

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

February 5, 2023

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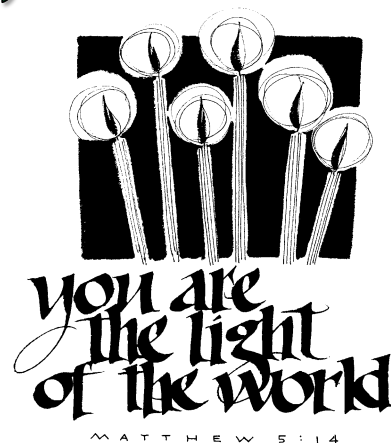
Mass Readings

Isaiah
58.6-10

Psalms 112

1 Corinthians
2.1-5

Matthew
5.13-16



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Light Breaking Forth

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see [John 1:4-4, 9; 8:12; 9:5](#)).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see [2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24](#)).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see [Isaiah 2:2; 60:1-3](#)).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see [Isaiah 42:6; 49:6](#)).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified."

—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 5th – 12th

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention – Dan Kathrein† requested by Delia Kathrein and family

Monday: Have a wonderful week!

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

Intention – TBA

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

Intention – TBA

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

Intention – Paul Lemire† requested by Leona Lemire

Friday: **No.....Mass today**

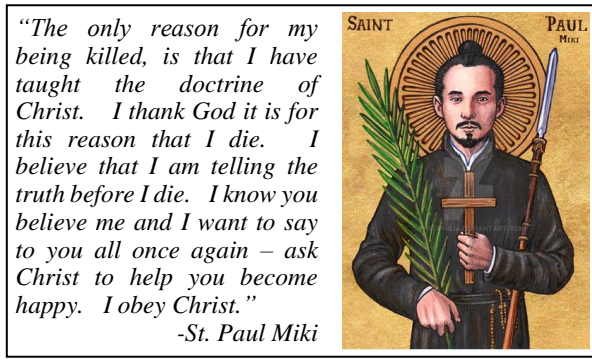
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention – Mrs. Ruth Ballen† requested by Wilma Royal

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

Intention – for the intentions of the Staff and Students of St. Gregory School requested by Beatriz Moir



<u>Daily Mass readings</u>	
Monday, February 6	<i>St. Paul Miki and companions</i> Genesis 1.1-19 Mark 6.53-56
Tuesday, February 7	Genesis 1.20 – 2.4a Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday, February 8	Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-17 Mark 7.14-23
Thursday, February 9	Genesis 2.18-25 Mark 7.24-30
Friday, February 10	<i>St. Scholastica</i> Genesis 3.1-8 Mark 7.31-37
Saturday, February 11	Genesis 3.9-24 Mark 8.1-10
Sunday, February 12	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 15.15-20 1 Corinthians 2.6-10 Matthew 5.17-37

Mass Ministry Volunteers 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.



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

January 28/29

Sunday Offering: \$901.45

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

Evergreen Catholic Schools In Hinton



St. Gregory
ECS – Gr. 4
780-865-4555
www.srgces.ca

Fr. Gerard Redmond
Gr. 5 – 12
780-865-2820
www.grccs.ca

Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ

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 \$ 16,000.00

Total Raised so far in 2023: **\$870.00 (5% of Goal)**

Total Raised in 2022: **\$10,452.75 (65% of Goal)**

Together in
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For more information:
www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve

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%.

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.

All parents & young adults 14+ are welcome to attend the **Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference** 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: www.wcchsc.net, Veronica 780-467-8410 or email wccshreg@shaw.ca.

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
Saturday February 11 5:00 p.m.	Laurie Menes	Ina Lawrence Dan Burkinshaw	Kathleen's group	Rick and Shelley Appel	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Rick Appel Shelley Appel	
Sunday February 12 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin - Cross Deacon Ed Meding	Sarah Shah Mike Meagher Deacon Carries book	Kathleen's group	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Christian Ludwig Mike Meagher Bonnie Meagher Cel Marchildon	Florjie and Ladies

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.

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](#)



ATTENTION: If you, or any member of your household are sick, please stay at home.

NeighbourLink



780-865-0389

or email neighbourlink1@gmail.com

NeighbourLink needs beds all sizes, washing machines and stoves. Please call 865-0389 to arrange a pickup.

Also, NeighbourLink is looking for people who would volunteer their time to delivery lunch to the Adult Day Center. You pick up at the hospital kitchen at 11:30 am and deliver to the Adult Day Center in the valley - about 15 minutes. Please call Wendy for more information.

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.



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.

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)

Old Palms

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).



Fr. Francis Mariappa
Fr. Anthony Narisetty
Spiritual Directors

Please see information at the back of the church.

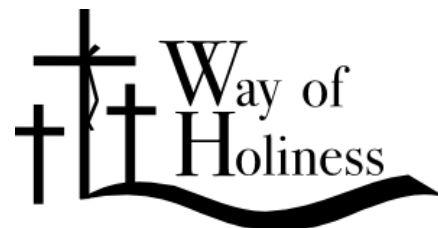
FEBURARY RETREAT

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



Come relax, be renewed and dive into the Catechism!

[BOOK YOUR SPOT HERE](#)



Virtual Workshop - Share Lent **“Stand for the Land”**



Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is beginning a new campaign cycle, CREATE HOPE, which will be the guiding theme for the next five years. This theme was inspired by Pope Francis' address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements in October 2021 and the Orientation Assembly in June 2022.

To create hope in this first year, we will **“Stand for the Land”** in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are defending their territories in the Global South by protecting their lands and waters, the environment and human life. Please join us on **Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM for our virtual Diocesan Lenten Workshop.**

Come learn about what you can do to share the mission of the preferential option for the poor in our communities, our parishes, and schools during this season of Lent. All are welcome!

There will also be a virtual National Campaign launch on February 25 where we can listen to a solidarity visitor from Honduras. You can register for this at devp.org/events.

For more information please contact (Sylvianne at 780-462-2529 or e-mail nsperry@telus.net.) or register through the website: www.devp.org/en/events/ and select Alberta.