Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

March 8, 2026

PASTOR: Fr. Anthony Narisetty email: narisettyantony@gmail.com
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Marreddy Udumala
DEACON: Ed Meding
SECRETARY: Mary Lou LaFrance

124 Tamarack Avenue, Hinton, Alberta T7V 1C8
Parish Office - 865-3045
Parish Hall - 865-5291

Email - olfoothills.hinton@caedm.ca
Website - www.olfoothills.com
Archdiocese of Edmonton website – www.caedm.ca

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Mass Readings

Exodus
17.3-7

Psalm 95

Romans
5.1-2, 5-8

John
4.5-42

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor
Father Anthony Narisetty
Associate Pastor
Father Marreddy Udumala
Deacon
Ed Meding
Chairperson
Dan Burkinshaw
Parish Council Members
Christian Ludwig
Colleen Ludwig
Athena Marchildon
Dennis Slavik
Ian Langley

Finance Committee Chair
Arleen Wambolt
Bookkeeper
Colleen Ludwig

Catholic School Trustee
Laura Riou

Knights of Columbus
Ron Rosmer
Grand Knight

Catholic Women's League
Gwen Meding
President

Third Sunday of Lent

Striking the Rock

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert.

Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumbled and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm.

Jesus is thirsty, too, in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see John 19:28). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see Luke 11:31–32).

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see 2 Kings 17:6, 24–41). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerizim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see John 19:34–37).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see John 7:38–39), the gift of God (see Hebrews 6:4).

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, and the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see Ephesians 2:12–14,18). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see 1 Corinthians 12:13).

In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob.

In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

– Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

Copyright © 2026 The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, all rights reserved. www.stpaulcenter.com Used with permission

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 8th – 15th

Sunday, (Mar 8): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *3rd Sunday of Lent*
Intention – for the intentions of Teri-Lynn James requested by Liam Greene

Monday: Have a wonderful day.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – Dylan Scofield✝ requested by Dennis and Tracy Slavik
Jasper Intention – Anthony Rodrigues✝ requested by Regina Rodrigues

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***We welcome the Grade 4 class at Mass today***
Intention – Rene Lemire✝ requested by Maurice and Nicole Blanchette
7:00 p.m. **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** in the hall

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – Deceased members of the Findlay✝ and Roziere✝ families requested by Laura Riou

6:00 p.m. **First Reconciliation Classes** begin in the hall
7:00 p.m. **Flame of Love Youth Group** in the hall

Friday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – Renee Findlay✝ requested by Jeri Wilson

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** – ***4th Sunday of Lent***
Intention – for the intentions of Angele Lemire requested by Margaret Brophy and Marie Elder

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

---

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, March 9
2 Kings 5.1-15a
Luke 4.24-30

Tuesday, March 10
Daniel 3.25, 34-43
Matthew 18.21-35

Wednesday, March 11
Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9
Matthew 5.17-19

Thursday, March 12
Jeremiah 7.23-28
Luke 11.14-23

Friday, March 13
Hosea 14.1-9
Mark 12.28b-34

Saturday, March 14
Hosea 5.15b - 6.6
Luke 18.9-14

Sunday, March 15
4th Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13
Ephesians 5.8-14
John 9.1-41

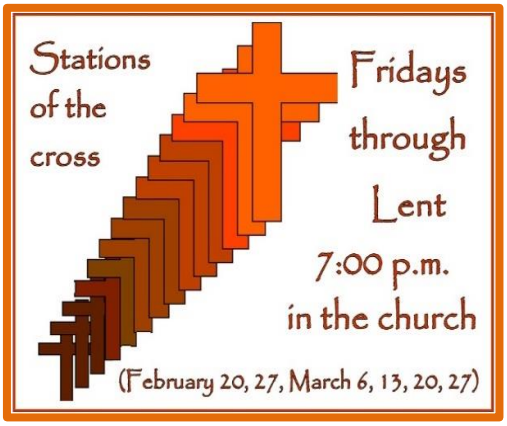
Mass Ministry Volunteers Needed

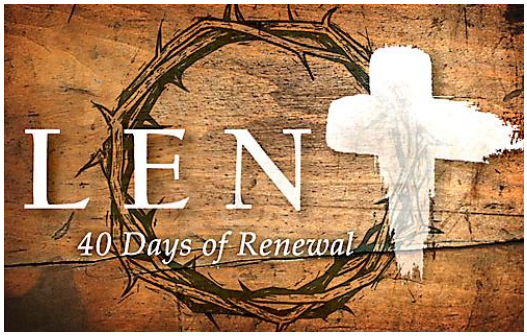
Adult Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Welcoming families & Music Ministry

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.

Lent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 18th
at 7:00 p.m.





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

February 28/March 1: $2854.35
March 2 Auto Debit: $2796.00
Building Fund: $200.15

Total for February $9922.80
Monthly Budget need: $15,316.67

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: **$25.15** **Thank you.**

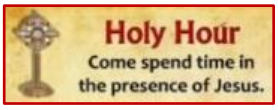
Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and Reconciliation.

3rd Thursday of the month

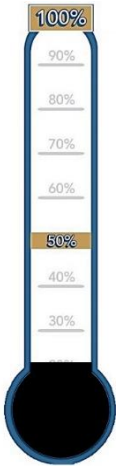
Next: March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Ed presiding



Everyone is welcome.

sponsored by the KofC



TOGETHER we serve
ONE CHURCH. ONE GIFT.

Annual Appeal

2026 Goal $ 12,600.00

Total Raised in 2026: $ 2906.00 (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.

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday March 14 5:00 p.m.	Richard Chevrefils	Paula Nolan Athena Marchildon	Dio Provvede	Rick and Shelley Appel	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Ken Work Rick Appel	
Sunday March 15 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Marni Wright Deacon Ed Meding	Linda Jones Annette Buschert	Dio Provvede	Christine Gamache	Christian Ludwig Cel Marchildon Brian Beauchamp Ron Rosmer	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

Respect for Life Prayer – March 8

Lord, we pray that the sick and vulnerable may be helped and healed according to God's will; that our doctors cease to consider euthanasia/MAiD as an ethical answer or remedy for a cry for help by those suffering.

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 events:

- **Ladies Lenten Retreat,** Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Way of Holiness
- **CWL birthday Lunch**, Thursday, April 9, 11:30 am at L&W

NeighbourLink Hinton

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

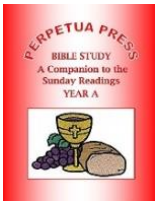
NeighbourLink is in need of single beds and washing machines.

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.

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.

Evergreen Catholic Schools In Hinton — *We are called to witness*

St. Gregory ECS – Gr. 4	Fr. Gerard Redmond Gr. 5 – 12	Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ
780-865-4555	780-865-2820	
www.sgces.ca	www.grccs.ca	

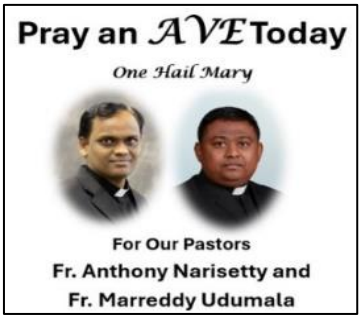
What does the Pope eat during Lent?
Holy mackerel!

Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture

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

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