

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

February 19, 2023

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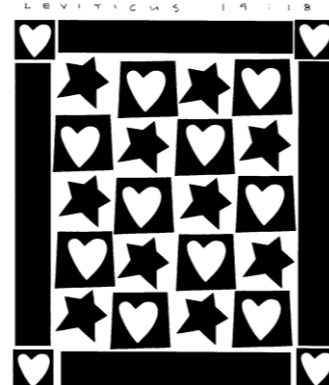
Mass Readings

Leviticus
19.1-2, 17-18

Psalm 103

1 Corinthians
3.16-23

Matthew
5.38-48



YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy as God

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel this Sunday.

Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect?

Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children (Ephesians 5:1-2).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see Romans 12:21).

Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him (see Matthew 26:53-54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34).

In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions.

He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see Romans 5:8).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see 1 Corinthians 6:20). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

—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 19th – 26th

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Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Intention – Urbano Bertolin † requested by Antonia Bertolin and family

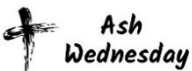
12:00 noon **Knights of Columbus** meal in the hall

Monday: Have a wonderful day!

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

Intention – for the intentions of Gordon Langdon and family requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work

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



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

*ASH
Wednesday*
The Beginning Of Lent

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



Intention – for the deceased members of the White family † requested by Ron and Barb Rosmer

6:00 p.m. **First Reconciliation Class** in the hall

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



Intention – Mark Schoenberger † requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Intention – Neil Royal † requested by Wilma Royal

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



Intention – Joseph Kathrein † requested by Delia Kathrein and family

12:00 noon **Coffee Sunday** after Mass in the foyer

6:00 p.m. **Ladies Lenten Prayer and Reflection** in the hall

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Daily Mass readings

Monday, February 20

Sirach 1.1-10
Mark 9.14-29

Tuesday, February 21

Sirach 2.1-11
Mark 9.30-37

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.12-18
2 Corinthians 5.20–6.2
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23

Deuteronomy 30.15-20
Luke 9.22-25

Friday, February 24

Isaiah 58.1-9a
Matthew 9.14-15

Saturday, February 25

Isaiah 58.9b-14
Luke 5.27-32

Sunday, February 26

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis
2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

Mass Ministry Volunteers Still 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.

Sacramental Preparation



First
Reconciliation
And
First Eucharist

TO 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 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 1st 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 11/12

Sunday Offering: \$1,631.00

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

<p>Evergreen Catholic Schools in Hinton</p>	<p>St. Gregory ECS – Gr. 4 780-865-4555 www.srgces.ca</p>	<p>Fr. Gerard Redmond Gr. 5 – 12 780-865-2820 www.grccs.ca</p>	<p>Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ</p>
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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



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



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

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: **\$1247.00 (10% of Goal)**

Together in
UNITY

WHEN YOU GIVE to Together We Serve, you are supporting the work of Catholic organizations at home, in Canada and abroad, as we work together to build the Kingdom of God.

"Your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that people thank God that you practise the Gospel that you profess to believe in, as well for the actual gifts you make to them and to others:"
2 Corinthians 9:12-13

- 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!

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%.



Ash Wednesday Mass
February 22 at 5:00 p.m.

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

"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)
Ash Wednesday February 22 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Ron Rosmer	Kathleen's Group	Ron and Barb Rosmer	Glenn Ross Christian Ludwig Ken Brady (No collection on Ash Wed)	
Saturday February 25 5:00 p.m.	Barb Marchant	Ina Lawrence Ren Werbicki	Kathleen's group	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Ron Rosmer Aniceto Traspaderme	
Sunday February 26 11:00 a.m.	Marni Wright Deacon Ed Meding	Linda Jones Athena Marchildon Deacon Carries book	Kathleen's group	Jo Holba	Christian Ludwig Cel Marchildon Karl Holba Jo Holba	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



124 Market St.

Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

For information call 780-865-3045

Volunteers are welcome.

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.

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](#)



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.



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 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.



Please pray for **André Tyrrell Richard LaFrance** who will be welcomed through the waters of Baptism to our Christian community this Sunday after Mass. André is the son of **Denis and Teresa LaFrance** and Grandson of Rick and Mary Lou LaFrance.

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)

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.



Fr. Francis Mariappa
Fr. Anthony Narisetty
Spiritual Directors

Ladies Lenten Prayer and Reflection

Sunday, February 26 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – in the parish hall

All ladies are invited to begin our Lenten journey with reflection, small group discussion, and prayer.

This event will be facilitated by Gwen Meding.

- We will begin with pizza at 6:00 in our parish hall.
- Consider inviting a friend, neighbor, or relative.
- This event is free, but please RSVP, so we have the right amount of food available. Let us know if you have any food allergies or restrictions. To RSVP – please email the [parish office](#).
- There is a sign-up form at the back of the church, or contact Gwen Meding or the parish office.
- I look forward to seeing you there.

Sponsored by the CWL

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

“Lent and Social Justice: Fasting to Do More”

Monday, February 20th - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by Susan Scott

The Alberta Mackenzie Council is hosting a Virtual Lenten Retreat on Monday, February 20th 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/tZEsd6trz8jHtGreZ3IYUQlm6bNHTOzQ-Sp>

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

Questions? Email Suzanne at: abmkcwlfait@gmail.com



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 www.olvcamp.com.

