Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

May 17, 2026

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Mass Readings

Acts
1.1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians
1.17-23

Matthew
28.16-20

The Ascension of the Lord

The Good News

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14–15).

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

– Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

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This Week's Upcoming Events

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. **Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
7:00 p.m. **Flame of Love Youth Group** in the **upper room**
Friday: 9:30 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** in the church

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

Mass Intentions – May 17th – 24th

Sunday, (May 17): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***The Ascension of the Lord***
Intention – Jesse Jimano✝ and for the intentions of Jezzelle and Janella requested by Leonila Jimano

Tuesday: 9:15 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***We welcome the grade 1 class at Mass today***
Intention – Maribel Ignacio✝ requested by Delia Kathrein
Jasper Intention – for the intentions of Denise Williamson requested by Laura Riou

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – for the intentions of Madison Sedrovic requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – for the intentions of Deacon Ed and Gwen Meding requested by the KofC

Friday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
Intention – Margaret Batkin✝ requested by Margie and Raymond Batkin

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***Pentecost Sunday***
Intention – for the intentions of Sara McKay requested by Paula and Ron McKay

Sunday, (May 24): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – ***Pentecost Sunday***
Intention – for the intentions of Doug Slavik and family requested by Mona Slavik

"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross; and in this chalice what flowed from His side… whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament."– St. Augustine

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, May 18
Acts 19.1-8
John 16.29-3

Tuesday, May 19
Acts 20.17-27
John 17.1-11a

Wednesday, May 20
Acts 20.28-38
John 17.11b-19

Thursday, May 21
Acts 22.30; 23.6-11
John 17.20-26

Friday, May 22
Acts 24.27; 25.13b-21
John 21.15-1

Saturday, May 23
Acts 28.16-20, 30-31
John 21.20-25

Sunday, May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2.1-11
1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13
John 20.19-23

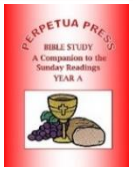
Mass Ministry Volunteers Needed

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.

"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

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.

Respect for Life Prayer – May 17

Lord, may there be an outpouring of conversion in our country, that many will believe in You. We pray that through the grace of the Ascension, public servants will have a deeper understanding and belief in the inviolability of every human life created by God and destined for heaven.

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

with Reconciliation
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Next: May 21.
Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding
sponsored by the KofC

Parish Pastoral Council
Pastor
Father Anthony Narisetty
Associate Pastor
Father Marreddy Udumala
Deacon
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

Fr. Marreddy will be on holidays May 18 to June 25.

Please keep him in your prayers as he travels abroad.

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

May 9/10: $1590.25
May 11 Auto Debit: $2,796.00
Building Fund: $209.60

Total for April $12,093.85
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

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.

When you give to our parish, you are making a Spiritual investment with Eternal Returns. All gifts are eligible for a Canadian tax credit. The chart below is an example of the tax credit you could receive.

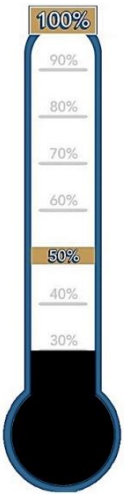
If you give...	You get a tax credit of...	The actual cost to you is...
$20/week or $1,040/year	$470	**$11/week** or $579/year
$40/week or $2,080/year	$990	**$21/week** or $1,090/year
$100/week or $5,200/year	$2,550	**$51/week** or $2650/year
$200/week or $10,400/year	$5,150	**$101/week** or $5,250/year

Boxes of Collection Envelope numbers missing names

Numbers: 24, 53, 79

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.



TOGETHER we serve
ONE CHURCH. ONE GIFT.

Annual Appeal

2026 Goal $ 13,230.00 revised

Total Raised in 2026: $ 4487.45 (33% 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.

Please help us meet our goal.

(The special envelopes in your box of Envelopes)

For more information, please visit Together We Serve

Donate **now!**

The 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

For more information, please visit: Website

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: **$64.60** **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.

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.

What do you call the place where Jesus stayed the night before Ascension Day?
The house of the rising son.

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday May 23 5:00 p.m.	Randy Jones	Paula Nolan Christine Gamache	Taste Of Heaven	Christine Gamache	Glenn Ross Ken Work Paula Nolan TBA	
Sunday May 24 11:00 a.m.	Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed Meding	Gwen Meding Ren Werbicki	Taste Of Heaven	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Christian Ludwig Ken Brady Jain Sales Aniceto Traspaderme	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

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 events: TBA

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: May 18/19

NeighbourLink Hinton

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

NeighbourLink is in need of
single beds and washing machines and refrigerators.

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.

