

SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community December 10, 2023

We wait for new heavens—



*and a new earth where
righteousness
is at home.*

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Mass Readings

Isaiah
40.1-5, 9-11

Psalms 85

2 Peter
3.8-14

Mark
1.1-8

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Second Sunday of Advent

Straighten the Path

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus toward the promised land (see [Exodus 23:20](#)). And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord (see [Malachi 3:1-4](#)).

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today's Psalm.

He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

—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 – December 10th – 17th

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Intention – Marty Handlon† requested by Linda Jones

Monday: Have a wonderful day.

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. **Family Prayer Night** in the hall



7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Intention – for the intentions of Hannah Marchildon requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin

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

Intention – Alan MacIntyre † requested by Marie MacIntyre

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

Intention – Paul† and Leona Lemire† requested by the Lemire Family

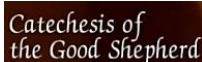


7:00 p.m. **Flame of Love Youth Group** in the hall

Friday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *St. John of the Cross*

Intention – Dave Paulgard† requested by Dennis Slavik

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's program** in the church. See ad below.



5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Intention – Elvira Roque† requested by Delia Kathrein and family

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Intention – Janet Manning† requested by Dennis Slavik

12:00 p.m. **Knights of Columbus brunch** after Mass in the hall



Daily Mass readings

Monday, December 11

Isaiah 35.1-10
Luke 5.17-26

Tuesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2.10-13 or Rev 11.19a;
12.1, 3-6a, 10ab;
Luke 1.39-47

Wednesday, December 13

St. Lucy

Isaiah 40.25-31
Matthew 11.28-30

Thursday, December 14

Isaiah 41.13-20
Matthew 11.11-15

Friday, December 15

St. John of the Cross

Isaiah 48.17-19
Matthew 11.16-19

Saturday, December 16

Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11
Matthew 17.10-13

Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
John 1.6-8, 19-28

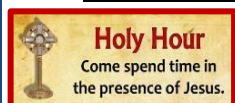
Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed

We need volunteers to serve at Mass.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

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

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation



3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next: January 18 (Dec 21 cancelled)

Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding

sponsored by the KofC

Mitten Tree

Our homeless and disadvantaged peoples in Hinton are suffering in this cold weather. The CWL have erected a "Mitten Stand" at the entrance of the church to collect gloves and socks this winter for those most in need. We are looking for adult size gloves and socks, new or in good used condition. Please contact Marni through the parish office.



*"Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God"*



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](#)

Family Prayer Night – December 12 at 5:30 pm in the hall

A meal, a prayer, and a craft.

All a part of the Advent adventure.

Check here for details.



The Rosary

1. *At the church:* for our parish family. **Wednesday mornings before Mass**
2. *At the cemetery:* for the souls in purgatory. **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.**

For zoom link or info,
email Gary:
gcgiffin@gmail.com



Sacraments of Initiation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of

**BAPTISM - 1ST RECONCILIATION - 1ST EUCHARIST
CONFIRMATION**

please call the parish office. 780-865-3045

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

December 2/3, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$3272.35
Special project total: \$9240.00

November's Total Gift: \$10,828.10
Monthly Budget need: \$14,925.00

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

Attention Collection Envelope Users.

Who ever has the box of envelopes with the number 24, please call the parish office. In order for you to receive a receipt for your donations, I need to know who you are.

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 information, please call the parish office 865-3045

Last week's donation: \$2.60 Thank you.

High School Art students from Fr. Gerard Redmond school will be **selling their Handmade Christmas cards** at the back of the church following this Saturday and Sunday's masses.

Cards are packaged as 5 for \$10 or you can mix and match. Money raised is going towards a field trip to the Art Gallery of Alberta.



Ladies Bible Study

Next is on Dec 11, every other Monday, at 7:00 p.m. at 436 Boutin Ave.

Please call the parish office or Bonnie Meagher for more information

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

(The yellow envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Our 2023 Goal \$ 12,000.00

Total Raised so far in 2023: **\$ 10949.06. (91% 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, as one family in Christ, share joyfully in our mission to serve by supporting 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 www.caedm.ca/WeServe

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

NEWCOMERS:

We are blessed that you have chosen to join us in worship and ministry here at Our Lady of the Foothills Parish. If you are new or have not registered, please complete a Registration Form available at the back of the church and drop it off at the office or in the collection basket during the weekend masses.

A Warm Welcome

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
Saturday Dec. 16th 5:00 p.m.	Randy Jones Deacon Ed	Ina Lawrence Irene Forcier <i>Deacon carries book</i>	School group	R&I Forcier	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Robert Forcier TBA	
Sunday Dec. 17th 11:00 a.m.	Franklin Vizcaino Deacon Ed	Marni Wright Gwen Meding <i>Deacon carries book</i>	School group	Jo Holba	Christian Ludwig Karl Holba Jo Holba TBA	PPC

Ministry Schedules

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 and God Bless

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

Spiritual Adoption Program

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. Our CWL, and K of C are encouraging a wonderful opportunity to be pro-active and pro-life from the comfort of our homes by praying that a child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to live.

MONTH SEVEN – Developing Baby



"I can look around!" Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. His eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his own mother's voice.

His grip is even stronger now than it will be after his birth. The hair on his head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of his body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases. He is about 15 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby's life!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

– Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen –

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

As it has been a number of years, the finance committee would like to update the carpet in the church and change the carpet in the welcoming area to a vinyl/plank flooring. The carpet is starting to lift, which becomes a tripping hazard for our parishioners.

We have received two quotes and they are both around \$20,000.00.

We are asking for parishioner financial support to complete this project. Your support is voluntary and any donation will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the church office. All donations for this project received before December 31, 2023 will receive a tax receipt in February 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Finance Committee – Arleen Wambolt, Marlys Phillips, Randy Jones, Paula McKay, Wes Litke, Colleen Ludwig and Father Anthony.



Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture

January 10th at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us.

NeighbourLink

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

NeighbourLink is in need of single and double beds, washing machines and Fridges.



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.



124 Market St. Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
For information call 780-865-3045 or Marni
Volunteers are welcome.

The Share Shop

open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 3 pm daily.
Drop off bins are open for donations 9 am to 7 pm. Because of more and more theft from the bins, we have to lock them in the evenings - we hope donations will not be left out front on the sidewalk. Thank you for all your support.

