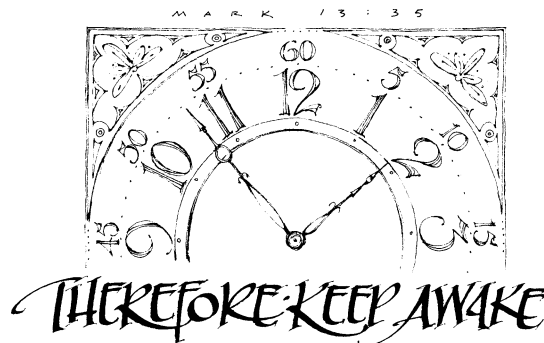




# Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community December 3, 2023

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Please note the weekday mass times until Dec 8 are changed:  
**Tuesday 9 a.m. – Wednesday 7 p.m. – Friday No Mass**



**Mass Readings**  
Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8; Psalm 80; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.33-37

## Parish Pastoral Council Pastor

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## First Sunday of Advent

### Watch for Him

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see [John 14:8-9](#)). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see [John 10:11-15](#)) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

—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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Intention – Elvira Roque† requested by Delia Kathrein and family  
 Grande Cache Intention – Ruth Batten† requested by Wilma Royal  
 5:00 p.m. CWL/KofC and Spouses Advent Celebration in the hall

CWL/KofC  
 Advent  
 Celebration



**Monday:** Have a wonderful day.

**Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – Marty Handlon† requested by the Knights of Columbus

**Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – Alan MacIntyre † requested by Marie MacIntyre  
 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting in the hall



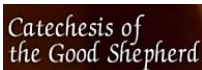
**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – St. Ambrose  
 Intention – Marty Handlon† requested by Barb and Ron Rosmer  
 11:30 a.m. CWL Birthday Lunch at Boston Pizza  
 7:00 p.m. Flame of Love Youth Group in the hall



**Friday:** No..... Mass today

Ladies  
 Advent Brunch

**Saturday:** 9:15 a.m. Ladies Advent Brunch in the hall  
 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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Intention – for the intentions of Natasha Werbicki requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin



**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Intention – Marty Handlon† requested by Linda Jones

## Daily Mass readings

### Monday, December 4

Isaiah 2.1-5  
 Matthew 8.5-11, 13

### Tuesday, December 5

Isaiah 11.1-10  
 Luke 10.21-24

### Wednesday, December 6

Isaiah 25.6-10a  
 Matthew 15.29-37

### Thursday, December 7

*St. Ambrose*

Isaiah 26.1-6  
 Matthew 7.21, 24-27

### Friday, December 8

*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Genesis 3.9-15, 20  
 Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12  
 Luke 1.26-38

### Saturday, December 9

Isaiah 30.19-21, 13-26  
 Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday, December 10

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
 Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
 2 Peter 3.8-14  
 Mark 1.1-8

## 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**.

## Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus Members (and their spouses)



are invited to our annual

# Advent Celebration

## Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall

NO COST

Chinese food will be served.

Please contact Wendy or the parish office  
 to confirm your attendance.



## 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

**November 25/26, 2023**

Sunday Offering: \$1345.95

November 27 Auto Debit: \$2,526.00

Special project total: \$2940.00

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: \$15.90 Thank you.**

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **Monday November 20, 2023, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.** 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.

Please register: <https://forms.gle/4rgMyYPEzL5mRNZ99>



### 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: **\$ 10681.46. (89% 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 Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.</b>	Randy Jones	<i>1<sup>st</sup> reading and Psalm</i> Angele Lemire  Barb Kneteman	No Music	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Mike and Bonnie Meagher	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.</b>	Franklin Vizcaino Deacon Ed	Dan Burkinshaw Linda Jones <i>Deacon carries book</i>	Kathleen's group	Joe and Alice Willick	Christian Ludwig Brian Beauchamp Jain Sales Dodie Reyes-Pinpin	Florjie and Ladies

## 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

## 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.



## 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*

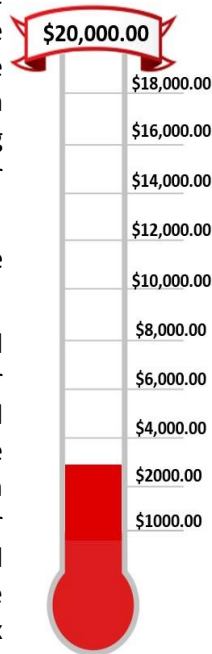
## Fundraiser for carpet in the church

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.



## 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 –

## Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture

December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join us.

**Earring found.** Call the parish office.



## The Rosary

1. At the church: **Wednesday mornings before Mass** a Rosary for our parish family.
2. 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](mailto:gcgiffin@gmail.com)



## 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](#)



**Family Prayer Night** - coming soon!  
A meal, a prayer, and a craft.  
All a part of the Advent adventure.  
Check here for details.

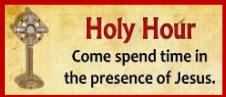


## CWL MEMBERSHIPS DUE

CWL memberships for 2024 are now due \$30.00 per member for the year. If you use church envelopes, you will find a CWL envelope among them. Write your name, phone no. and birthday on the envelope (or use a plain one) and drop it in the collection basket or contact **Wendy Mackney** or **Alice Willick** or the **church office**. Thank you.



## Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation



3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next: December 21  
Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding



## 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.



## 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"*



*All ladies are invited to an Advent Brunch  
on December 9, at 9:15 A.M.*

Kathleen Giffin is our guest speaker.

Consider inviting friend, neighbor, or relative who would enjoy a delightful morning out.

This event is free, but please RSVP, so we have the right amount of food available. There is a sign-up form at the back of the church, or call Wendy Mackney, or the parish office.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The **Share Shop** is 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.

