



# Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community

## March 12, 2023

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

### Mass Readings

Exodus

17.3-7

Psalms 95

Romans

5.1-2, 5-8

John

4.5-42



### Parish Pastoral Council

#### Pastor

Father Anthony Narisetty

#### Associate Pastor

Father Jinu Rajan

#### Deacon

Ed Meding

#### Chairperson

Mike Meagher

#### Parish Council Members

Dale deSequin

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Presidents

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Striking the Rock

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert.

Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm.

Jesus is thirsty, too in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see [John 19:28](#)). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see [Luke 11:31-32](#)).

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see [2 Kings 17:6, 24-41](#)). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see [John 19:34-37](#)).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see [John 7:38-39](#)), the gift of God (see [Hebrews 6:4](#)).

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see [Ephesians 2:12-14, 18](#)). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)).

In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob.

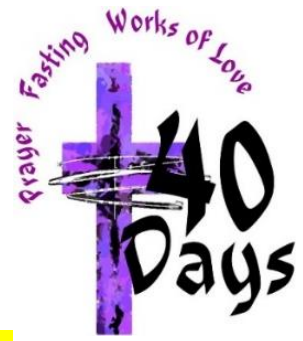
In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

—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 – March 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>



**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



**Intention** – for the intentions of Haley Alvarez requested by Yvonne Hearsey

12:00 noon **Coffee Sunday** in the foyer. Come and meet Fr. Jinu.

**Monday:** Have a wonderful day!

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

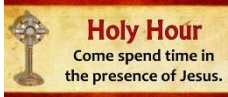


**Intention** – for the intentions of Kevin Rosmer requested by Ron and Barb Rosmer

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – We welcome the Grade 10 class at Mass today.

**Intention** – TBA

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – We welcome the Grade 11 class at Mass today.



**Intention** – for the intentions of Nicholas Kovacs requested by Barb and Ron Rosmer

7:00 p.m. **Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



**Intention** – Tad Kolczyk† and Mark Kolczyk† requested by Viesha Kolczyk

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

6:00 p.m. **Lenten meal in the hall**



7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Intention** – Paolo Spaliviero† requested by Antonia Bertolin

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Intention** – for the intentions of Jacob deSeguin, on his birthday, requested by Dale and Danielle deSeguin

## Welcome to Fr. Jinu Rajan

Please welcome Fr. Jinu at Mass this weekend. Join us after mass on Sunday for coffee and snacks in the foyer.



### Daily Mass readings

#### Monday, March 13

2 Kings 5.1-15a  
Luke 4.24-30

#### Tuesday, March 14

Daniel 3.25, 34-43  
Matthew 18.21-35

#### Wednesday, March 15

Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9  
Matthew 5.17-19

#### Thursday, March 16

Jeremiah 7.23-28  
Luke 11.14-23

#### Friday, March 17

Hosea 14.1-9  
Mark 12.28b-34

#### Saturday, March 18

Hosea 5.15b – 6.6  
Luke 18.9-14

#### Sunday, March 19

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13  
Ephesians 5.8-14  
John 9.1-41

### Mass Ministry Volunteers Still 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.



### Easter Choir

We will be forming a choir to sing at both the Easter Vigil Mass and the Easter Sunday Mass. We welcome anyone who would like to join to prepare for these beautiful celebrations. It is a short commitment; we will meet on Tuesday evenings after Mass (about 7:30) in the church beginning March 21 for 3 weeks in a row (March 21, 28, April 4). For more information please contact Kathleen at 780-223-7282.



NeighbourLink

### NeighbourLink

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

NeighbourLink is in need of beds (single and double) and washing machines. Please call to arrange a pickup.

### Called To Protect Training (an abuse prevention training session by ZOOM)

**Day time:** Friday, March 10, 2023, 1 pm - 3:30 pm. register link to: <https://forms.gle/YttiUzbmW98tcvsy8>  
OR

**Evening:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 7 pm - 9:30 pm. register link to: <https://forms.gle/YvvoEuvHiGo5jM3VA>

The two and a half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese.

**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.



## 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: **\$2827.00 (23% of Goal)**



For more information:  
[www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve](http://www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve)

Together in  
**UNITY**

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%.



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. 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](mailto:gcgiffin@gmail.com)

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Join the Knights as they recite a **rosary for pregnant women and their unborn children**. We will be outside the church by the memorial for the unborn at 6:30 p.m.



## Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture

April 5, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join us.



## YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

**March 4/5, 2023**

Sunday Offering: \$2334.35

March 6 Auto Debit: \$2741.00

February's Total Gift: \$ 11,237.03

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*

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St. Gregory  
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780-865-4555  
[www.sgces.ca](http://www.sgces.ca)

Fr. Gerard Redmond  
Gr. 5 – 12  
780-865-2820  
[www.grccs.ca](http://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

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next: March 14

**Holy Hour**  
Come spend time in  
the presence of Jesus.

Everyone is welcome.  
Deacon Ed presiding

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



## Lent Reconciliation Service

Prepare for the  
Easter Season by  
celebrating the  
Sacrament  
of Reconciliation  
during Lent!



