

#### Parish Pastoral Council

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

# Word of the 'Living Father'

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel.

He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—trogein—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John <u>6:66</u>). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John <u>6:63</u>, <u>67</u>).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see <u>1 Peter 2:4</u>).

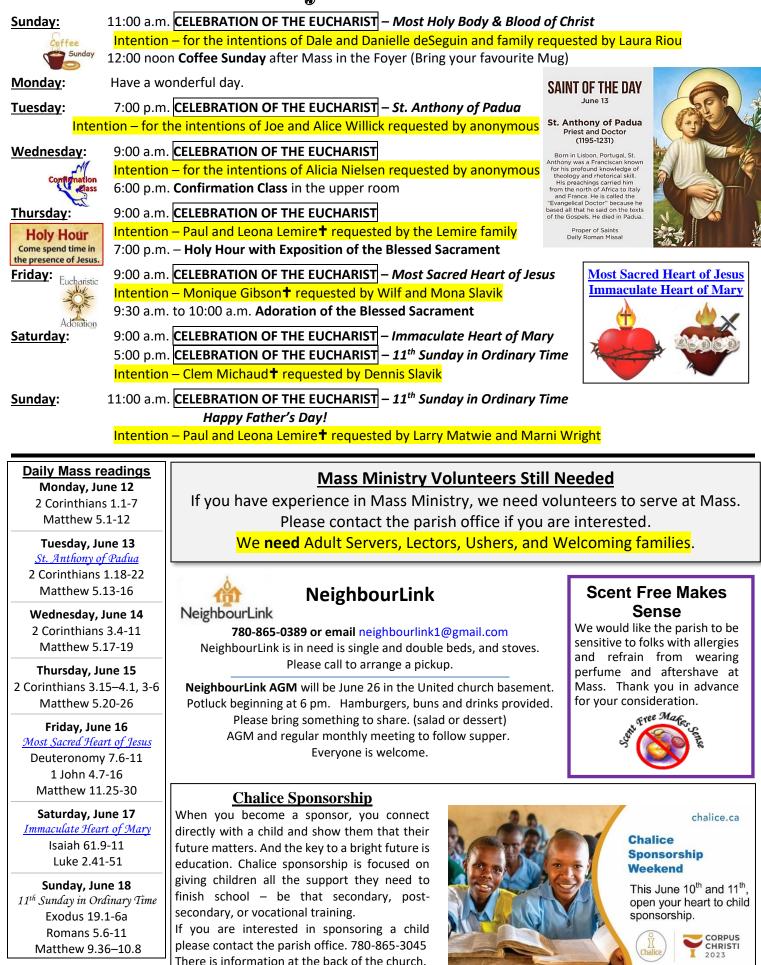
This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

-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 – June 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>



# 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 June 3/4, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$1956.60

May's Total Gift: \$13,633.55 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

### Volunteers Needed And Youth Group ages 12 to 17



Evergreen

Catholic

Schools

In Hinton

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next: June 15

Holy Hour Come spend time in the presence of Jesus. Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

**Called to Protect training**, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Wednesday June 14, 2023, 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session open for all. Please register. Registration link - https://forms.gle/YptUwXahFnCbKJwR7

# **Pastoral Visits**

If you have a family member who is homebound and feeling lonely or in hospital who would like a call or a visit from the Pastoral team, please call the parish office. 780-865-3045

### 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: \$7409.40 (61% of Goal)

# **HOW CAN I THANK JESUS?**



Jesus offers us his whole self: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He gives it freely, even though we don't deserve it. How can we repay such a gift? The answer is simple: by giving freely to others. Your gift to *Together We Serve* is an opportunity to say "thank you" to Jesus.

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) Ask at the parish office how you can give to *Together We Serve* or scan here to **GIVE NOW**:

- 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 SeminarySt. Joseph's College

Donate

Weekly Collection – All cheques *must* be made out to <u>Our Lady of the Foothills</u> (OLOF) if you want a tax receipt for your donations. This includes Together We Serve. Please note on the <u>memo</u> 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%.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Ages 3-6, Saturday mornings 10:00 to 11:30. Call Dennis at 780-865-0151 for more information and to book an introductory lesson.

# The Rosary

- 1. <u>On Zoom</u>: Monday is finished until September a Rosary for our Priests, Deacon, and parish team
- 2. <u>At the church</u>: Wednesday mornings before Mass a Rosary for our parish family.
- 3. <u>At the cemetery:</u> Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. the a Rosary for the souls in purgatory Rosar



#### For zoom link or info, email Gary: gcgiffin@gmail.com **Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture** June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join us.

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# Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
Saturday June 17 5:00 p.m.	Randy Jones	lna Lawrence Paula Nolan	Kathleen's Group	Robert and Irene Forcier	Glenn Ross Ken Work Robert Forcier Irene Forcier	
Sunday June 18 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed	Linda Jones Sarah Shah Deacon carries book	Kathleen's Group	Jo Holba	Ken Brady Christian Ludwig Karl Holba Jo Holba	РРС

### **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

# 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.



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** 



# 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

# 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 ONE – Developing Baby**

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception.

Your baby has developed the foundations of his/her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the  $20^{th}$  day. His/her heart began to beat on the  $21^{st}$  day. His/her heart is pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his/her mother to give him/her the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.

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

# Pregnancy Care Centre – Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Pick up your baby bottle at the back of the church and return it on Father's Day. Donation envelopes are also available at the back of the church if you wish.

# Prayer chain coordinator needed

The prayer chain is a group of people who have volunteered to pray for those in need. This program is up and running, we just need someone to take over the coordinator position. You would be the person who takes the calls from people asking for prayer and relay the message to the prayer list leaders. If you are interested in taking over this position, please call the parish office. The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting their next Mass with Healing Service on Saturday June 17, 6:30 pm start, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding. It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960-112 St NW, Edmonton). Jesus said, *"I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in Me will never thirst."* John 6:35



### Yard Maintenance Volunteers Needed

Please call the parish office if you are interested in helping with the yard maintenance on the church property.



"Do you know someone that is attending the University of Alberta? Or even returning for another year of study? St. Joseph's College is a Catholic College at the UofA and offers courses as well as residences. Their Men's Residence is full this year, but spaces are available in our women's residence. St. Joseph's College is located in the middle of campus and has apartments available for this September (contact sjcres@ualberta.ca) "Visit this YouTube video link for more information"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LywhsG9Fm4





Found in the church, does this belong to you? Please call the parish office.



St Gregory Kindergarten 2023-2024



St Gregory Kindergarten utilizes a multi-aged, play based, team teaching approach that encourages a love for learning bases on the interest and passions of the children, increasing social skills, encouraging creativity and emphasizing literacy and numeracy, with a strong focus on character development in a faith filled environment.

We offer a Monday-Friday full day program. Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2023. A copy of your child's birth certificate will be required upon registration.

Registration forms are available at www.scges.ca or by calling St Gregory office at 780-865-4555.

Please see our virtual school tour at www.sgces.ca.

# Catholic Family Life

June 29-July 3 • Lac Ste. Anne, AB (Extended Days) Site Opens Thursday, June 29: 8:00 AM (\*Pick up your Registration Packages at the CFM Tent)

### Join us on Thursday, June 29 'FUN DAY'

Games and Activities for the Whole Family Opening and Welcome Mass 6:30 PM with Fr. Paul Moret Followed by the Annual Adoration and Benediction

**Regular Conference Sessions Begin Friday 9:00 AM** with Fr. Larry Richards, back to challenge and inspire us to respond to Christ's Call to make Disciples of all nations.