

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1ST, 2019

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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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: Today marks the beginning of the church year, and our celebration leads us into the mystery of time redeemed by Jesus. He is the Lord of history and all time now bears his stamp. This Eucharist proclaims today in sign, the glory that one day will be fully revealed.

This Week in the Parish . . .

Daily Mass intentions as listed below:

Tues., December 3	5:00 pm	Intention of Fr. Jose & Theresa Thomas
Wed., December 4	8:00 am	+Repose of Richardiena Delwo
Thurs., December 5	8:00 am	No Mass intention
Fri., December 6	8:00 am	No Mass intention
Sat., December 7	5:00 pm	+Repose of Ian Laidlaw

Weekday Lector/Altar Server: Barb Aman

A complete list of daily Mass intentions (December) 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.

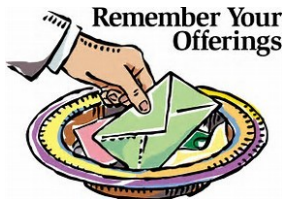
Also, please let your parish know if you are entering the hospital.

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—104
 Non-envelope collection
 Total collection

Collection Nov 24	Target Nov 24	Nov 24 Over (short) from target	Jan 1-Nov 24 Over (short) from target
\$ 3,484	\$ 407		
\$3,891	\$4,265	(\$ 374)	(\$39,466)

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” (Matthew 24:42)
 People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.

Bible Study



Bible Study will begin next Wednesday, December 4...the first Wednesday of Lent at 8:30 after the morning mass. We will begin a 14 week study of the Gospel of Mark. Out last bible study was the life of Peter. Mark accompanied Peter to Rome so Peter is the primary witness in the gospel of Mark. Please come and bring others. Perhaps it might be an Advent commitment that the Holy Spirit is nudging you to make.

A Virtue-Led Advent: A Women's Retreat on Hope

Let your Advent be guided by the virtues of Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace in a real and tangible way this year. **Monday, December 2nd. St. Anne's Parish 1701 Cowan Cres. 7:30pm-9:00pm.** Refreshments to follow. This evening of reflection and renewal will be followed by three online retreats posted weekly so that you can continue to be led by the virtues throughout the full Advent season.

Made for Greatness

“Made for Greatness” is a monthly retreat for men in the Regina area. We begin with a simple meal, followed by a period of praise and adoration with confessions. We end the evening with a time of fellowship. The next retreat will be held on Friday, December 6 at Resurrection Parish (3155 Windsor Park Rd). Soup and sandwiches will be served at 6:00 p.m. with adoration at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to drop in any time. We invite all men to join us for a time of worship and fellowship. For more information, please contact Deacon Kevin at 306-537-7192.

Food Drive

Our next Food Drive weekend will be December 8 & 9. Please remember those who do not have the variety or excess that we tend to enjoy during the holiday season.



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 and Louise Wingerter. Please also, keep in your prayers all who are grieving the death of a loved one.



College Park I Knitters



The College Park Knitters invite you to their open house Tuesday, December 3 from 3—4 pm. Their varied projects will be on display prior to being delivered to our Advent Knitting Tree. Please join them, as a way of saying “thanks” for their dedication and hard work.

Movie Sunday

A reminder to you all about our Movie Sunday on December 8th, the day that the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the story of St Bernadette of Lourdes, to whom an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared. On this occasion the Blessed Virgin Mary announced to St Bernadette that she was the Immaculate Conception. How can anyone dispute that Mary was conceived without original sin given this event. This knowledge can help us to share with others the beauty of the Catholic faith.



Christmas Extravaganza

St. Mary’s Parish Christmas Party - A Fundraising Event. On December 14th, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., The Christmas Extravaganza will be hosted by the four choirs singing praises at St. Mary’s Church. Join us for an evening of music and sharing happy cheers and the spirit of Christmas. Tickets are: \$15.00 for adults and teens; \$10.00 for children ages 8 - 12 yrs. old. Tickets include a delicious meal, dessert and drinks. For more information or to get tickets contact the parish office at 306-522-3361.



