family. We’ll leave Newsletters for all those who want to know what’s been happening this year at the office, or want more information about our services. May God bless you all!

Teacher Training Webinar Series



Do you have a desire to educate and empower couples with the knowledge of fertility through the Billings Ovulation Method®? Consider joining our team of Accredited Teachers! Help couples overcome infertility, or become confident in their ability to avoid pregnancy naturally. Our program adheres to the authentic Teacher Training standards specified by Woomb International.
 Training will equip you to educate & support clients during every stage of reproductive life. It is a profound privilege to journey with couples in this way. So if you have an interest in fertility and a heart for helping couples, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for. To Register: <https://billingslife.ca/get-involved/teach/correspondence-course/webinars>. Deadline: January 13, 2020.

“Without Christ and His grace all our efforts and actions are in vain. With Christ and His grace everything, even the most insignificant act of our daily lives, becomes fruitful for all eternity.

My crop will be plentiful only if I abandon myself to His will and live the life of grace.”

Vocation View

“At this baptism Jesus is supported by the presence of the Spirit and of his Father. We, too, are affirmed in our baptism and called to holiness. Are you being called to live your baptismal commitment as a priest or religious?” (Matthew 3:13-17)

Archbishop's Appeal



Contributions to date—\$28,105 from 153 contributors. This represents 106% of our target of \$26,473 from 35% of our parishioners.

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to those of you who have returned your cards, however we have not received 60% (262) of the cards that were mailed.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 19-26, 2020



The 2020 theme, “They showed us unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of St. Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. A delegation from St. Matthew's Anglican Parish will visit Little Flower, Sunday, January 19th, 2020. St. Mary and Little Flower Parishes will send a delegation to St. Matthew's, Sunday, January 26 at 9:30am. Fellowship and coffee to follow both services. You are invited to join in prayer with other Christians on: January 26, 3pm at All Saints Anglican Church, 142 Massey Road, Regina. Our preacher will be Pastor Joel Russell MacLean (First Baptist, Regina). All are welcome. As an island nation, boats are an important part of Maltese life. The Scripture reading in this service describes a perilous sea voyage by the Apostle Paul. A boat is also symbolic of the sometimes tempestuous journey Christians make together towards unity.

Sacramental Preparation at Little Flower



Preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist will begin on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the Little Flower Auditorium. Please use the Edgar Street entrance. Candidates are required to have a parent/adult to journey with them during the preparation time.

If you have not yet registered, please call the Parish Office at 306-522-8583 or email bonnie.littleflower@sasktel.net. A copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required.

Little Flower Parish D&P



Thank you to everyone who signed the Development & Peace Solidarity Letter in November 2019. The people of the Amazon need our support. We must encourage our government to hold Canadian companies accountable for what they do in the Amazon.

We had a total of 54 signatures and these will be combined with all signatures from across Canada and then presented to our government.

TF173: #populationisnottheblem - Part 1

Perhaps you heard of that letter from 11000 scientists that was released as 2019 drew to a close? Among the points made, did you notice the one about the need for population control? Dr. Brett Salkeld and Deacon Eric Gurash take the population question head-on and create a new hashtag with the bold claim that #populationisnottheblem in part one of two, this week on Thinking Faith! <http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf173-populationisnottheblem-part-1>

First Friday Vigil



The First Friday/First Saturday vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held Jan 3/4, 2020, at St. Mary's Church in Regina. Priests will be available for confession at 7:00 P.M. before Mass as well as after Mass. Mass will occur at 7:30 P.M.

followed by the all-night vigil ending with mass at 7:30 A.M. on Saturday morning.

Development and Peace's Share Lent Campaign

This Winter, Development and Peace continues journeying with the Catholic Church, our partners, and the indigenous people in the Amazon in the protection of the largest rainforest on earth from commercial exploitation. Please join us with D&P for a deeper discussion on the effects of the damages to the Amazon rainforest on Indigenous Peoples and on the Global Ecosystem, and on D&P's responses on Jan. 27th, 6:30 to 9:30pm at Holy Family Parish, (1021 McCarthy Blvd, Regina – please RSVP to jacork@myaccess.ca); Feb. 1st 11 to 2:00pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish, (1850 Springs Gate, Swift Current – Please RSVP to kmvallee@sasktel.net); and Feb. 2 12 to 3 :00 at St. Gerard's Parish, (125 3 Ave N, Yorkton – please RSVP to mbell.lsha@housingauthoritysk.com).



Little Flower Social Justice Committee

Over the next three weekends (beginning January 13) we will be collecting men's underwear and socks for the Marian Centre. There is a particular need for these items, especially during the winter months. Warm winter socks, long underwear (medium & large sizes) and underwear (briefs and boxers in medium & large sizes) are suggested items. The Food Drive cart will be available for your donation. Thank you for considering and donating to help someone stay warm this winter.

