



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

# Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community December 24, 2023

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

**Parish Office will be closed December 25 to January 1**

### Mass Readings

2 Samuel 7.1-5,  
8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm 89

Romans  
16.25-27;

Luke  
1.26-38



### Parish Pastoral Council

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Father Anthony Narisetty

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### The Mystery Kept Secret

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world (see [Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-9](#)).

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see [Isaiah 7:13-14](#)). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the "daughter Jerusalem," called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior (see [Zephaniah 3:14-17](#)).

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High"—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see [Genesis 14:18-19](#)).

He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see [Daniel 4:34-35; 7:14](#)), His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see [Exodus 19:3](#)) and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see [Isaiah 2:1-5](#)).

Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we, too, must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

—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 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 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*

**Monday:** 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – Christmas – *Nativity of the Lord*  
*(Christmas is a holy day of Obligation)*



**Tuesday:** **NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday:** **NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday:** **NO MASS TODAY**

**Friday:** **NO MASS TODAY**

*Please pray for Father Anthony, for safe travels and good health, while he is away January 8 to February 11.*

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
 Intention – Christine Gordulic† requested by Anne Resek

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
 Intention – Elvira Roque† requested by Delia Kathrein and family  
 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
*(Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a holy day of Obligation)*



# Calendar of Events – January 1<sup>st</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Monday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
*(Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a holy day of Obligation)*

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen*  
 Intention – for the intentions of Emily McGough requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – for the intentions of David Singer requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – For the intentions of Hannah Marchildon requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – for the intentions of Ken MacKenzie for healing requested by Ron and Barb Rosmer  
 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *First Saturday*  
 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
 Intention – Roque Zabala† requested by Thelma Zabala Yabut

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
 Intention – Marty Handlon† requested by Mary Lou and Rick LaFrance and family



**The Next bulletin will be January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

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

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

**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



<p><b>Daily Mass readings</b>  <b>Monday, December 25</b>  <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>  Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7  Titus 2.11-14  Luke 2.1-16</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, December 26</b>  <i>St. Stephen</i>  Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59  Matthew 10.17-22</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 27</b>  <i>St. John, Apostle</i>  1 John 1.1-4  John 20.2-8</p>
<p><b>Thursday, December 28</b>  <i>The Holy Innocents</i>  1 John 1.5-2.2  Matthew 2.13-18</p>
<p><b>Friday, December 29</b>  1 John 2.3-11  Luke 2.22-35</p>
<p><b>Saturday, December 30</b>  1 John 2.12-17  Luke 2.36-40</p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 31</b>  <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>  Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14  Colossians 3.12-21  Luke 2.22-40</p>

<p><b>Daily Mass readings</b>  <b>Monday, January 1</b>  <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>  Numbers 6.22-27  Galatians 4.4-7  Luke 2.16-21</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 2</b>  <i>St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>  1 John 2.22-28  John 1.19-28</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 3</b>  1 John 2.29; 3.1-6  John 1.29-34</p>
<p><b>Thursday, January 4</b>  1 John 3.7-10  John 1.35-42</p>
<p><b>Friday, January 5</b>  1 John 3.11-21  John 1.43-51</p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 6</b>  1 John 5.5-13  Mark 1.4-5, 7-11</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 7</b>  <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>  Isaiah 60.1-6  Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  Matthew 2.1-12</p>

**NeighbourLink**  
780-865-0389  
or email [neighbourlink1@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Closed dec 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>

  
NeighbourLink

**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](#)



## Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	Church Cleaning (The following Monday)
Saturday Dec 30 5:00 p.m. <b>Holy Family</b>	Randy Smith	Both readings and Psalm Ginnie Blair <b>TBA</b>	No Music	Wendy Mackney	Glenn Ross Ken Brady <b>TBA</b> <b>TBA</b>	
Sunday Dec 31 11:00 a.m. <b>Holy Family</b>	Ange Giffin Deacon Ed	Ron Rosmer Gwen Meding <i>Deacon carries book</i>	Dio Provvede	Ron and Barb Rosmer	Christian Ludwig Ron and Barb Rosmer Cel Marchildon	Evergreen School <i>(Clean after New Year's masses)</i>
Sunday Dec. 31 5:00 p.m. <b>New Year's Eve</b>	Randy Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> reading and Psalm Ginnie Blair Paula Nolan	No Music	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Glenn Ross Ken Work <b>TBA</b> <b>TBA</b>	
Monday Jan. 1 11:00 a.m. <b>New Year's Day</b>	Marni Wright <i>Deacon Ed</i>	Ron Rosmer Gwen Meding <i>Deacon carries book</i>	Dio Provvede	Joe and Alice Willick	Christian Ludwig Wes Litke Ron Rosmer Cel Marchildon	Evergreen School <i>(Clean after New Year's masses)</i>
Saturday Jan 6 5:00 p.m. <b>Epiphany</b>	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Ren Werbicki	Dio Provvede	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Wes Litke <b>TBA</b>	
Sunday Jan 7 11:00 a.m. <b>Epiphany</b>	Ange Giffin Marni Wright Deacon Ed Meding	Athena Marchildon Ron Rosmer <i>Deacon Carries book</i>	Dio Provvede	Jo Holba	Christian Ludwig Cel Marchildon Karl Holba Jo 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

## 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 16/17, 2023**

**Sunday Offering: \$1295.80**

**Special Project total: \$9780.00 Goal: \$20,000.00**

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*

## 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: \$12.85 Thank you.**

Evergreen  
Catholic  
Schools  
In Hinton



St. Gregory  
ECS – Gr. 4  
780-865-4555  
[www.sgces.ca](http://www.sgces.ca)

Fr. Gerard Redmond  
Gr. 5 – 12  
780-865-2820  
[www.grccs.ca](http://www.grccs.ca)

Ever Growing,  
Learning, and  
Living in Christ

## Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding  
*sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*



## 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"*

## 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%.

## Special Project Fundraiser for carpet in the church

We are asking for parishioner financial support to complete this Special 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.

## The Rosary

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

For zoom link or info, email Gary: [gcgiffin@gmail.com](mailto:gcgiffin@gmail.com)



*Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

