



Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community December 11, 2022



AND THE
POOR HAVE
GOOD NEWS
BROUGHT
TO THEM
MATTHEW 11:5

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

Mass Readings

Isaiah
35.1-6a, 10

Psalm 146

James
5.7-10

Matthew
11.2-11

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Third Sunday of Advent

Here is Your God

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see [Isaiah 29:18-20](#); [61:1-2](#)).

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see [Matthew 6:25-34](#)). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see [Isaiah 30:18](#)).

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

—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 11th – 18th



Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Intention – for the intentions of Alice Willick requested by Angele Lemire

Monday: Have a wonderful week!

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – St. Lucy
 Intention – for the intentions of Hannah Marchildon requested by Cel and Athena Marchildon
 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise meeting after Mass



Wednesday: 9:15 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – St. John of the Cross
 Intention – Dan Kathrein† requested by Delia Kathrein and family
 7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service



Thursday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
 Intention – Mrs. Ruth Batten† requested by Wilma Royal

Friday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
 Intention – for the intentions of Jaye Hubbard requested by Mike and Bonnie Meagher
 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Saturday: 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 4th Sunday of Advent
 Intention – Paul Lemire† requested by Leona Lemire

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Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 4th Sunday of Advent
 Intention – for the parish family requested by Knights of Columbus

Daily Mass readings

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Zechariah 2.10-13
 or Revelation
 11.19a; 12.1, 3-6a, 10ab
 Luke 1.39-47

Tuesday, December 13

St. Lucy
 Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13
 Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

Wednesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross
 Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18, 21b-25
 Luke 7.19-23

Thursday, December 15

Isaiah 54.1-10
 Luke 7.24-30

Friday, December 16

Isaiah 56.1-3a, 6-8
 John 5.16-17, 33-36

Saturday, December 17

Genesis 49.2, 8-10
 Matthew 1.1-17

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 7.10-14
 Romans 1.1-7
 Matthew 1.18-24

Mass Ministry Volunteers Needed

If you have experience in Mass Ministry, we need volunteers to serve at Mass.
 Please contact the parish office if you are interested.
 We need Adult Servers, Lectors, Ushers, and Welcoming families.

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.



Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Everyone is welcome.
 Deacon Ed presiding

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Volunteers needed

And Youth Group ages 12 to 17
 Contact Dennis Slavik for more information



Please call the parish office to volunteer at 780 865 3045



Advent Reconciliation Service

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!



An opportunity for individual Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: to properly prepare for this Sacrament, SIX months' notice is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: A Baptism Preparation Course is required before a Baptism can take place. For more information or to register, please call the parish office.

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
The weekend of November 26/27, 2022
Sunday Offering: \$2368.20
November 28 Auto Debit: \$2881.00

October's Total Gift: \$ 13,468.50
Monthly Budget need: \$17,712.00

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*

Church Keys

If you have a key to the church or hall, please call the office and speak to Mary Lou. I am in the process of having keys to the church and hall returned to the office. A new process is being set up for the parish regarding keys. The Archdiocese has expressed that parishes identify who has a key to the church or hall for insurance and safety purposes.

Thank you.

Paula McKay, Volunteer Coordinator

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

(The yellow envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Our 2022 Goal \$ 16,000.00

Total Raised so far in 2022: **\$10,375.75 (64% of Goal)**

2022 FALL APPEAL Together Again!

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

Together We Serve is an opportunity for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Edmonton to work together to "glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." It shows both Catholics and those around us that we are all one Church, acting together to advance the Mission given to us by Jesus Christ.



Ask at the parish office how you can give to **Together We Serve** or visit: caedm.ca/togetherweserve



- 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

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%.

Attention all Volunteers

I will be calling volunteers over the next month, confirming if they are in fact still planning to volunteer in the parish and if any **security checks need to be updated.** If you would like to begin or resume volunteering, please contact the office and speak to Mary Lou who will pass your name on to me. Thank you.

Paula McKay, Volunteer Coordinator

The Rosary



1. On Zoom: **Monday Evenings at 7pm**
a Rosary for our Priests, Deacon, and parish team
2. At the church: **Wednesday mornings before Mass**
a Rosary for our parish family.
3. At the cemetery: **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.**
a Rosary for the souls in purgatory
For zoom link or info, email Gary: gcgiffin@gmail.com

Wednesday morning Men's ZOOM Group

For zoom link or info, email Gary:

gcgiffin@gmail.com

2022 Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Our Lady of the Foothills, Hinton, Alberta

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 14 – 7:00 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 17 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 18 – 11:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY

Friday, December 30 – 9:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31 – 5:00 p.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – 11:00 a.m.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 7 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 8 – 11:00 a.m.

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	Church Cleaning (The following Monday)
Saturday December 17 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Dan Burkinshaw	Michael's Group	Rick and Shelley Appel	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Rick Appel Shelley Appel	
Sunday December 18 11:00 a.m.	Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed Meding	Athena Marchildon Kathleen Giffin Deacon Carries book	Michael's Group	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Mike Meagher Bonnie Meagher Brian Beauchamp Dodie Reyes Pinpin	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



NeighbourLink

NeighbourLink

780-865-0389

or email neighbourlink1@gmail.com

NeighbourLink needs beds all sizes, washing machines and stoves. Please call 865-0389 to arrange a pickup.

Also, NeighbourLink is looking for people who would volunteer their time to delivery lunch to the Adult Day Center. You pick up at the hospital kitchen at 11:30 am and deliver to the Adult Day Center in the valley - about 15 minutes. Please call Wendy for more information.



124 Market St.

Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

For information call 780-865-3045

Volunteers are welcome.

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](#)



St Gregory PAC is doing a Fundraiser with Farm to School. Please contact Colleen at St. Gregory school for more information. 780-865-4555

www.farmtoschool.ca

ATTENTION: If you, or any member of your household are sick, please stay at home.

Are you new to the Parish?

Register with our parish. Please call the office. (865-3045) or fill out the registration form found on the wall to your left as you exit the church and bring it into the parish office or drop it into the collection basket.

Prayer for Vocations

God of all creation, in every generation you call men and women to serve your people as priests, brothers, sisters and consecrated laity. Help us welcome out youth so they know your loving goodness and the value of faith. Enliven them through the Holy Spirit to hear and answer you in faith. Amen.

Prayer for our parish

Heavenly Father, we praise you; we worship you; we adore you. We come before you on bended knees to ask in our need: Please fill our church to overflowing, so that we might sing your praises on high! Help us to meet our financial obligations. Increase in us a personal mission to faithfully fulfill the ministries of our Parish Community and serve you and your people. Grant us the grace to forgive those in our community who have hurt us and forgive us for the times we have hurt others. You are the One True God through whom all things are possible. Jesus, we surrender ourselves to you, Take care of everything! Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. (Can be also found in the new green 2022 Sunday Missal on page 601)

Prayer and Praise Meeting

in the hall
Tuesday,
December 13
after
7:00 p.m. Mass



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of Christ

St. Gregory
ECS – Gr. 4
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