Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

March 15, 2026

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Mass Readings

1 Samuel
16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians
5.8-14

John
9.1-41

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Eyesight to the Blind

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38–39).

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70–71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

– 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 – March 15th – 22nd

Sunday, (Mar 15): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *4th Sunday of Lent*
Intention – Mark✝ and Tad Kolczyk✝ requested by Viesha Kolczyk

Monday: Have a wonderful day.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – for the intentions of Laura Riou requested by the CWL

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – for the intentions of Chantal Brautigan requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work

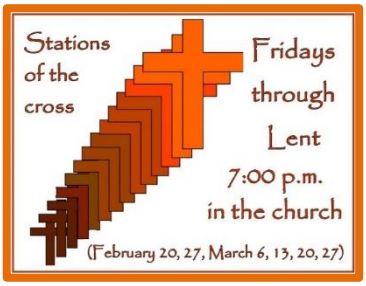
6:00 p.m. **First Reconciliation Classes** begin in the hall
7:00 p.m. **Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blesses Sacrament** and **Lenten Reconciliation Service**

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
Intention – Renee Findlay✝ requested by Evergreen School Board

7:00 p.m. **Flame of Love Youth Group** in the hall

Friday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – Manual Ignacio✝ requested by Delia Kathrein

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** in the church lead by the KofC



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

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***5th Sunday of Lent***
Intention – Dan Symic✝ requested by Anne Resek and Paula and Ron McKay

Sunday, (Mar 22): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***5th Sunday of Lent***
Intention – Renee Findlay✝ requested by Linda Jones

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, March 16
Isaiah 65.17-21
John 4.43-54

Tuesday, March 17
Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12
John 5.1-16

Wednesday, March 18
Isaiah 49.8-15
John 5.16-30

Thursday, March 19
St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Samuel 7.4-5a, 1 2-14a, 16
Romans 4.13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2.41-51a

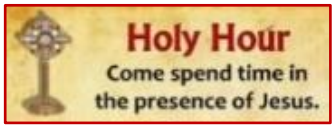
Friday, March 20
Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22
John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21
Jeremiah 11.18-20
John 7.40-53

Sunday, March 22
5th Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37.12-14
Romans 8.8-11
John 11.1-45

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Lenten Reconciliation Service.

March 18th
at 7:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.



Development and Peace – Share Lent

This Lent, please give generously – next weekend – March 22 is Solidarity Sunday

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's ***On Track for Justice*** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world."

— Mikaell Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to **Share Lent.** **Envelopes are available at the back of the church (drop in regular collection) or online at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!**

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

March 7/8: $1302.45

Building Fund: $458.45

Total for February $9,922.80
Monthly Budget need: $15,296.00

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

Boxes of Collection Envelope numbers missing names

Numbers: 53, 79, 83

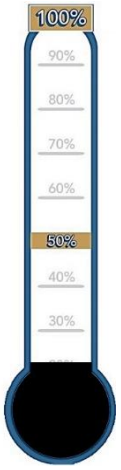
If you have a box of envelopes with any of these numbers, please call the parish office. I need your name so I can issue you a tax receipt for your donations.

If you are not going to use it, please return it to the church.

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: **$23.45** **Thank you.**



TOGETHER we serve
ONE CHURCH. ONE GIFT.

Annual Appeal

2026 Goal $ 12,600.00

Total Raised in 2026: $ 2971.00 (23% 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%.

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.

Flame of Love Youth Group

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall
Ages 10-17
For more information contact
Dennis 780-865-0151 or the Parish office at 865-3045

Volunteers Needed. Please Call Dennis for more information.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP

Registration for our 2026 summer camping season is now OPEN!

For young people from grades 4 to 12. Experience faith, fun, and community at camp! Celebrate the Sacraments, make friends, and learn new skills like archery. Owned and operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

www.OLVC.ca

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday March 21 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Thomas Hathaway	School	Mike Meagher	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Mike Meagher TBA	
Sunday March 22 11:00 a.m.	Barb Marchant	Christine Gamache Athena Marchildon	School	Jo Holba	Christian Ludwig Karl Holba Jo Holba Isabelle Steppan	Finance

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

Respect for Life Prayer – March 15

Lord, open our eyes with love for the tremendous gift of each human person, from the preborn baby to the frail elderly, instead of judging on mere appearances - as the Pharisees did of the blind man.

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. 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.