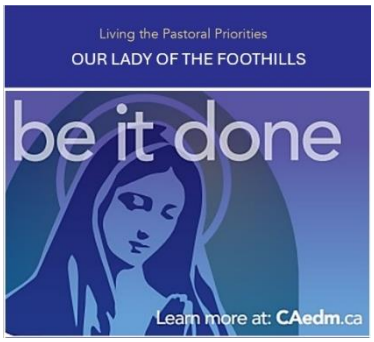
Evergreen Catholic Schools In Hinton	We are called to witness	St. Gregory ECS – Gr. 4 780-865-4555 www.sgces.ca	Fr. Gerard Redmond Gr. 5 – 12 780-865-2820 www.grccs.ca	Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ

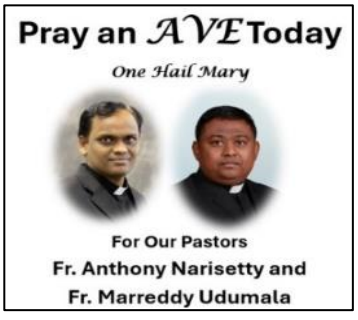
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Guimond who passed away April 25. Tony was an active member of our parish and the Knights of Columbus for many years. Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on May 23 at Our Lady of the Foothills

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Join the Catholic Renewal Services for our **Spring Conference**, May 29 – May 30, 2026 at **St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 7508 - 29 AVE. NW, Edmonton,** with a 6:00 pm start. Maria Vadia will be our keynote speaker. Maria is a Catholic lay evangelist from Florida. She is a powerful speaker with an international ministry. Registration is $50 for the conference which can be made at www.crsedmonton.ca by clicking on the CRS Spring Conference poster.

On Sat May 30 at 7:00 pm there will be a mass with healing service open to the public. (Love Offering) The conference and mass will be located in the parish hall.





West yellowhead Pregnancy Care Centre

Baby bottle fund raiser begins this weekend. Pick up your baby bottle at the back of the church and return it on Father's Day.

Or you can donate:
E-transfer: donations@wypcc.ca
PayPal: West Yellowhead Pregnancy Care Centre
Mail: WYPCC, PO Box 30077 Edson, AB T7E 1Y2
(envelopes are available at the back of the church)

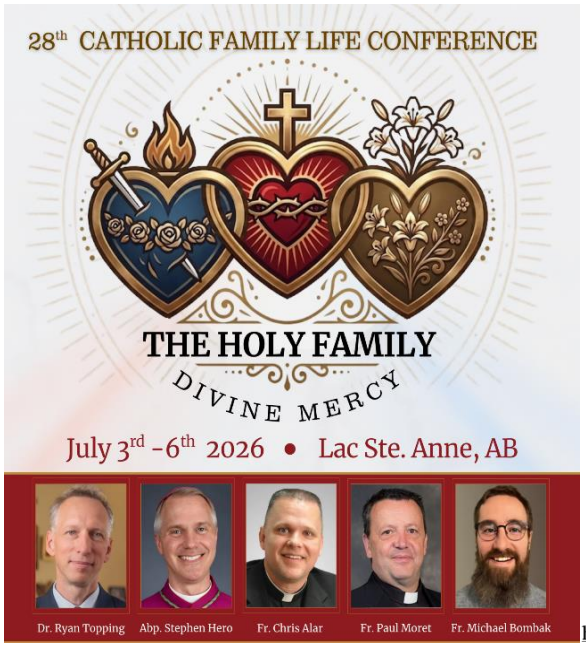
Young Adult Conference
Ever New: Living Mission Through Community

Young adults ages 18–35 are invited to attend the Young Adult Conference at Star of the North Retreat Centre, July 16–19. This special gathering is part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and will offer opportunities for prayer, community, conversation, and renewal. Come connect with other young adults exploring faith and life in today's world. The cost to attend is $200.

For more information or to register, visit:

Young Adult Conference
https://www.staroftheNorth.ca/register/browse/programs-2/event/young-adult-conference-407/

Register online, by email, or by phone: 780-459-5511
www.staroftheNorth.ca , execassistant@staroftheNorth.ca



Early Bird Rates $315
Ends May 31 @ 11:59 pm
Online Registration $370
Ends June 21 @11:59pm
On-site Rates $425
Starts June 22
Check the website for more details on rates, including rates for individuals.

Registration Questions: 780-920-7878
OR
https://catholicfamilyministries.com

St. Gregory Catholic School

WELCOME TO PRE KINDERGARTEN

WHAT IS PRE KINDERGARTEN?

Pre Kindergarten is a play based program that encourages a love for learning, increases social skills, creativity with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy. There is a strong focus on character development in a faith filled environment.

DAILY ROUTINE

Welcoming: students are welcomed by the teacher
Creative Play: painting, sand, blocks, water table, dramatic play, fine motor.
Circle Time: songs, games, stories, letters, names and project based activities.
Snack: time to re-energize and socialize
Active play: gym, outdoor class, library or music program
Good bye: time to get ready to say goodbye.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Classes are Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 11:30 am.
Cost of program is $250 monthly. A $100 nonrefundable depost is required upon registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

Please call 780-865-4555 or visit our website at www.sgces.ca
Children must be 4 years of age by December 31st.

St Gregory Kindergarten 2026-2027

St Gregory Kindergarten utilizes a multi-aged, play based, team teaching approach that encourages a love for learning literacy and numeracy, increasing social skills, encouraging creativity, and developing gross motor through outdoor education. with a strong focus on character development in a faith filled environment.

We offer a Monday-Friday full day program. Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2026. A copy of your child's birth certificate will be required upon registration.

Registration forms are available at www.scges.ca or by calling St Gregory office at 780-865-4555.

Out of School care program (located in the school) is available. Please call Alyx at 780-865-4005.