Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community January 29, 2023

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



Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called CHILDREN OF GOD

Mass Readings Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Matthew 5.1-12

Parish Pastoral Council

Ordinary Time

Extraordinary God

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Blessed Path

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God.

As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in today's Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom.

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings (see <u>Genesis 12:3</u>; <u>22:18</u>).

Jesus is the son of Abraham (see <u>Matthew 1:1</u>). And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit."

God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward.

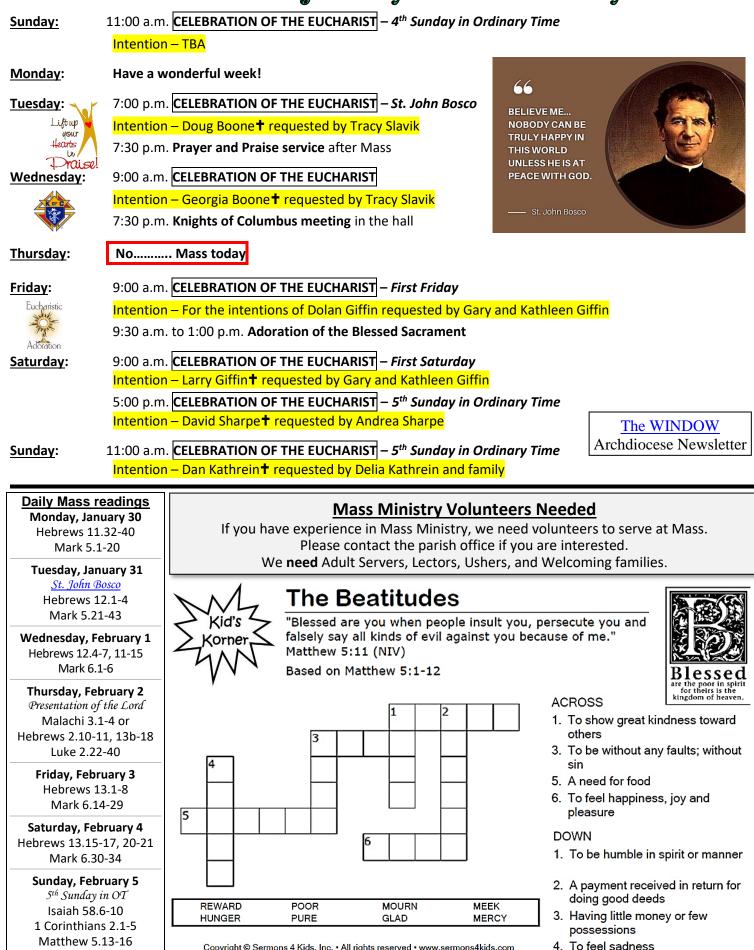
The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

–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 – January 29th – February 5th



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 1/2 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

Sunday Offering: \$925.15 Auto Debit: \$2866.00 New Year's donations: \$20.00

December's Total Gift: \$ 12,990.75 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



St. Gregory ECS – Gr. 4 Growing in 780-865-4555 the Peace www.sgces.ca of Christ

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



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 Monday January 30, 2023 starting at 9:30 am. The 2.5 hour training session is for all volunteers and employees 18 years and over. The virtual session will be by zoom and information will be sent to those who register.

Here is the link to register: https://forms.gle/Qf6ocHNbeVkuwtRJA

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 wcchscreg@shaw.ca.

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
Saturday February 4 5:00 p.m.	Randy Jones	Angele Lemire Paula Nolan	Ryan Beaupre	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Ken Work Paula Nolan	
Sunday February 5 11:00 a.m.	Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed Meding	Gwen Meding Florjie Michaud Deacon Carries book	Ryan Beaupre	Wendy Mackney	Christian Ludwig Aniceto Traspaderme Brian Beauchamp Dodie Reyes Pinpin	CWL

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



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.

FoodBank

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

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

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.

<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.

(Can be also found in the new green 2023 Sunday Missal on page 567)

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 <u>Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m.</u>

We thank you for the commitment to be involved in the religious education of your child.



Please register before February 2