

# Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

## January 7, 2024

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Please note the weekday mass times from January 8 to February 11 are changed: Tuesdays 9 a.m. – Wednesdays 7 p.m. – Friday No Mass



**Mass Readings**  
Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

### Parish Pastoral Council

#### Pastor

Father Anthony Narisetty

#### Associate Pastor

Father Jimmy Puttananickal

#### Deacon

Ed Meding

#### Chairperson

Dan Burkinshaw

#### Parish Council Members

Dale deSeguin

Christian Ludwig

Colleen Ludwig

Athena Marchildon

Sarah Shah

Dennis Slavik

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Ian Langley



#### Finance Committee Chair



Arleen Wambolt

#### Bookkeeper

Colleen Ludwig



#### Catholic School Trustee

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#### Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight



#### Catholic Women's League

Alice Willick

Bev DelVecchio

Presidents

## The Epiphany of the Lord Newborn King

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see [Micah 5:1-3](#); [2 Samuel 5:2](#)).

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see [1 Kings 2:19](#)). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see [1 Kings 10:2,25](#)).

His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see [Numbers 22:21](#); [23:7](#); [24:7](#), [17](#)).

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle.

We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see [Revelation 22:16](#)), and the light of the world (see [Isaiah 42:6](#); [John 8:12](#)).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

—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 – January 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Intention – Marty Handlon† requested by the LaFrance family

**Monday:** Have a wonderful day.

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

Intention – Ann Brown† requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin

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

Intention – Leta Rosmer † requested by Ron and Barb Rosmer

7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting in the hall



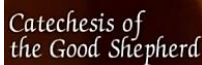
**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Intention – Nancy Freeman † requested by Ron and Barb Rosmer

**Friday:** **NO MASS TODAY**

**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 in Ordinary Time*



Intention – Mary and Bernard Holland† requested by Wilma Royal

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Intention – for the intentions of Barb Rosmer requested by Michael Rosmer

## Children's Liturgy Leaders & Assistants Needed

Children will gather with the teacher and a volunteer parent (assistant) in the hall or upper room during the Liturgy of the word at Sunday Masses.

Children's liturgy will begin when we have a team in place.

Please call the office if you would like to help.

780-865-3045. For more info please talk to Laura Riou  
We are mandated by archdiocesan policy (Called to Protect) to have 2 adults present when working with children. No prep is required by assistants as the teacher will be responsible for this.

*Please pray for Father Anthony, for safe travels and good health, while he is away January 8 to February 11.*



### Daily Mass readings

**Monday, January 8**

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7  
or Acts 10.34-48  
Mark 1.7-11

**Tuesday, January 9**

1 Samuel 1.9-20  
Mark 1.21-28

**Wednesday, January 10**

1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20  
Mark 1.29-39

**Thursday, January 11**

1 Samuel 4.1c-11  
Mark 1.40-45

**Friday, January 12**

*St. Marguerite Bourgeoise*  
1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22a  
Mark 2.1-12

**Saturday, January 13**

1 Samuel  
9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1a  
Mark 2.13-17

**Sunday, January 14**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Samuel 3.3b-10  
1 Corinthians  
6.13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1.35-42

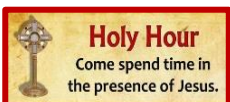
## Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed

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 (there will not be Reconciliation)



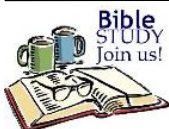
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next: January 18  
Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding  
*sponsored by the KofC*

## 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.

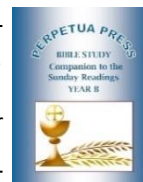


*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"*



**Bible Study**  
Join us!

**BIBLE STUDY on the UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS.** All are welcome on Thursdays at 1:00 pm at Meding's beginning on Jan 11. 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.*



## 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](http://www.kofc.org)  
**KofC online video series – Into the Breach**



**This One Book – A zoom study of Beautiful Eucharist**  
*(Passed out at Christmas)*  
Mondays at 8:00 p.m.  
Beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Meeting ID: 880 7681 0422  
Passcode: 354266



## 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.**

For zoom link or info, email Gary:  
[gcgiffin@gmail.com](mailto:gcgiffin@gmail.com)



## Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture

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

## 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

Dec 23/24, 2023: Sunday Offering: \$2497.75

Dec 27 Auto Debit: \$2,526.00

Christmas Offering: \$4361.60

Dec 30/31, 2023: Sunday Offering: \$2818.95

New Year's Offering: \$1005.50

Special project total: \$11,285.00



December's Total Gift: \$15,346.45

Monthly Budget need: \$14,925.00

*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

Donations: Dec 23/24/25: **\$53.20** January 1: **\$20.50**

**Thank you.**

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.



### Ladies Bible Study

Next is January 8, every other Monday, at 7:00 p.m. at 436 Boutin Ave.

Please call the parish office or Bonnie Meagher for more information

### 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. (93.5% of Goal)**

**Thank you for your donations.**

**Our 2024 Goal \$ 12,000.00**

Total Raised in 2024: **\$495.50. (4% 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, as one family in Christ, share joyfully in our mission to serve by supporting 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 [www.caedm.ca/WeServe](http://www.caedm.ca/WeServe)

**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%.

### 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

#### NEWCOMERS:

*We are blessed that you have chosen to join us in worship and ministry here at Our Lady of the Foothills Parish. If you are new or have not registered, please complete a Registration Form available at the back of the church and drop it off at the office or in the collection basket during the weekend masses.*

*A Warm Welcome*



# Ministry Schedule



MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
<b>Saturday Jan 13 5:00 p.m.</b>	Randy Jones Deacon Ed	Ina Lawrence Dan Burkinshaw <i>Deacon Carries book</i>	Michael's Group	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Aniceto Traspaderme Barb Marchant	
<b>Sunday Jan 14 11:00 a.m.</b>	Franklin Vizcaino Deacon Ed	Florjie Michaud Gwen Meding <i>Deacon Carries book</i>	Michael's Group	Wendy Mackney	Christian Ludwig Ron Rosmer Dodie Reyes-Pinpin Jain Sales	Florjie and Ladies

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.



## 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*

## Fundraiser for carpet in the church

As it has been a number of years, the finance committee would like to update the carpet in the church and change the carpet in the welcoming area to vinyl plank flooring. The carpet is starting to lift, which becomes a tripping hazard for our parishioners.  
 We have received two quotes, and they are both around \$20,000.00.



We are asking for parishioner financial support to complete this project. Your support is voluntary, and any donation will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Finance Committee – Arleen Wambolt, Marlys Phillips, Randy Jones, Paula McKay, Wes Litke, Colleen Ludwig and Father Anthony.

## NeighbourLink



**780-865-0389 or email [neighbourlink1@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## The Share Shop

open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 3 pm daily.  
 Drop off bins are open for donations 9 am to 7 pm.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support through donations or shopping in the store. Your support means a lot to us.



## Spiritual Adoption Program

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. Our CWL, and K of C are encouraging a wonderful opportunity to be pro-active and pro-life from the comfort of our homes by praying that a child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to live.

### MONTH EIGHT – Developing Baby



*"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!" In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. She is developing a layer of fat that will keep her warm after she is born. In the 9<sup>th</sup> month she will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth.*

*Her lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to come. She is about 18 inches in length. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.*

*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 –

## Found in the church:

Please call the parish office if this belongs to you.

