Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

December 14, 2025

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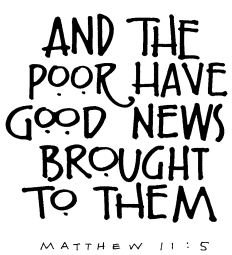
Mass Readings

Isaiah
35.1-6a, 10

Psalm 146

James
5.7-10

Matthew
11.2-11



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Third Sunday of Advent

Here is Your God

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see Isaiah 29:18–20; 61:1–2).

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see Matthew 6:25–34). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see Isaiah 30:18).

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

– Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

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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.

Calendar of Events – December 14th – 21st

Sunday, (Dec 7): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***3rd Sunday of Advent***
Intention – Rick LaFrance✝ requested by Barb Kneteman

12:00 p.m. **Coffee Sunday** after Mass

Monday: Have a wonderful day.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – for the intentions of Barb Kneteman requested by the CWL
Jasper Intention – Benny Horvat✝ requested by Paula Nolan & Ken Work

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – for the intentions of Luke Wickenhauser requested by Christine Gamache
Jasper Intention – For the intentions of Jaye Hubbard requested by Mike and Bonnie Meagher

RCIA **no…….RCIA Classes over the Christmas break** (will start up again on January 7, 2026)

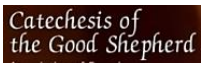
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – for the intentions of Rocky Notnes requested by Christine Gamache

Flame of Love YOUTH GROUP 7:00 p.m. **Flame of Love Youth Group Christmas Party** at 575 Mountain St.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – Sharon Steinke✝ requested by the CWL

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday: 10:00a.m. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** in the church



5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***4th Sunday of Advent***
Intention – Matt Lovsin✝ requested by Anne Resek

Sunday, (Dec 14): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***4th Sunday of Advent***
Intention – Rhonda Warford✝ and John Murphy✝ requested by Rita Lucas

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Daily Mass Readings

Monday Dec 15
Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a
Matthew 21.23-27

Tuesday, Dec 16
Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21.28-32

Wednesday, Dec 17
Genesis 49.2, 8-10
Matthew 1.1-17

Thursday, Dec 18
Jeremiah 23.5-8
Matthew 1.18-24

Friday, Dec 19
Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1.5-25

Saturday, Dec 20
Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d
Luke 1.26-38

Sunday, Dec 21
4th Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

Mass Ministry Volunteers Needed

Adult Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Welcoming families & Music Ministry

If you are interested in joining a Parish Ministry, please fill out the Stewardship Ministry sign up form at the back of the church and bring it to the parish office.

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.

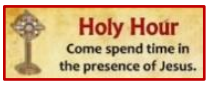
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Coffee Sunday

Join us in the foyer after mass for Coffee and treats.
December 14

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation.

3rd Thursday of the month
at 7:00 p.m.



Next: January 15
Deacon Ed presiding

Everyone is welcome.
sponsored by the KofC

Pray an AVE Today

One Hail Mary

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

Sacraments of Initiation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of

BAPTISM

1ST RECONCILIATION - 1ST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and 7)

Please contact the parish office

MARRIAGE: to properly prepare for this Sacrament, SIX months' notice is required.

RECONCILIATION: is available ½ hour before mass on Weekdays and Saturday or by appointment. **Father is NOT available on Sunday** because he is on his way back from Jasper.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, at home and in the hospital, especially the members of our parish living in Hinton Continuing Care and Pine Valley.

Heavenly Father, bless the sick of our community, keep them in your tender care and protect them from all evil. Amen.

YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

December 6/7: $1166.40
December 8 Auto Debit: $2726.00
Total Building Fund Collected: 16,052.73

Total for November $17,711.85
Monthly Budget need: $14,875.00

If you are interested in donating through ***Automatic Debit****, please call the parish office.*

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his steadfast love endures for ever!" Psalm 118

Whoever took the **box of envelopes #24**, please call the parish office. I need your name.

Children's Collection

Through the Children's collection, the young people of our parish can help with the upkeep of our parish building through the building fund. For more info call the parish office 865-3045

last week's Donations: **$23.75** **Thank you.**

Our Lady of the Foothills Youth

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada

Ages 3-9,
Saturday mornings
10:00 to 11:30.

Call Dennis at 780-865-0151 for more information and to book an introductory lesson.

We are looking for some bibles in different languages to add to the library for the Catechesis program. If you would like to donate, please drop them off at the parish office.

Flame of Love Youth Group

…ursdays 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

Ages 10-17

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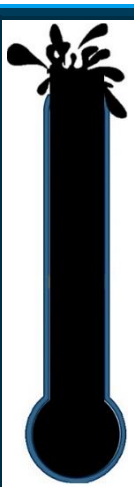
Will start up again January 8, 2026

Volunteers Needed. Please Call Dennis for more information.



TOGETHER we serve
ONE CHURCH. ONE GIFT.

Annual Appeal

Proposed 2025 Goal $ 12,600.00
Total Raised in 2025: $ 13,598.30 (108% of Goal)
Thank you for your generous donations.

