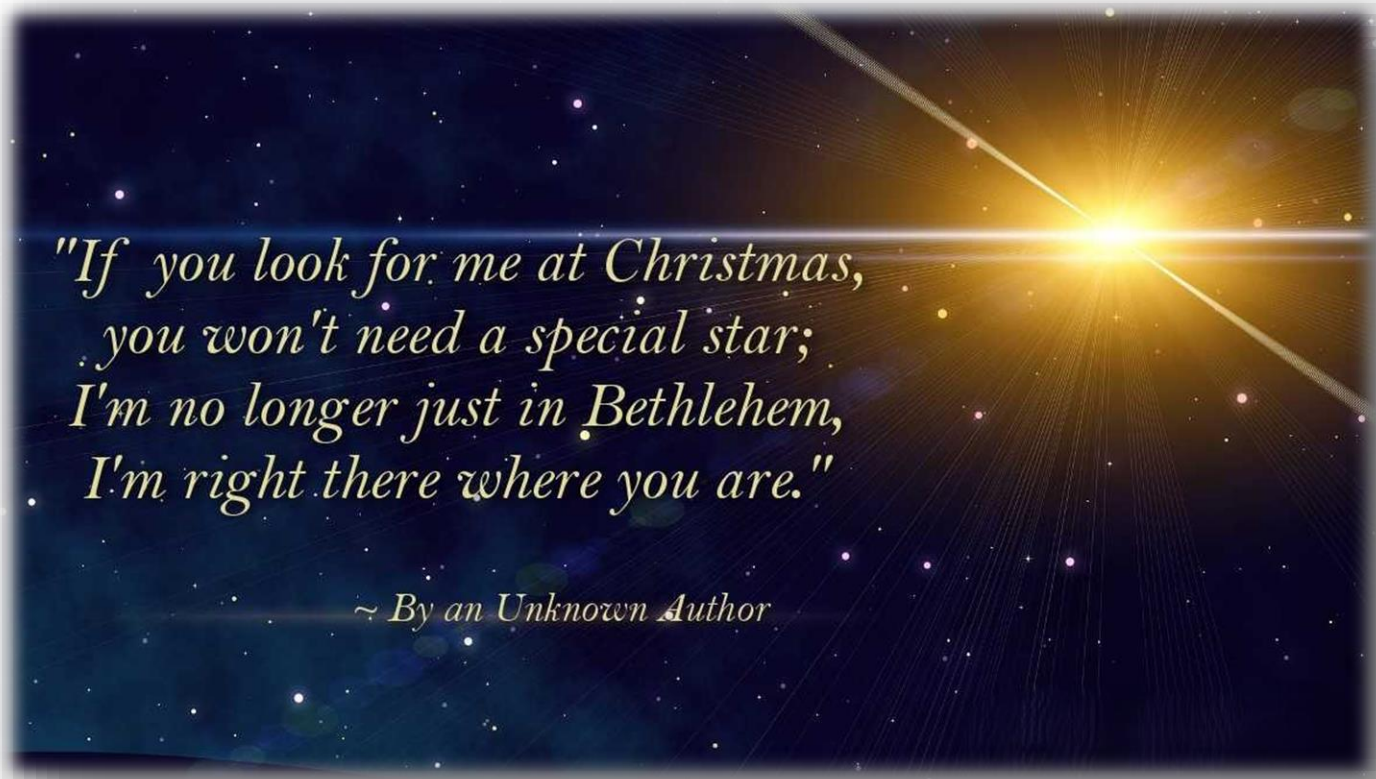
Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community



Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas.

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Please note on Mondays the office opens at 10:00 a.m. Office is also closed over lunch (12-1:30 p.m.)

Mission Statement: Our Lady of the Foothills, is a Catholic Faith Community, centered on Jesus Christ, called to continue His mission by growing in Holiness and by proclaiming the Good News of our Father's love.

From the Pastor

"Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall name Him EMMANUEL, which means "God Is With Us."

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas, I invite you to reflect deeply on the mystery and majesty of the Incarnation. In the stillness of Bethlehem, God entered our world—not with fanfare, but with humility. ***"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us"*** (***John 1:14***), and in doing so, He lit a path of hope, love, and redemption for all humanity.

This year, Our Archdiocese has called us to embrace the theme: ***We Are Called to Witness***. What better time than Christmas to renew our commitment to this sacred calling? The shepherds, upon hearing the angel's proclamation, did not keep the Good News to themselves. ***"When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child" (Luke 2:17***). They became the first witnesses of Christ's birth, sharing joy and truth with all who would listen.

We too are called to be modern-day shepherds—witnesses of the Light in a world that often walks in darkness. Isaiah prophesied, ***"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2).*** That light is Christ, and it shines through us when we live our faith boldly, love generously, and serve humbly.

Let us not be passive observers of the Nativity, but active participants in the mission it inaugurates. Whether through a kind word, a helping hand, or a courageous stand for truth, we proclaim Emmanuel—God with us. As St. Paul reminds us, ***"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15).***

This Christmas may your homes be filled with peace, your hearts with joy, and your lives with purpose. Let the miracle of Christ's birth rekindle your passion to witness His love to family, neighbors, and strangers alike. The manger is not the end—it is the beginning of a journey we are all invited to walk.

Together with Fr. Marreddy, Deacon Ed, and our staff members, I wish you all a blessed **Merry Christmas** and A **Happy New Year.** May God bless you abundantly during this Christmas Season as well as during the New Year. Merry Christmas!