Vocation View

“Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready!” (Matthew 24:37-44)

Archbishop's Appeal



Contributions to date—\$21,395 from 116 contributors. This represents 81% of our target of \$26,473 from 26% 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 71% (312) of the cards that were mailed.

Advent Resources

Looking for a fruitful and meaningful Advent and Christmas Celebration with your family? Advent and Christmas Books and DVDs are available at the Archdiocesan Resource, Centre 445 Broad Street North, Regina. We are open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact Melissa Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext. 237 or email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca. You can also search and reserve library materials online at www.archregina.sk.ca/resource-center.

Daily Online Advent Reflections

Sign up for emails:

- <https://dynamiccatholic.com>
Best Advent Ever 2018 (Matthew Kelly)
- <https://www.wordonfire.org>
<https://dailycatholicgospel.com>
Bishop Barron's Daily Gospel Reflections

Visit the website:

- www.ignatianspirituality.com
Arts and Faith: Advent (video series)
Sacred Space (daily prayers)
- <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>
Praying Advent
- <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/advent>
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Advent Knitting Tree

If you have any items to donate to our tree, they may be brought to Mass and left at the back of the church or to the office any time during office hours. We truly appreciate the time, talent and treasure and love that goes into each and every garment brought in. We still have a good selection of yarn in the Pamphlet Room for those who like to knit/crochet during the winter months. Finished items may be brought in at any time.



Santa Maria Foundation

Santa Maria Senior Citizens' Home is part of our Catholic Community. The Santa Maria Foundation provides funding for spiritual care for our residents and other quality of living supports which are not otherwise funded. As we enter into this Advent season, might you consider supporting the Santa Maria Foundation? On behalf of our residents, we thank you for your kindness. To donate or for more information, please stop by, contact kelly.chessie@saskhealthauthority.ca or call (639)625-7094. Santa Maria Foundation is a registered charity. Tax deductible receipts are issued for all donations.

TF167: Why St. Thomas Aquinas?

You ask, we answer! Listener Elaine asks for a bit of information on Saints Thomas Aquinas and Ignatius of Loyola - two of Brett and Eric's favs. This week we discuss St. Thomas. We'll look at how Brett and "The Angelic Saint" became best buddies, a bit of history and why the Church is a better place because of this medieval Dominican saint this week on Thinking Faith!

<http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf167-why-st-thomas-aquinas>

Winter Lights

Songs to welcome Christ's coming at Holy Cross Parish on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Performers include VISION, Joyful Noise, St. Mary's Revival Chorus, and City Silence. Free will offering proceeds go to the New Archdiocesan Center.



One Thousand Hail Mary's

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, at St. Anthony's Church, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will pray 1,000 Hail Mary's during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary over the evil one and in reparation for our sins. We welcome you for all or part of the prayers.



Santa Store



St. Augustine Community School provides an incredible opportunity for its students through the generosity of people like you! Donations are accepted of gently used/new items. This store gives our students the opportunity to shop for their loved ones, and they are grateful for this. Without the Santa Store, many of our families would not have the chance to give a gift for Christmas. We are looking for donations that may be used for babies, older and younger siblings, as well as mom and dad. If you happen to have any gently used or new items you would like to donate to make this magical store happen, please drop them off at 2343 Edgar Street any time between 7:30 am and 4 pm on December 16th. We will have elves that can run out to your car and carry in the items for you. Thank you in advance for anything you might be able to offer this cause. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help on the event days (Dec 17 & 18) please call the school at (306)791-7310. Please note that due to lack of storage space, we simply cannot accept donations ahead of time – thank you for understanding.

“Seeking Light in the Darkness” – A Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse

Please join us as we come together for a Prayer Service for Healing from Clergy Sexual Abuse. “Seeking Light in the Darkness” is a reminder that although victims are often broken the light of Christ may shine through their brokenness. The service will encourage us to find the courage to listen deeply and compassionately to those who were wounded in a place where they should have found love. Service is Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus parish, Gerald SK. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for and with victims of sexual abuse.

