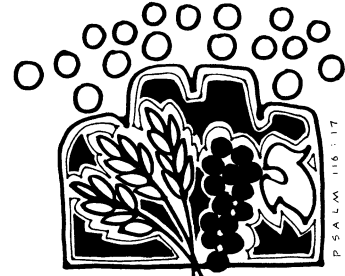


Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community February 25, 2024

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I will worship you and offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving

Mass Readings
Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 116;
Romans 8.31b-35, 37; Mark 9.2-10

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Second Sunday of Lent Bonds Loosed

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only-begotten son.

In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see [Romans 8:32](#); [Genesis 22:12,16](#)).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see [Matthew 1:1](#); [John 8:56](#)). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see [Deuteronomy 18:15, 19](#)).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see [Exodus 24:1, 9, 15](#)). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see [Sirach 48:9-10](#); [Malachi 3:1, 23-24](#)).

And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see [Isaiah 53:3](#)).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see [Psalm 116:3](#)).

His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did.

Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones.

—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 25th – March 3rd

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

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

Monday: Have a wonderful week!

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

Intention – for the intentions of Bev Delvecchio requested by the CWL

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

Intention – Monique Gibson† requested by Wilf and Mona Slavik

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

Intention – Martha Manning† requested by Wilf and Mona Slavik

1:00 p.m. Bible Study on the Sunday Readings at Gwen's (164 McPherson Drive)

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



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

Intention – TBA

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Saturday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – First Saturday

Intention – TBA

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

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 3rd Sunday of Lent

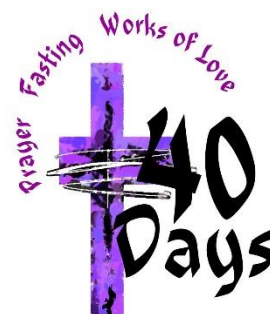
Intention – Frank Resek† requested by Anne Resek



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, (Mar 3): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Intention – Edward John Lefevbre requested by Delia Kathrein 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 26

Daniel 9.3, 4b-10
Luke 6.36-38

Tuesday, February 27

Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31
Matthew 23.1-12

Wednesday, February 28

Jeremiah 18.18-20
Matthew 20.17-28

Thursday, February 29

Jeremiah 17.5-10
Luke 16.19-31

Friday, March 1

Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28
Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 2

Micah 7.14-15, 18-20
Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20.1-17
1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
John 2.13-25

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 Gwen'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

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

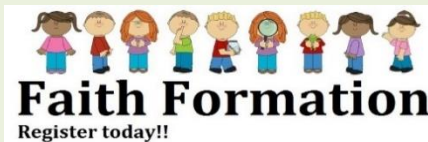
Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of
**BAPTISM - 1ST RECONCILIATION - 1ST EUCHARIST
CONFIRMATION**
please call the parish office. 780-865-3045

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 on March 7, 14, 20 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.



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.  **PLEASE PRAY**

YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

February 17/18: Sunday Offering: \$899.25

February 20 Auto Debit: \$2,481.00

Special project total: \$14,405.00 

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

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: **\$21.25** Thank you.

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: \$2728.10. (22% 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

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)
Saturday March 2nd 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	<i>1st Reader and Psalm</i> Angele Lemire Paula Nolan	No Music	Rick and Shelley Appel	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Rick Appel Shelley Appel	
Sunday March 3rd 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Marni Wright	Linda Jones Dan Burkinshaw	Dio Provvede	Ron and Barb Rosmer	Christian Ludwig Brian Beauchamp Aniceto Traspaderme Ron Rosmer	CWL

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.



February 25

Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition



Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act. Thank you for your solidarity!

Fundraiser for carpet in the church

\$20,000.00

Thank you to all parishioners for the generous donations we have received for the carpet fund. To date we have received \$14,405.00 and need \$5,595.00 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.



NeighbourLink

780-865-0389 or email 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.



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

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.

EMBRACING the POWER & THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Friday, March 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Church

124 Tamarack Ave, Hinton, AB

Friday's Workshop: *Receiving the Infusion of the Holy Spirit*

Saturday's Workshops: *Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom,
Knowledge & Introduction to Healing*

Cost: Love Offering

Saturday Lunch will be provided.

Presented by: Our Lady of Assumption Prayer Community (Lethbridge)

Hosted by: Our Lady of the Foothills Charismatic Prayer Group

God Gives His Spirit Without Measure

– John 3:34 –

Registration: Beatriz Moir: 780-740-4898 Email: bea_earth@gmail.com

Many ages & walks of faith welcome!