



Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community February 11, 2024

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Mass Readings
Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46; Psalm 32; 1 Corinthians 10.31–11.1
Mark 1.40-45

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Made Clean

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands (see [Numbers 12:12–15](#); [2 Kings 5:27](#); [15:5](#)).

Considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead (see [Numbers 12:12](#)). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see [Leviticus 10:6](#); [Ezekiel 24:17](#)).

So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing.

When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see [2 Kings 5:8](#)). Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see [Luke 7:16](#)).

Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see [2 Kings 5:7](#)), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see [Isaiah 55:11](#); [Wisdom 12:18](#)).

The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it.

Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see [Exodus 14:6](#); [Acts 4:30](#)). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be made clean"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands (see [Psalm 33:9](#)).

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

—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 – February 11th – 18th

Sunday, (Feb 11): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Intention – TBA

5:00 p.m. **Mid-Winter Potluck** in the hall. See ad below for more info.

Monday:

12:30 p.m. **Catholic Women's League meeting** in the hall

Tuesday:

7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Intention – Luc Bilodeau† requested by Oran and Bibianne Howsam

Wednesday:



9:15 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – Ash Wednesday – We welcome the Students from St. Gregory

1:30 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – Ash Wednesday – We welcome the Students from FGRCCS

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – Ash Wednesday

Thursday:

9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Intention – Monica Dery† requested by Dennis Slavik

1:00 p.m. **Bible Study on the Sunday Readings** at Meding's

7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** in the hall



Friday:

9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Intention – Marcel Dery† requested by Dennis Slavik

6:15 p.m. **Lenten Meal** followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 p.m.



Saturday:

10:00 a.m. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's program** in the church

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 1st Sunday of Lent

Intention – for the intentions of Roman Lee Resek requested by Anne Resek

Sunday, (Feb 18):

11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 1st Sunday of Lent

Intention – Tad Kolczyk† and Mark Kolczyk† requested by Viesha Kolczyk

12:00 noon **Knights of Columbus meal** in the hall followed by the **Spiritual Adoption**



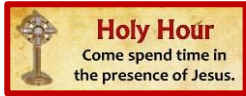
Children's Liturgy Leaders & Assistants Needed
 Children's liturgy will begin, on Sundays during Mass, when we have a team in place.
 Please call the office if you would like to help. 780-865-3045.
 For more info, please see Laura Riou



Daily Mass readings	
Monday, February 12	James 1.1-11 Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday, February 13	James 1.12-18 Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday, February 14	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Joel 2.12-18 2 Corinthians 5.20–6.2 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 15	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Luke 9.22-25
Friday, February 16	Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday, February 17	Isaiah 58.9b-14 Luke 5.27-32
Sunday, February 18	1 st Sunday of Lent Genesis 9.8-15 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.12-15

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 (with Reconciliation)
 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next: March 21
 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
[KofC online video series – Into the Breach](#)



BIBLE STUDY on the UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS.

All are welcome on Thursdays at 1:00 pm at Meding's. You will need a Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.
 Study guides can be purchased from Gwen for \$25 or available on kindle for \$6. Bible Study - A Companion to the Sunday Readings, Year B.



The Rosary

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

For zoom link or info, email Gary: gcgiffin@gmail.com



Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture
 February 14th at 10:00 a.m.
 You are welcome to join us.

Sacraments of Initiation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of
**BAPTISM - 1ST RECONCILIATION - 1ST 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

February 3/4: Sunday Offering: \$2143.60

February 5 Auto Debit: \$2,506.00

Special project total: \$13,810.00



January Total Gift: \$12,025.20
Monthly Budget need: \$15,350.00

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 weekend's Donations: **\$8.30** Thank you.

Mid WINTER Potluck

Sunday, February 11 at 5:00 p. m.

**Bring a food dish to share.
Coffee & tea will be provided.**

*Bring a friend & enjoy
some time of fellowship.*

Volunteers needed for setup Saturday morning.

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

(the yellow envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Our 2023 Goal \$ 12,000.00

Total Raised in 2023: **\$ 11,230.11. (94% of Goal)**

Thank you for your donations.