**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.**



# Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
<b>Saturday March 18 5:00 p.m.</b>	Randy Smith	Ginnie Blair Paula Nolan	School Group	Rick and Shelley Appel	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Ken Work Rick Appel	
<b>Sunday March 19 11:00 a.m.</b>	Marni Wright Deacon Ed Meding	Kathleen Giffin Sarah Shah Deacon Carries book	School Group	Karl and Jo Holba	Christian Ludwig Karl Holba Jo Holba Florjie Michaud	PPC

## 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

# Welcome to Kindergarten

## Kindergarten Open House

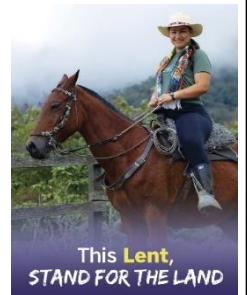
St Gregory will be having a Kindergarten Open House on Monday, March 20 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Please join us for a presentation of our Kindergarten program, question period and a school tour. Coffee and donuts will be provided.  
If you have any questions please call 780-865-4555.

## Colombia: defence of land and territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at [devp.org/lenet](http://devp.org/lenet).



## 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

## 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)

# Make Lent 40 DAYS OF AWESOME

## 10-Day Biblical Journey at Holy Land and Jordan

Price: CAD \$ 5,075.00 per pilgrim on double occupancy

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).

Please see information at the back of the church.



Fr. Francis Mariappa  
Fr. Anthony Narisetty  
Spiritual Directors



## WAY OF HOLINESS

*Retreat Center & Lay Community*

### JESUS - OUR COMPANION IN SUFFERING LENTEN RETREAT

We all experience suffering, pain, grief, loss, and health struggles and sometimes even take on the struggles of others. This lenten retreat will guide you into creating a deeper connection with Jesus and help you invite Jesus into your suffering and the sufferings of others you carry.

Come and find comfort in the arms of Jesus



When: Thursday, March 23 @ 6:30 pm (arrival)  
- Sunday, March 26 @ 1pm (departure)



Where: Way Of Holiness Retreat Center &  
Lay Community - Hinton, Alberta



Cost: \$200 (Includes lodging, food,  
conference, & gift)



Reserve your spot by going to:  
<https://wayofholiness.ca/retreatcalendar/>  
or by calling 780-865-4055  
or emailing [retreat@wayofholiness.net](mailto:retreat@wayofholiness.net)

**INCLUDES\* Lodging, food, conference & gift!**

We will have time for questions, fireside chats, and creative experiences  
Come relax, be renewed and journey with Jesus this lent!

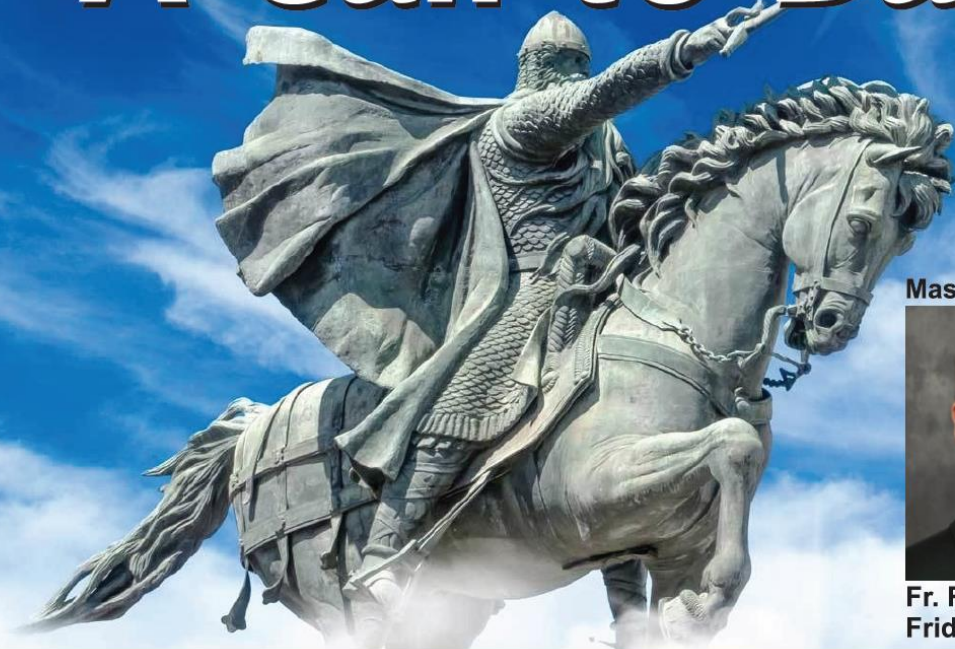


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# MEN of INTEGRITY

*Lead by Example!*

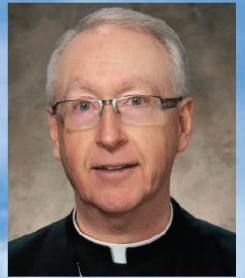
# A Call to Battle



## Mass Celebrants



Fr. Robert Lee  
Friday 7PM



AB Richard Smith  
Saturday 8AM

## Strengthening the Family Through the Sacred Heart



Fr. Troy Nguyen



Fr. Frank Sharma



Fr. Paul Moret



Charles Marple

**March 24-25, 2023**

Holy Family Parish

75 Poirier Avenue, St. Albert, Alberta

### REGISTER TODAY!

Conference Registration: \$60/Man • \$40/Student

Invite Friends! Register Early! Check web site for Details!

Online Registration Ends Thursday, March 23



"The Future of Humanity  
Passes by Way of the Family."  
St. John Paul the Great

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