Together we Serve supports 10 different Catholic organizations and institutions. Let us together, support our charitable partners through Together We Serve.

The 10 different Catholic organizations supported by TWS:

- Catholic Social Services
- Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith
- Evangelization of Nations
- Needs of the Canadian Church
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- Newman Theological College
- Pope's Pastoral Works
- St. Joseph Priests' Foundation of Edmonton
- St. Joseph Seminary
- St. Joseph's College

Donate now!

For more information, please visit: Website

Weekly Collection – All cheques ***must*** be made out to Our Lady of the Foothills (OLOF) if you want a tax receipt for your donations. **This includes Together We Serve. Please note it on the memo line on your cheque.** If you do not use the numbered envelopes or Automatic Debit, and would like to, please call the parish office.

Please consider donating 1 hour of your wages/week or tithing 10%.

Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture

December 24 at 10:00 a.m.
You are welcome to join us.

Pine Valley Lodge Prayer Meeting

FoodBank

122 Market St.
Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Volunteers are welcome.

"The rosary is the weapon for these times." – St. Padre Pio

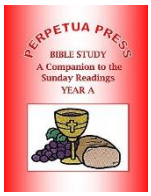
Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
At the cemetery:
for the souls in purgatory

Pray the Rosary

Bible Study on Next Sunday's Readings

All are welcome on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. at 208 Collinge Rd. You will need a Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Study guides can be purchased from Gwen for $25 or available on kindle for $6.00.



What is every parent's favorite Christmas song?
Silent Night!

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday Dec 20 5:00 p.m.	Randy Jones Deacon Ed Meding	Dan Burkinshaw Ren Werbicki	Dio Provvede	Wendy Mackney	Glenn Ross Ken Work Paula Nolan Richard Chevrefils	
Sunday Dec 21 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed Meding	Florjie Michaud Linda Jones	Dio Provvede	Annette Buschert	Christian Ludwig Cel Marchildon Ron Rosmer TBA	PPC

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All men (18 and up) are welcome to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Please contact the parish office for more information 780-865-3045 www.kofc.org

KofC online video series – Into the Breach

Just a reminder, please check to see if you are scheduled for ministry. If you are unable to make your commitment to your scheduled ministry, ***please find a replacement for yourself***. Thank you for your service and God Bless

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE News

Euthanasia presentation recording

Remember to renew your Membership. $30.00

Use CWL envelope in box of collection envelopes and deposit in the collection at Mass.

Renew Membership Now

Respect for Life Prayer – December 14

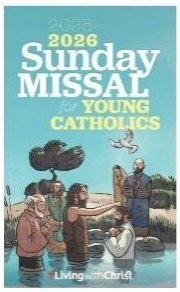
Come, Lord Jesus. May we be prepared to welcome you by opening our hearts to care for all human life, especially those yet to be born.

THE SHARE SHOP

Share shop is open Monday to Saturday 12 to 3 pm.
Bins are open and all donations are welcome.
Help Is Needed To Sort And Hang Clothes.
December 17/18

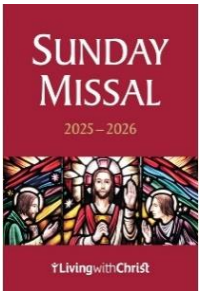
Evergreen Catholic Schools In Hinton	We are called to witness	St. Gregory ECS – Gr. 4 780-865-4555 www.sgces.ca	Fr. Gerard Redmond Gr. 5 – 12 780-865-2820 www.grccs.ca	Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ

2026 Sunday Missals For sale



Pick up at the back of the church
$6.00 each➔
➔$11.00 each

Please recycle your old ones.



2025 Advent, Christmas & New Year's
Our Lady of the Foothills, Hinton

Wednesday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Christmas Carols before Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass *(this Mass has incense)*

Thursday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY
11:00 a.m. *(this Mass has incense)*

December 27/28 – HOLY FAMILY
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE
5:00 p.m. Adoration 6-7 pm

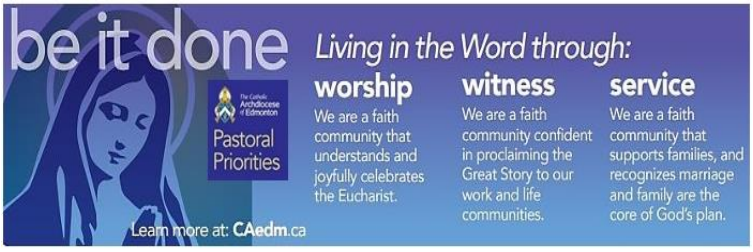
Thursday, January 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY
11:00 a.m. *(this Mass has incense)*

January 3/4 – EPIPHANY
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Come Worship with us!

NeighbourLink Hinton

780-865-0389 or email: neighbourlink1@gmail.com

NeighbourLink is in need of single beds and washing machines.

Also looking for volunteer drivers to help with driving clients in town or out of town (mostly to Edmonton, Edson, Whitecourt) for appointments and also to drive the NeighbourLink van. More info is available by contacting Angele Lemire.
Please call to arrange a pickup. Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated as NeighbourLink is non-profit organization run by an amazing group of volunteers.