

# LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8 TH, 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

## Parish Staff Team

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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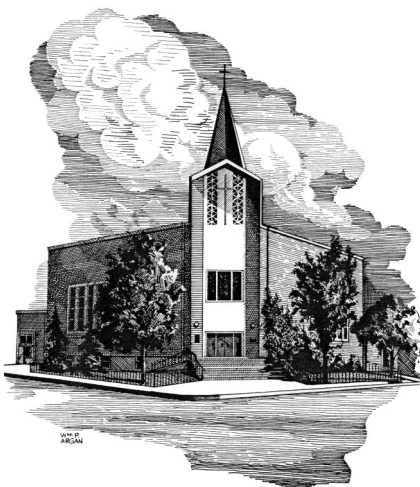
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Little Flower Parish is wheelchair accessible through the Edgar Street entrance.

*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:** Here's how we are challenged today: "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand." Putting aside our fears, we trust in God who can change our hearts.

### This Week in the Parish . . .

*Daily Mass intentions as listed below:*

Tues., December 10	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Repose of Fred Seiferling
Wed., December 11	<b>8:00 am</b>	No Mass Intention
Thurs., December 12	<b>8:00 am</b>	No Mass intention
Fri., December 13	<b>8:00 am</b>	No Mass intention
Sat., December 14	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Repose of George Mertler

**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.

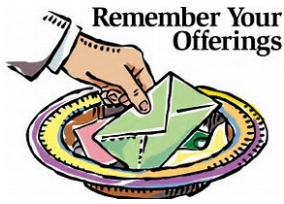
Also, please let your parish know if you are entering the hospital.

### 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—118  
 Non-envelope collection  
 Total collection

	Dec 1	Jan 1-Dec 1	Dec 1	Jan 1-Dec 1
	Collection	Target	Over	Over
	Dec 1	Dec 1	(short)	(short)
			from target	from target
	\$ 4,508			
	\$ 396			
	\$4,904	\$5,992	(\$ 1,088)	(\$40,554)



*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



## Bible Study

There is now Bible Study on Wednesdays at 8:30 after the morning mass. We have begun 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.

## Food Drive

We will have the Food Drive collection for Marian Centre and Visitation House this weekend. All contributions are welcome. Thank you for sharing your treasure with those around you.



**Please be mindful** that we do not accept packaging that has been opened, items that are partially used or those beyond their expiry date.

## 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. The Movie will begin immediately after the Korean lunch.

## 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.



**December 12 is the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and it also the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, organized by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council and supported by the CCCB.**

In this international year of Indigenous languages, as declared by the United Nations, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council offers a prayer calling for the global protection and revitalization of Indigenous languages.

In honour of this year's theme, and to celebrate our Lady of Guadalupe, we will gather to pray the rosary in Cree and English, with songs in both languages as well.

Please join us at St Cecelia's parish at 7pm on Dec 12th. Refreshments to follow.

## Advent Service of Light and Solemn Evensong

St. Paul's Cathedral (Anglican), 12th Ave and McIntyre Street. We cordially invite you to join us in our Advent Service of Light and Solemn Evensong, on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

## Vocation View

*"How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you." (Matthew 3:1-12)*

## Archbishop's Appeal



Contributions to date—\$21,930 from 121 contributors. This represents 83% of our target of \$26,473 from 28% 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 69% (304) 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](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca). You can also search and reserve library materials online at [www.archregina.sk.ca/resource-center](http://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](http://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.



## Christmas Extravaganza

St. Mary's Parish Christmas Party - A Fund-raising 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.



## TF168: Why St. Ignatius of Loyola?

Who is St. Ignatius of Loyola and why does the story of this former soldier and founder of the Jesuits continue to inspire the Church today? In response to a listener question, we discuss the history and the spiritual gifts of this Spanish saint as we carry on this pilgrim's journey this week on Thinking Faith!

<https://archregina.sk.ca/thinking-faith/tf168-why-st-ignatius-loyola>

## 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.

## Women at the Well

A Catholic Women's Event for women thirsting for an encounter with Jesus. Join other women for a short reflection, discussion, time of silence, prayer and fellowship. Saturday, December 14th at Marian Centre 1835 Halifax St. 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please ring the bell at the blue door on the south side. Parking is available in the lot north of the building.