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# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Affair of the Heart

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to "fulfill" the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see <u>Jeremiah 31:31–</u> <u>34</u>). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see <u>Matthew 6:21</u>; <u>15:18–20</u>).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see <u>Romans 6:17</u>). He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart (see <u>Matthew 22:37</u>; <u>Ephesians 6:6</u>).

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week's First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God's plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law.

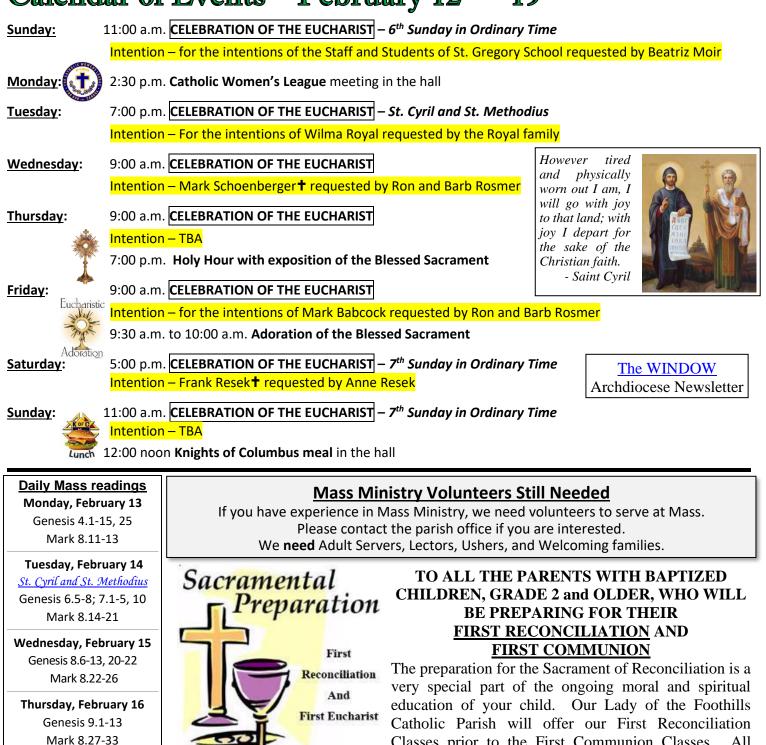
As we do in this week's Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart.

–Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D

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<u>Mission Statement</u> - 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.

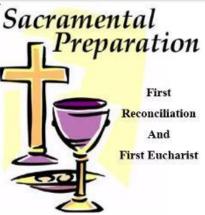
# Calendar of Events – February 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>



Friday, February 17 Genesis 11.1-9 Mark 8.34-38 - 9.1

Saturday, February 18 Hebrews 11.1-7 Mark 9.2-13

Sunday, February 19 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3.16-23 Matthew 5.38-48



Classes prior to the First Communion Classes. All children who will be entering into the First Communion Classes must attend the First Reconciliation classes.

Registration forms have gone out to all children that are known to be baptized Catholics, who attend our Catholic School. If we have missed your child or your child does not attend the Catholic school please contact the office for a registration form. (780-865-3045)

### Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation are: Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall Thursday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. We thank you for the commitment to be involved in the religious education of your child. **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

**February 4/5** Sunday Offering: \$1451.05 February 6 Auto Debit: \$2741.00

January's Total Gift: \$16,072.85 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

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#### 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

### <u>Holy Hour with</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding

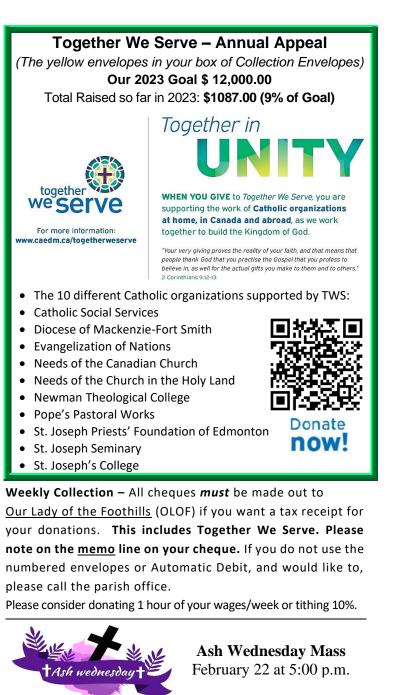
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

## <u>Mass Intentions</u>

**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



## The Rosary

# 1. <u>On Zoom</u>: Monday Evenings at 7pm

a Rosary for our Priests, Deacon, and parish team

- 2. <u>At the church</u>: Wednesday mornings before Mass a Rosary for our parish family.
- 3. <u>At the cemetery:</u> **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.** a Rosary for the souls in purgatory



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

## Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training

A "Called to Protect" training session has been scheduled for TBA. The 2.5 hour training session is for all volunteers and employees 18 years and over. The virtual session will be by zoom.

Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture March 1, April 5, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.

# **Ministry Schedule**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
Saturday February 18 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Paula Nolan	Michael's Group	Barb Marchant	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Ken Work Paula Nolan	
Sunday February 19 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin - Cross Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed Meding	Kathleen Giffin Ron Rosmer <b>Deacon Carries book</b>	Michael's Group	Ron and Barb Rosmer	Christian Ludwig Ron Rosmer Florjie Michaud Jain Sales	РРС

## <u>Ministry Schedules</u>

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

All parents & young adults 14+ are welcome to attend the <u>Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference</u> March 9-11 at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton.

Theme: Simplicity Includes daily Mass, Adoration and Benediction and vendors. Early bird pricing until Feb 21st. Info: <u>www.wcchsc.net</u>, Veronica 780-467-8410 or email wcchscreg@shaw.ca



124 Market St. Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

For information call 780-865-3045

Volunteers are welcome.

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 <u>www.kofc.org</u>

KofC online video series – Into the Breach

## 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.

### **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.

## <u>Prayer for Vocations</u>

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 out 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.

### 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 2023 Sunday Missal on page 567)

### <u>Old Palms</u>

Bring in your palms from last year. We will burn them to be used for Ash Wednesday.



Please bring them to the parish office by Feb 14.

# **10-Day Biblical Journey at Holy Land and Jordan**

**Price: CAD \$ 5,075.00** per pilgrim on double occupancy Early Bird discount of \$150.00 for deposits received by Feb. 21, 2023

Visit Israel and walk the tracks of Jesus' life as recorded in the Holy Bible (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, and more). Plus added tour to the Kingdom of Jordan (Amman, Madaba, Mt. Nebo – alleged burial place of Moses, and ancient Petra – a UNESCO designated World Heritage Site).

Please see information at the back of the church.

# FEBURARY RETREAT

Catechism 101- This Is Our Faith Retreat, is an overview of the Catechism for those with a desire to enter into the church or for both newly initiated and lifelong Catholics who wish to understand Church teachings more clearly.

- WHEN: Friday, February 17th @ 6:30 pm (arrival) Monday, February 20 @ 1pm (departure)
- WHERE: Way Of Holiness Retreat Center & Lay Community Hinton, Alberta DIRECTIONS
- WHO: Anyone with a desire to understand Catholic teaching more clearly
- COST: \$200/person
- INCLUDES: Lodging, food, conference & gift
- SPEAKERS: Ryan Beaupre & Kristy-Lea Tritz

What we will cover during the conference portion of the retreat:

- The Profession of Faith
- Celebration of the sacraments, liturgy, and the Paschal Mystery
- Life in Christ: foundations of Catholic morality
- Christian prayer

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• There will also be time for questions, fire side chats, and creative journaling experiences

Come relax, be renewed and dive into the Catechism!

# CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - ALBERTA MACKENZIE COUNCIL – Lenten Retreat – Via Zoom

"Lent and Social Justice: Fasting to Do More"

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

### **Presented by Susan Scott**

The Alberta Mackenzie Council is hosting a Virtual Lenten Retreat on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> which is open to all League members. The presentation is being given by Sister Susan Scott, who is known to many League members across the country. The Retreat is titled "Lent and Social Justice: Fasting to Do More". The Retreat promises to help us in preparing for the Lenten season and the joy of the risen Lord.

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsdu6trz8jHtGreZ3lYUQIm6bNHTOzQ-Sp

Questions? Email Suzanne at: <a href="mailto:abmkcwlfaith@gmail.com">abmkcwlfaith@gmail.com</a>

**Our Lady of Victory Camp** returns in 2023! This camp exists to support families and youth ministry initiatives in the Archdiocese of Edmonton by offering a week-long faith experience. At camp everyone can *Encounter Christ, Encounter Community, and Encounter Creation*. They will do this through a mixture of faith experiences and outdoor activities held at our camp on beautiful Gull Lake. Registration for camp is now open, and any young person entering grades 4-12 next fall is welcome to attend! Our summer schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, July 8 Grand Re-opening BBQ (All are welcome! Details coming soon.)
- July 9-13 **High School Camp** (Grades 10-12. Youth who attend these weeks can volunteer as junior counselors at the elementary, Jr high, and all ages weeks of camp.)
- July 16-20 Elementary Camp (Grades 4-6)
- July 23-27 (Tentative) Benedict XVI Institute "Great Books" Week
- July 30-August 3 Junior High Camp (Grades 7-9)
- August 6-10 All Ages Camp (Grades 4-9)

Read more about what we do at camp, how to register, or how you can get involved or support OLVC at <u>www.olvcamp.com</u>.





Fr. Francis Mariappa Fr. Anthony Narisetty Spiritual Directors





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