

Parish Pastoral Council

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see <u>Ezekiel 34:10–13</u>, <u>23–31</u>).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see <u>Isaiah 56:8</u>; <u>John 11:52</u>). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15–17).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see <u>Mark 12:10–13</u>; <u>1 Peter 2:4–7</u>).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see <u>Luke 10:16</u>), and forgives sins (see <u>John 20:23</u>), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see <u>Luke 24:35</u>). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22–23; Revelation 21:7).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

– Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

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<u>Mission Statement</u> - 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 – April 21st – 28th

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Sunday, (Apr 21): 11:00 a.m. CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – Fourth Sunday of Easter									
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12:00 p.m. (Noon) Knights of Columbus meal in the hall after Mass									
<u>Monday</u> :	Have a w	onderful day!							
<u>Tuesday</u> :	7:00 p.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST							
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X		. First Eucharist (1 st Communion) Class in the hall							
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Saturday:		. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in th							
5:00 p.m. <mark>CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST</mark> – <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Intention – Luz Balajadia † requested by Aniceto and Perla Traspaderme									
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Sacraments of Initiation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of BAPTISM - 1ST RECONCILIATION - 1ST EUCHARIST



<u>CONFIRMATION</u> <u>First Communion Classes</u> begin April 18 at 6:00 pm in the hall

please call the parish office for more info.

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

April 13/14: Sunday Offering: \$1605.85 April 15 Auto Debit: \$2,481.00 Special project total: \$17,216.55



March Total Gift: \$13,453.25 Monthly Budget need: \$15,350.00

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

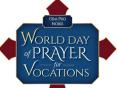
"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his steadfast love endures for ever!" Psalm 118

Children's Collection

Through the Children's collection, the young people of our parish can help children around the world through the charities supported by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton Together We Serve - Annual Appeal. For more info call the parish office 865-3045

Last weekend's Donations: \$12.15 Thank you.

Take a moment to pray today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations



<u>Prayer for Vocations</u>

Heavenly Father, bless your Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With the virgin mother Mary, we ask this through Christ your Son. Amen.

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

(The yellow envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Our 2024 Goal \$ 12,000.00 Thank you for your donations.

Total Raised in 2024: \$4,276.55. (35% of Goal)

Together we Serve supports 10 different Catholic organizations and institutions. Please consider how God has blessed you and your family. In gratitude for God's abundance in your life consider reaching out to others through Together We Serve. Let us together, support our charitable partners through Together We Serve.

The 10 different Catholic organizations supported by TWS:

• Catholic Social Services

80%

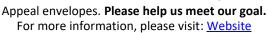
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- Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith
- Evangelization of Nations
- Needs of the Canadian Church
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- Newman Theological College
- Pope's Pastoral Works
 St. Jacob Prints' Foundation of Edu
- St. Joseph Priests' Foundation of Edmonton
- St. Joseph SeminarySt. Joseph's College

So, if you want to donate to the above charities, use the Annual



Weekly Collection – All cheques *must* be made out to <u>Our Lady of the Foothills</u> (OLOF) if you want a tax receipt for your donations. This includes Together We Serve. Please note on the <u>memo</u> 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%.

<u>Our Lady of the Foothills</u> <u>Youth Programs</u>

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



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

Ladies Bible Study

Next is April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at 436 Boutin Ave. Led by Bonnie Meagher rish office or Bea Moir for more info

Please call the parish office or Bea Moir for more info.



Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday April 27 th 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Mike Meagher	School Group	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Glenn Ross Wes Litke Bonnie Meagher <mark>TBA</mark>	
Sunday April 28 th 11:00 a.m.	Franklin Vizcaino Deacon Ed Meding	Ron Rosmer Florjie Michaud Deacon carries book	School Group	Barb and Ron Rosmer	Christian Ludwig Ken Brady Dodie Reyes Pinpin Jain Sales	KofC

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

<u>Knights of Columbus</u>

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 <u>www.kofc.org</u> <u>KofC online video series – Into the Breach</u>



BIBLE STUDY on the UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS. All are welcome on Thursdays at 1:00 pm at Gwen's. Bring a Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.



Study guides can be purchased from Gwen for \$25 or available on kindle for \$6. Bible Study - *A Companion to the Sunday Readings, Year B.*

The Share Shop

open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 3 pm daily. Drop off bins are open for donations 9 am - 7 pm. All volunteers are welcome to come in and help. Thank you to everyone for your continued support through donations or shopping in the store.





124 Market St. Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

For information call 780-865-3045 or Marni

Volunteers are welcome.



Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture April 24th at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us.

Called to Protect Training

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered TBA. The two and half session is mandatory for all Clergy, Employees and Volunteers of the Archdiocese who have not yet participated in this training. This will be a zoom session open for all.

Scent Free Makes Sense

We would like the parish to be sensitive to folks with allergies and refrain from wearing perfume and aftershave at Mass. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Fundraiser for carpet in the church

Thank you to all parishioners for the generous donations we have received for the carpet fund. To date we have received **\$17,216.55 and need \$2,783.45** to reach our goal of \$20,000.00. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you want to donate. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

Thank you once again for your generous

donations and prayers towards this project.

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NeighbourLink

780-865-0389 or email neighbourlink1@gmail.com NeighbourLink is in need of beds of all sizes, washing machines

and couches (all sizes) 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.

NeighbourLink Spring Clean Up of furniture that is not moving (to make room and clean up our storage area.)

May 18 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 889 Switzer Dr. Proceeds from the "clean-up" of furniture will be going to buy walkers and wheelchairs to lend out to people in our community. All monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

Prayer for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.