



Celebrate
50 Days
 of Easter
Hallelujah!

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community April 28, 2024

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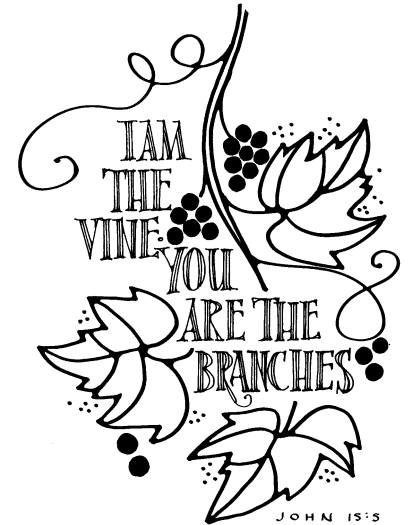
Mass Readings

Acts
 9.26-31

 Psalm 22

 1 John
 3.18-24

 John
 15.1-8



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see [Sirach 24:17–24](#)).

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see [Matthew 7:16–20](#)).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see [Hebrews 12:4–11](#)).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see [Colossians 3:16](#)), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

– 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 – April 28th – May 5th

Sunday, (Apr 28): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Intention – Socorro Enajo† requested by Vickie Enajo

Monday: Have a wonderful day!

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Intention – for the intentions of Meghan Singer requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Intention – for the intentions of Denis LaFrance requested by Mary Lou LaFrance

7:00 p.m. **Knights of Columbus meeting** in the hall



Thursday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *St. Mark*

Intention – Maggie Lee Mulvahill† requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work

7:00 p.m. **Youth Group**



Friday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *First Friday*

Intention – for the intentions of Grace Marchildon requested by Cel and Athena Marchildon

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** (First Fridays until 1:00 p.m.)



Saturday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *First Saturday*

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

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Intention – for the intentions of James Lindsay requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work



Sunday, (May 5): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Celebration of First Eucharist

Intention – Teresa Burke†



Daily Mass readings

Monday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena
Acts 14.5-18
John 14.21-26

Tuesday, April 30

St. Marie De L'incarnation
Acts 14.19-28
John 14.27-31a

Wednesday, May 1

Acts 15.1-6
John 15.1-8

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius
Acts 15.7-21
John 15.9-11

Friday, May 3

St. Philip and St. James
1 Corinthians 15.1-8
John 14.6-14

Saturday, May 4

Acts 16.1-10
John 15.18-21

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4.7-10
John 15.9-17

Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed

We need volunteers to serve at Mass.

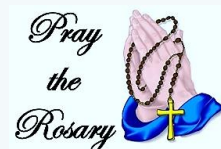
Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

We **still need** Music Ministry Leaders, Adult Servers, Lectors, Ushers, and Welcoming

The Rosary

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

1. **Wednesday mornings before Mass** *At the church*: for our parish family.
 2. **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. At the cemetery**: for the souls in purgatory
- contact Gary to get on the weekly notification list gcgiffin@gmail.com.



Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

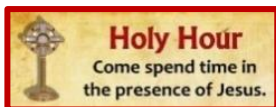
(with Reconciliation)

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

Next: May 16

Everyone is welcome.
Deacon Ed presiding

sponsored by the KofC



Mass Intentions

Q: What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone?

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

If you are interested in offering a Mass for someone, please call or email the parish office. The stipend is \$10 to be paid before the Mass is offered.

"One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul."

– Pope Leo XIII

Sacraments of Initiation

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

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 20/21: Sunday Offering: \$1,236.50



Special project total: \$17,291.55

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: \$27.75 Thank you.

Prayer for Vocations

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.

Welcome Newcomers to Hinton Event - To all Ladies and Daughters

Our Lady of the Foothills Ladies would like to meet and get to know all ladies (and your daughters) who moved to Hinton from 2020 until today. Those ladies and daughters who arrived earlier than 2020, please invite and accompany a new friend.

Children are welcome.

WHEN: Sunday, May 26, 2-4 p.m.

WHERE: Our parish hall

COST: FREE.



A warm welcome...



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: **\$4,324.30. (36% 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
- 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!

So, if you want to donate to the above charities, use the Annual Appeal envelopes. **Please help us meet our goal.**

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 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 Programs

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 May TBA

at 7:00 p.m. at 436 Boutin Ave.

Led by Bonnie Meagher

Please contact Bonnie Meagher for more info.

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday May 4th 5:00 p.m.	Barb Marchant	1 st reading and Psalm Irene Forcier Barb Kneteman	No music	Robert and Irene Forcier	Glenn Ross Robert Forcier Irene Forcier Wes Litke	
Sunday May 5th 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed Meding	Marni Wright Annette Buschert (Deacon Carries book)	Dio Provvede	Jo Holba	Christian Ludwig Ken Brady Cel Marchildon Karl Holba	CWL

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

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.



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](#)



Fundraiser for carpet in the church

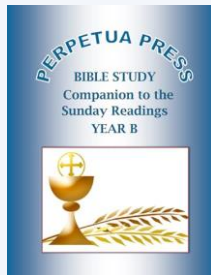
Thank you to all parishioners for the generous donations we have received for the carpet fund. To date we have received **\$17,291.55** and need **\$2,708.45** to reach our goal of \$20,000.00. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you want to donate. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you once again for your generous donations and prayers towards this project.



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.



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.



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

For information call 780-865-3045 or Marni



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

Happy Birthday (May 2) and *Happy Ordination Anniversary* (May 3)
to Fr. Marreddy
May God bless you always and keep you strong in your commitment and in His service.



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.