In Christ's peace,
Pastor*: **Fr. ANTHONY NARISETTY*** SAC
Associate Pastor: ***FR MARREDDY UDUMALA*** SAC

Sacraments

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - A one day course takes place once a month. This course is required before any Baptism can take place. For more information, please call the parish office (865-3045).

FIRST RECONCILIATION – This Sacrament is usually celebrated for the first time in Grade two. A preparation course is compulsory for all children. Date is yet to be determined. For more information, please the parish office (865-3045). **This Sacrament is necessary as a prerequisite for First Eucharist.**

FIRST EUCHARIST - This Sacrament is usually celebrated for the first time in Grade Two. A preparation course is compulsory for all children. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is required before 1st Eucharist. For more information, please call the parish office (865-3045). Date is yet to be determined.

CONFIRMATION - This Sacrament is usually celebrated in Grade Six. A preparation course is compulsory. Confirmation is usually held in May. Date is yet to be determined. For more information, please call the parish office (865-3045).

PRE-MARRIAGE - In order to properly prepare for this sacrament, SIX MONTHS notice is required. For more information, please call the parish office (865-3045)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - This course is for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic faith in order to become full members of the Catholic Church. For more information, please call the parish office (865-3045).

Pastoral Visits

If you have a family member who is homebound or in hospital, who would like a visit from the Clergy, to receive the sacraments, please call the parish office. 780-865-3045

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

An opportunity for individual Reconciliation

Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Thursday, December 11 – 7:00 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Saturday, December 20 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 21 – 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Saturday, December 27 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 28 – 11:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31 – 5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 1 – 11:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Saturday, January 3 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 4 – 11:00 a.m.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

You too can become involved:

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST (Mass) – Sat-5:00 pm, Sun-11:00 am; Weekdays: Tuesday 7:00 pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday-9:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: is available ½ hour before mass on Weekdays and Saturday or by appointment. Please call or email parish office. **Father is NOT available on Sunday** because he is on his way back from Jasper. Confession is not encouraged after masses.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – our parish women's group. For more information please contact the parish office

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – our parish men's group which meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Grand Knight, Ron Rosmer for more information.

Prayer & Praise and Bible Studies

FLAME OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP – ages 10-17 Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – ages 3-9 Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
Please call the parish office if you are interested in joining or helping a youth program.
HOLY HOUR with EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT – Every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY READINGS – Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Please call parish office for more information and location.
ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY – Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. for the souls in purgatory. Email Gary for info gcgiffin@gmail.com.

Evergreen Catholic Schools In Hinton	We are called to witness	St. Gregory ECS – Gr. 4 780-865-4555 www.sgces.ca	Fr. Gerard Redmond Gr. 5 – 12 780-865-2820 www.grccs.ca	Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ

Pray an AVE Today
One Hail Mary

For Our Pastors
Fr. Anthony Narisetty and
Fr. Marreddy Udumala

Christmas Message from your Parish Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we look back on this past year, we are reminded of the many blessings and challenges that have shaped our parish community. We have shared in moments of joy, supported one another through trials, and grown together in faith. Through it all, God's presence has been a constant source of strength and guidance.

This year has brought a special blessing with the installation of our new Archbishop, Stephen Hero. We offer him our warmest welcome and pledge our prayers and support as he begins his ministry among us. May the Holy Spirit guide him as he leads our archdiocese in faith and service.

Now, as we enter the season of Advent, we find ourselves in a time of hopeful anticipation, preparing our hearts for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Advent calls us to wait in prayer and reflection, just as Mary and Joseph awaited the birth of Christ. Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy He brings and allow this season to renew our commitment to live out His love and compassion in our daily lives.

This Advent let us also remember the importance of unity within our parish and across our archdiocese. As we await Christ's coming, may we support one another and, especially, our priests who guide us in faith, and our new Archbishop. Let us stand together in prayer for them, offering our love, encouragement, and gratitude for their faithful service to our community.

May this season of Advent strengthen our bonds and prepare us to welcome the Christ child with hearts full of love and hope.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent season.
In Christ,
Dan Burkinshaw
Parish Council Chairperson

YOUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor: *Father Anthony Narisetty*
Associate Pastor: *Father Marreddy Udumala*
Deacon: *Deacon Edward Meding*
Secretary: *Mary Lou LaFrance*
Bookkeeper: *Colleen Ludwig*
Housekeeper: *Paula McKay*

YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pastor: *Father Anthony Narisetty*
Associate Pastor: *Father Marreddy Udumala*
Finance Chairperson *– Arleen Wambolt*
Bookkeeper: *Colleen Ludwig*
Members
Paula McKay
Wes Litke
Randy Jones
Marlys Phillips

YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastor – *Fr. Anthony Narisetty*
Associate Pastor *– Fr. Marreddy Udumala*
Deacon – *Ed Meding*
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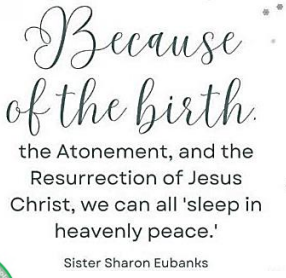
Dale deSeguin
Christian Ludwig
Colleen Ludwig
Athena Marchildon
Dennis Slavik
Ian Langley



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Trustee *– Laura Riou*

Why is Advent Important?

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life.

The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events, we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

First, we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us.

When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community.

This is the "greater significance" of Advent. In these few short weeks, we take in the sweeping panorama of time - from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus, we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

Mitten Tree

Our homeless and disadvantaged people in Hinton are suffering in this cold weather. The CWL have erected a "Mitten Stand" in the foyer of the church to collect gloves and socks this winter for those most in need. We are looking for adult-size gloves and socks, new or in good used condition.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."