



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

# Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community December 17, 2023

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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  
61.1-2a, 10-11

Psalms  
Luke 1.47-54

1 Thessalonians  
5.16-24

John  
1.6-8, 19-28



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## Third Sunday of Advent

### One Who is Coming

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't.

He is not Elijah returned from the heavens (see [2 Kings 2:11](#)), although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire (see [Mark 1:6](#); [2 Kings 1:8](#)) and preaches repentance and judgment (see [1 Kings 18:21](#); [2 Chronicles 21:12-15](#)).

Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission (see [Luke 1:17](#); [Malachi 3:23-24](#)).

Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word (see [Deuteronomy 18:15-19](#); [John 6:14](#)). Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb (see [Luke 1:15, 44](#)).

John prepares the way for the Lord (see [Isaiah 40:3](#)). The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance.

John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains (see [John 1:32](#)), the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading (see [Luke 4:16-21](#)). Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit (see [Zechariah 13:1-3](#); [Ezekiel 36:24-27](#); [Mark 1:8](#); [Titus 3:5](#)).

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven (see [John 6:33, 49-51](#)).

And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body—that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

—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 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Intention – Janet Manning† requested by Dennis Slavik  
 12:00 p.m. **Knights of Columbus brunch** after Mass in the hall



**Monday:** Have a wonderful day.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – for the Deceased members† of Antonia Bertolin’s family requested by the CWL

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – Marty Handlon † requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin  
 7:00 p.m. **Advent Reconciliation Service**

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**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – John Murphy† and Rhonda Warford† requested by Rita Lucas  
 7:00 p.m. **Flame of Love Youth Group** in the hall



**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – for the intentions of Kaitlin Hubbard requested by Mike and Bonnie Meagher

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

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Intention – Rudy and Carol Ross† requested by Rick and Shelley Appel

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Intention – TBA  
 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – Christmas – Nativity of the Lord  
 8:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – Christmas – Nativity of the Lord

## Daily Mass readings

**Monday, December 18**  
 Jeremiah 23.5-8  
 Matthew 1.18-24

**Tuesday, December 19**  
 Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a  
 Luke 1.5-25

**Wednesday, December 20**  
 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d  
 Luke 1.26-38

**Thursday, December 21**  
 Zephaniah 3.14-18a or  
 Song of Songs 2.8-14  
 Luke 1.39-45

**Friday, December 22**  
 1 Samuel 1.24-28  
 Luke 1.46-56

**Saturday, December 23**  
 Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6  
 Luke 1.57-66

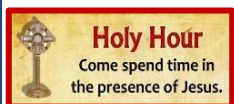
**Sunday, December 24**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
 Romans 16.25-27;  
 Luke 1.26-38

*Christmas*  
 Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7  
 Psalm 96  
 Titus 2.11-14  
 Luke 2.1-16

## 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



3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.kofc.org)  
[KofC online video series – Into the Breach](#)



## Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture

January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
 You are welcome to join us.

## 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](mailto:gcgiffin@gmail.com)



## Sacraments of Initiation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of

### BAPTISM - 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION - 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 9/10, 2023**

Sunday Offering: \$1094.60  
Dec 11 Auto Debit: \$2,501.00  
Special project total: \$9340.00

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 envelopes with the **Number 24**, and **Number 47** 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 info call the parish office 865-3045

**Last week's donation: \$32.80 Thank you.**

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **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.



### 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: **\$ 11,134.06. (92% 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](http://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 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.



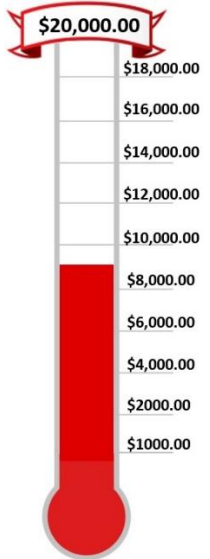
## Fundraiser for carpet in the church

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.



## NeighbourLink

**780-865-0389 or email [neighbourlink1@gmail.com](mailto: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. **The share shop will be closed from December 24 2023 to January 7 2024.**  
Bins will be locked also so please no donations at this time.  
Thank you to everyone for your continued support thru donations or shopping in the store. Your support means a lot to us.



**During this busy season please take time to pray for our priests.**

## 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.*

# Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
<b>Saturday Dec 23 5:00 p.m.</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent</i>	Randy Smith	<i>1<sup>st</sup> reading and Psalm</i> Ginnie Blair Ren Werbicki	No Music	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Aniceto Traspaderme <b>TBA</b>	
<b>Sunday Dec 24 11:00 a.m.</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent</i>	<b>TBA</b> Deacon Ed	Athena Marchildon Ron Rosmer <i>Deacon carries book</i>	Kathleen's group	Ron and Barb Rosmer	Christian Ludwig Cel Marchildon Jain Sales Dodie Reyes-Pinpin	KofC <i>(Clean after Christmas masses)</i>
<b>Sunday Dec 24 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Linda Jones	Kathleen	Ken Work Paula Nolan	Glenn Ross Ken Work Paula Nolan Cel Marchildon	
<b>Sunday Dec 24 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	Franklin Vizcaino <i>Deacon Ed</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> reading and Psalm</i> Ina Lawrence Ren Werbicki <i>Deacon carries book</i>	No Music	Robert and Irene Forcier	Christian Ludwig Robert and Irene Forcier <b>TBA</b>	
<b>Monday Dec 25 11:00 a.m.</b> <b>Christmas Morning</b>	Dennis Slavik	Ron Rosmer Marni Wright	Kathleen	Barb and Ron Rosmer	Wes Litke Ron Rosmer Cel Marchildon Barb Rosmer	KofC <i>(Clean after Christmas masses)</i>

## *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 2024 Sunday Missal on page 583)*