

# Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community February 18, 2024

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

## Mass Readings

Genesis  
9.8-15

Psalm 25

1 Peter  
3.18-22

Mark  
1.12-15



## Parish Pastoral Council

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Father Anthony Narisetty

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## Catholic Women's League

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President

## First Sunday of Lent The New Creation

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see [Hosea 2:20](#); [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see [Mark 1:11](#); [Luke 3:38](#)), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see [Genesis 2:19-20](#)), being served by angels (see [Ezekiel 28:12-14](#)).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see [Romans 5:12-14](#), [17-20](#)), Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see [Colossians 1:13-14](#)). We were made children of God, new creations (see [2 Corinthians 5:7](#); [Galatians 4:3-7](#)).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see [1 Corinthians 10:1-4](#), [9,13](#); [Deuteronomy 8:2](#), [16](#)).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see [John 14:6](#)). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see [Psalm 78:25](#); [Wisdom 16:20](#)), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

—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 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>



**Sunday, (Feb 18):** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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** **BABY SHOWER**

**Monday:** Have a wonderful week!

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

**Intention** – for the intentions of Jocelyn and Laurent Senecal requested by Oran and Bibianne Howsam

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

**Intention** – Martin Mazurek† requested by Ron and Barb Rosmer

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Chair of St. Peter*

**Intention** – for the intentions of Doug Slavik and family requested by Wilf and Mona Slavik



1:00 p.m. **Bible Study on the Sunday Readings** at Marni's (107 Thompson Place)



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

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

**Intention** – Dan Kathrein† requested by Delia Kathrein and family

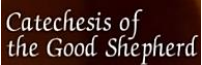


6:15 p.m. **Foodbank Friday Lenten Meal** followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 p.m.



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

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



**Intention** – Neil Royal† requested by Wilma Royal

**Sunday, (Feb 25):** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Intention** – for the intentions of Renee Findlay requested by Laura Riou and family

## Children's Liturgy

### Leaders & Assistants Needed

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 19

Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18  
Matthew 25.31-46

### Tuesday, February 20

Isaiah 55.10-11  
Matthew 6.7-15

### Wednesday, February 21

Jonah 3.1-10  
Luke 11.29-32

### Thursday, February 22

*Chair of St. Peter*  
1 Peter 5.1-4  
Matthew 16.13-19

### Friday, February 23

Ezekiel 18.21-28  
Matthew 5.20-16

### Saturday, February 24

Deuteronomy 26.16-19  
Matthew 5.43-48

### Sunday, February 25

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
Romans 8.31b-35, 37  
Mark 9.2-10

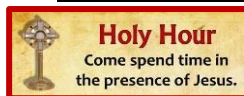
## Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed

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)



3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.kofc)

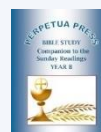
[KofC online video series – Into the Br](#)



## BIBLE STUDY on the UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS.

All are welcome on Thursdays at 1:00 pm at Marni's (this week only). 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

1. *At the church:* for our parish family. **Wednesday mornings before Mass**
2. *At the cemetery:* for the souls in purgatory. **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.**
3. *On Zoom:* for our clergy (Sacred-Art rosary), **Tuesdays, 8:00 pm**  
Meeting ID: 886 5905 6308  
Passcode: 395944



## 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

February 10/11: Sunday Offering: \$1588.60

Special project total: \$14,220.00



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: **\$41.70** Thank you.



February 27th at 6:30 - 7:30

Parents in the Hinton Community are invited to attend.

Children can check out the classrooms and play with the staff!

Parents can head to the library for their orientation meeting.

Our Evergreen Catholic Student Services Team will be in attendance. (Our Director, SLP/DHH consultant, OT as well as Inclusion and Mental Health Coach.



### 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: \$1671.85. (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%.

### The Evangelization Committee invites you to Foodbank Fridays

a Lenten repast, a penitential bite, alas, a meager meal, each Friday, before our Lenten observance of the Stations of the Cross.

(February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15)



Join us in the Hall for a **Lenten Meal** starting at 6:15 p.m.

Prior to the Knights of Columbus led, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a donation for the Foodbank.



### 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



# Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
<b>Saturday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.</b>	Barb Marchant	Ina Lawrence Paula Nolan	School	TBA	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Wes Litke Ken Work	
<b>Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.</b>	Franklin Vizcaino	Ron Rosmer Athena Marchildon	School	Joe and Alice Willick	Christian Ludwig Karl Holba Jo Holba Cel Marchildon	KofC

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

## 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.



## Spiritual Adoption Program

*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

## Fundraiser for carpet in the church

Thank you to all parishioners for the generous donations we have received for the carpet fund. To date we have received \$14,220.00 and need \$5,780.00 to reach our goal of \$20,000.00. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you want to donate. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

Thank you once again for your generous donations and prayers towards this project.

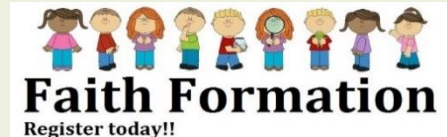


## ATTENTION ALL THE PARENTS WITH BAPTIZED CHILDREN, GRADE 2 and OLDER, WHO WILL BE PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

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 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 TBA. 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.

## Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture

March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
You are welcome to join us.



## Ladies Bible Study

Next is February 26  
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.



## 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