



Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community December 25, 2022

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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 24 to January 2

Mass Readings

Isaiah
9.2-4, 6-7

Psalms 96

Titus
2.11-14

Luke
2.1-16



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Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

New Song

The Church's Liturgy rings in Christmas with a joyful noise. We hear today of uplifted voices, trumpets and horns, and melodies of praise.

In the First Reading, Isaiah foretells Israel's liberation from captivity and exile in Babylon. He envisions a triumphant homecoming to Zion marked by joyful singing.

The new song in today's Psalm is a victory hymn to the marvelous deeds done by our God and King.

Both the prophet and psalmist sing of God's power and salvation. God has shown the might of His holy arm, they say. This language recalls the Exodus, where the people first sang of God's powerful arm that shattered Israel's enemy, Egypt (see [Exodus 15:1, 6, 16](#)).

The coming of the Christ child into the world fulfills all that the Exodus and the return from exile prefigured.

In Jesus, all nations to the ends of the earth will see the victory of God over the forces of sin and death.

Jesus is the new king. He is the royal firstborn son and Son of God promised to David, as we hear in today's Epistle (see [Psalms 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14](#)).

And as our Gospel reveals, He is the Word of God, the one through whom the universe was created, the one through whom the universe is sustained.

In speaking to us through His Son, God has unveiled a new age, the last days.

The new age is a new creation. In the beginning, God spoke His Word and light shone in the darkness. Now, in this new age, He sends us the true light to scatter the darkness of a world that has exiled itself from God.

He is the one Isaiah foretold—who brings good tidings of peace and salvation, who announces to the world that God has come to dwell and to reign (see [Revelation 21:3-4](#)).

So we sing a new song on Christmas. It is the song of those who have believed in the Christ child and have been born again—who have by grace been given the power to become children of 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 25th – January 1st

Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – <i>Christmas – Nativity of the Lord</i> (holy day of Obligation)
Monday:	Have a wonderful week!	
Tuesday:	NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday:	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday:	NO MASS TODAY	
Friday:	9:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
	9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> (holy day of Obligation)
Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> (holy day of Obligation)

Merry Christmas



Calendar of Events – January 1st – 8th

Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> (holy day of Obligation)
Monday:	Have a wonderful day!	
Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
	Intention – for the intentions of David Singer requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin	
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
	Intention – Andrew Plett† and the intentions of his family requested by Laura Riou and family	
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
	Intention – Ann Brown† requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin	
Friday:	9:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – St. Andre Bessette
	Intention – for the intentions of Renee Findlay requested by Laura Riou and family	
	9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.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 – Mrs. Ruth Batten† requested by Wilma Royal	
Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST – The Epiphany of the Lord
	Intention – Dan Kathrein† requested by Delia Kathrein and family	



Happy New Year

[The WINDOW](#)
Archdiocese Newsletter



The Next bulletin will be January 8th

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 our 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

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.

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.

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

Daily Mass readings**Monday, December 26***St. Stephen*

1 John 1.1-4

John 20.2-8

Tuesday, December 27*St. John, Apostle*

1 John 1.5 - 2.2

Matthew 2.13-18

Wednesday, December 28*The Holy Innocents*

1 John 2.3-11

Luke 2.22-35

Thursday, December 29

1 John 2.12-17

Luke 2.36-40

Friday, December 30*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

1 John 2.18-21

John 1.1-18

Saturday, December 31

Numbers 6.22-27

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.16-21

Sunday, January 1*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Isaiah 60.1-6

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2.1-12

Daily Mass readings**Monday, January 2***St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen*

1 John 3.22 - 4.6

Matthew 4.12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 3

1 John 4.7-10

Mark 6.34-44

Wednesday, January 4

1 John 4.11-18

Mark 6.45-52

Thursday, January 5

1 John 4.19 - 5.4

Luke 4.14-22a

Friday, January 6*St. Andre Bessette*

1 John 5.5-13

Luke 5.12-16

Saturday, January 7*St. Andre Bessette*

1 John 5.14-21

John 3.22-30

Sunday, January 8*Epiphany of the Lord*

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

Acts 10.34-38

Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

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.

Closed dec 23rd to January 2nd



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 KofC@parish.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 December 31 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Slavik	Linda Jones Paula Nolan	NO Music	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Ken Work Mike Meagher	
Sunday January 1 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin - Cross Marni Wright Deacon Ed Meding	Ron Rosmer Gwen Meding Deacon Carries book	Kathleen's Group	Wendy Mackney Barb Rosmer	Ron Rosmer Cel Marchildon Jain Sales TBA	CWL
Saturday January 7 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Ren Werbicki	Ryan Beaupre	Ren and Sue	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Dan Burkinshaw TBA	
Sunday January 8 11:00 a.m.	Deacon Ed Meding	Florjie Michaud Athena Marchildon Deacon Carries book	Ryan Beaupre	Cel and Athena Marchildon	Christian Ludwig Dennis Slavik Cel Marchildon Brian Beauchamp	KofC

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

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.

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 December 17/18, 2022
Sunday Offering: \$1236.75

November'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*

Please make any donations that you would like to be on the tax receipt for 2022 before December 26, so we can get them deposited for this tax year. Any donations made after December 26 will be on the tax receipt for the year 2023. Thank you.

Evergreen
Catholic
Schools
In Hinton



St. Gregory
ECS - Gr. 4
780-865-4555
www.srgces.ca

Fr. Gerard Redmond
Gr. 5 - 12
780-865-2820
www.grccs.ca

Ever Growing,
Learning, and
Living in Christ

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



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



Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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: **\$10,417.75 (65% 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%.

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

"Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Thursday January 12, 2023, 7 pm - 9:30 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. The virtual session will be by zoom. To register, please use the link below:

Registration: <https://forms.gle/zdvjRPi92YNcbP6YA>



WAY OF HOLINESS
Retreat Center & Lay Community

NEW YEAR RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Come join us for fellowship, recreation, prayer and relaxation!



When: Monday, January 2nd @ 4pm -
Wednesday, January 4th @ 1pm



Where: Way Of Holiness Retreat Center &
Lay Community - Hinton, Alberta



Cost: \$120 (Includes lodging & food)



Reserve your spot by going to:
<https://wayofholiness.ca/retreatcalendar/>
or by calling 780-865-4055
or emailing retreat@wayofholiness.net

There will be a chance for you to go skiing or hiking on Tuesday!