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

FoodBank

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

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

All ladies (16 and up) are welcome to become members of the Catholic Women's League.
Please contact the parish office for more information 865-3045

Euthanasia presentation recording

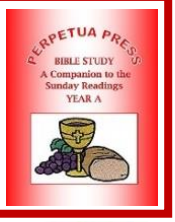
Upcoming event:

- **CWL birthday Lunch**, Thursday, April 9, 11:30 am at L&W

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.
Catholic Church Dates: March 15/16, 31, April 1

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.

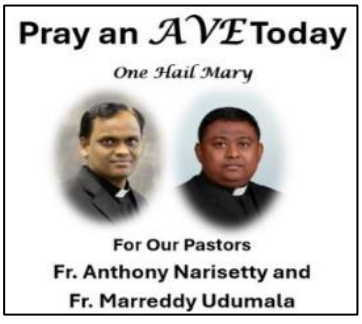
Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture

April 8 at 10:00 a.m.
You are welcome to join us.

"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

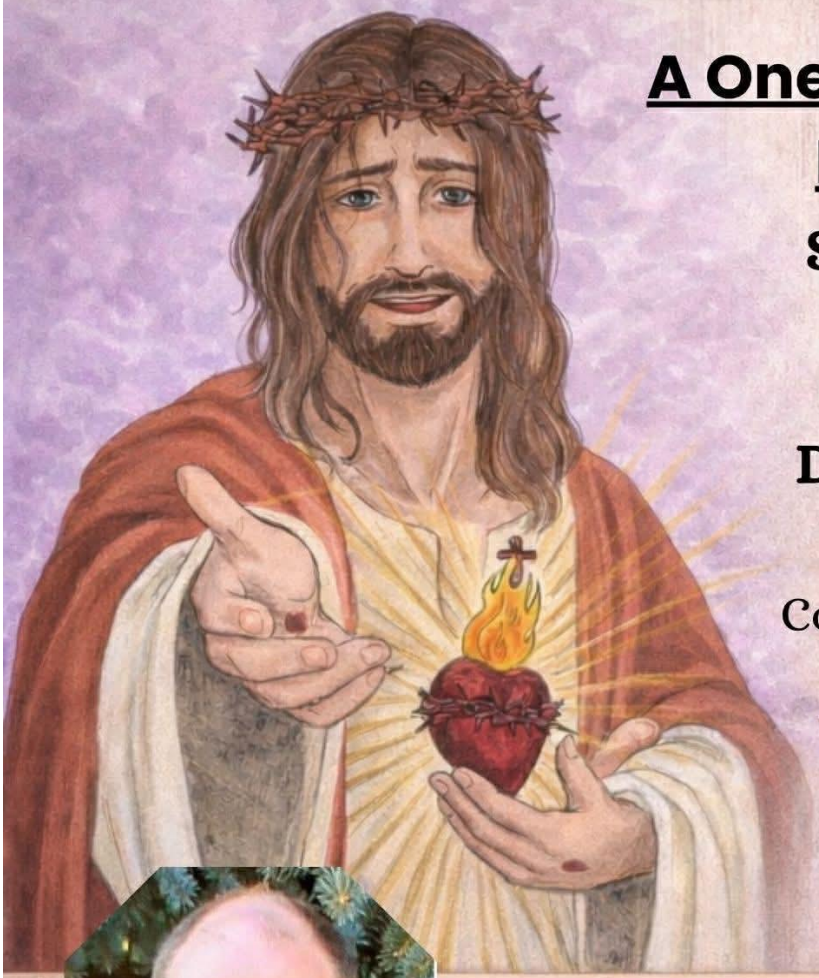
Pray the Rosary

Giving up puns for Lent would be no-pun-intended.



He Loves Us!

Growing in Intimate Friendship with Jesus and Devotion to His Sacred Heart



A One-Day Parish Retreat

March 28, 2026

Sacred Heart Parish

4803 - 6th Avenue

Edson, Alberta.

Doors open at 9:00 AM

Retreat starts at 9:30 AM

Concludes with Palm Sunday Mass at 5:00 PM

Retreat Leader:

Jim Anderson

Jim is the Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation in the Diocese of Saint John, NB.

He holds a Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Catholic Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Jim has over 35 years of experience in Catholic education and formation, including 16 years as Director at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission in Saskatchewan.

What's Included:

- ✓ Coffee/Tea & Snacks
- ✓ Italian Deli Lunch
- ✓ Talks
- ✓ Eucharistic Adoration
- ✓ Holy Mass

Please Register:

Parish Office: 780-723-3661

Email: sacrhear@telus.net

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