Our 2024 Goal \$ 12,000.00

Total Raised in 2024: **\$1605.15. (13% 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, support 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: [Website](#)

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 starting again Jan 18
For more information contact Dennis 780-865-0151 or the Parish office at 865-3045



Ladies Bible Study

Next is February 19
at 7:00 p.m. at 436 Boutin Ave.
Led by Bonnie Meagher
Please call the parish office or Bea Moir for more info.

The Share Shop

open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 3 pm daily.
Drop off bins are open for donations 9 am - 7 pm.
All volunteers are welcome to come in and help. Thank you to everyone for your continued support through donations or shopping in the store.



Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
February 14 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday	Randy Jones	Marni Wright Linda Jones	School Group	Ron and Barb Rosmer	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Florjie Michaud Ron Rosmer	
Saturday Feb 17 th 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith Deacon Ed Meding	1 st Reading and Psalm Angele Lemire Paula Nolan <i>Deacon Carries book</i>	No music	Rick and Shelley Appel	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Rick Appel Shelley Appel	
Sunday Feb 18 th 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Marni Wright Deacon Ed Meding	Gwen Meding Dan Burkinshaw <i>Deacon Carries book</i>	Dio Provvede	Ron and Barb Rosmer	Christian Ludwig Dennis Slavik Brian Beauchamp Ron Rosmer	PPC

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

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

MONTH NINE – Developing Baby

"Here I am!" Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - - nine months after his/her mother conceived him/her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He/she is no different now than he/she before birth except that he breathes and eats differently. He/she is truly a miracle. He began as a 46-chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist that is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies that you cared enough to pray for him/her and his/her mother.

Happy Birthday Baby!

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 –

BABY SHOWER

Sunday, February 18, after the 11:00 mass.

for our "spiritually adopted" babies!



Lunch will be served by the Knights of Columbus. Bring your children as a witness to life.

There will be an activity table for children.

Natalie Walter, from the West Yellowhead Pregnancy Care Center will bring a message of hope and encouragement.

Every baby shower needs gifts.

Cash donations, disposable diapers and baby wipes are most needed. Everyone is most welcome.

West Yellowhead
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE



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

The finance committee would like to update the carpet in the church and change the carpet in the welcoming area to vinyl plank flooring.

We have received two quotes, and they are both around \$20,000.00.

We are asking for parishioner financial support to complete this Special Project. Your support is voluntary, and any donation will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

\$20,000.00

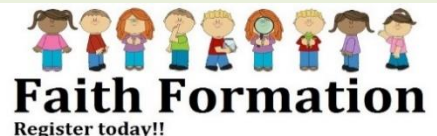


ATTENTION ALL THE PARENTS WITH BAPTIZED CHILDREN, GRADE 2 and OLDER, WHO WILL BE PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

The preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a very special part of the ongoing moral and spiritual education of your child. Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Parish will offer our First Reconciliation Classes (to be held in February of 2024) prior to the First Communion Classes. All children who will be entering into the First Communion Classes **must** attend the First Reconciliation classes.

Please contact the office (780-865-3045) to register your child for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion.

We thank you for the commitment to be involved in the religious education of your child.



Called to Protect Training

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Monday February 12, 2024, 7 – 9:30 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.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/zjCGpvTbduKRUu4B6>

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"...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes..."

Ephesians 6:10-11



Fr. Michael Denk



Fr. Paul Moret

March 1-2, 2024 | Holy Family Parish
75 Poirier Avenue, St. Albert, AB

REGISTER TODAY

Early Bird

\$50 Man • \$40 Student/Senior

After February 17

\$60 Man • \$50 Student/Senior

Registration link and

conference details are available on the website.

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WEEKEND INCLUDES:

Adoration • Confession
Mass: Friday & Saturday
Light Breakfast • Lunch • Snacks
Talks • Fellowship • Vendors
Friday: 5:30 - 10 pm
Saturday: 7:30 am - 4 pm

Your timely registration helps us organize volunteers & food.

www.catholicfamilyministries.com | Registration Questions: 780.920.7878