



Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community March 17, 2024

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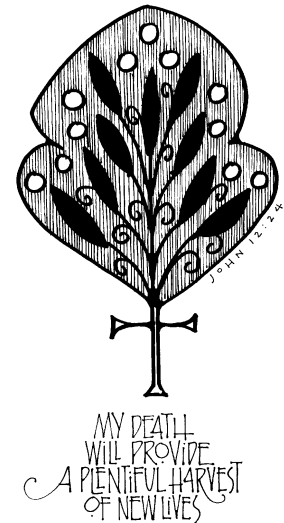
Mass Readings

Jeremiah
31.31-34

Psalm 51

Hebrews
5.7-9

John
12.20-33



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

The "Hour" Comes

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see [Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8](#)). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see [John 11:52](#)). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see [John 3:14-15](#)). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see [Isaiah 52:3](#)). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see [1 Maccabees 8:13](#)).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see [Acts 2:33](#); [Philippians 2:9](#)).

Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

— 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 17th – 24th

Sunday, (Mar 17): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 5th Sunday of Lent



Intention – for the intentions of Fr. Anthony Narisetty on the anniversary of his ordination requested by the St. Gregory staff and students

12:00 noon **Coffee and Cake Farewell** for Fr. Jimmy in the foyer after Mass

Monday: Have a wonderful week!

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *St. Joseph, spouse of BVMary*

Intention – for the intentions of Alice Willick requested by the CWL

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

Intention – TBA

6:00 p.m. **Celebration of First Reconciliation** in the church

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

Intention – Paolo Spaliviero † requested by Antonia Bertolin

1:00 p.m. **Bible Study on the Sunday Readings** at Gwen's (164 McPherson Dr)

7:00 p.m. **Lenten Reconciliation Service with Holy Hour** in the church

7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** in the Hall

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

Intention – Lucienne Forcier † requested by Rick and Shelley Appel

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

6:00 p.m. **Embracing the Power & the Presence of the Holy Spirit Workshop**

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. **Embracing the Power & the Presence of the Holy Spirit Workshop**

10:00 a.m. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's program** in the church

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Palm Sunday of the Passion*

Intention – Mark † and Tad Kolczyk † requested by Vieasha Kolczyk

Sunday, (Mar 24): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – *Palm Sunday of the Passion*

Daily Mass readings

Monday, March 18

Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-64
John 8.1-11

Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph, spouse of BVMary
2 Samuel 7.4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Romans 4.13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2.41-51a

Wednesday, March 20

Daniel 3.13-20, 24,
49-50, 91-95
John 8.31-42

Thursday, March 21

Genesis 17.3-9
John 8.51-59

Friday, March 22

Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13
John 10.31-42

Saturday, March 23

Ezekiel 37.21-28
John 11.45-57

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Palm Pro: Mark 11.1-10
Isaiah 50.4-7
Philippians 2.6-11
Mark 14.1–15.47

This Lent, please give generously.

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *Reaping our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.



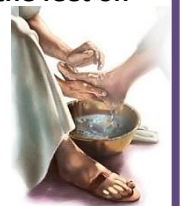
Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia
Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give.
Thank you for your solidarity!



12 Volunteers are needed for Washing of the feet on Holy Thursday.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed

We need volunteers to serve at Mass.

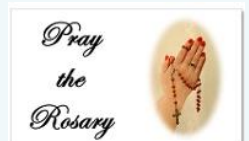
Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

We need Music Ministry Leaders, Adult Servers, Lectors, Ushers, and Welcoming families.

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.**
3. *On Zoom:* for our clergy (Sacred-Art rosary), **Tuesdays, 8:00 pm**

Meeting ID: 886 5905 6308 Passcode: 395944



FAREWELL & GOOD WISHES

We would like to wish Fr. Jimmy all the best.

Thank you for your service here in Hinton. You were such a blessing to us. God be with you wherever you go from here.

Holy Hour and Lent Reconciliation Service

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

Lent

Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Sacraments of Initiation


Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of
BAPTISM - 1ST RECONCILIATION - 1ST 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.  **PLEASE PRAY**

YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

March 2/3: Sunday Offering: \$1660.25 

Special project total: \$15,431.55

February Total Gift: \$12,425.20
Monthly Budget need: \$15,350.00

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



Hope & Dignity

Hope & Dignity is a pastoral initiative in the Archdiocese of Edmonton to equip Catholics to be effective witnesses in their families, parishes, workplaces and communities. In response to the pro-"MAiD" messages we hear from the secular media, government and even our highest court, the Catholic Church offers **real hope** and **true dignity** to those who are suffering and dying.

A Catholic response to

Euthanasia
and **Assisted Suicide**

For more information, visit:

hopeanddignity.caedm.ca

Our Easter Masses are beautiful celebrations of the risen Christ.

Look for our Easter invite in your mailbox.

It will include Easter Mass times, and QR codes to access videos about our faith.



Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

(The yellow envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Our 2024 Goal \$ 12,000.00

Thank you for your donations.

Total Raised in 2024: **\$3010.95. (25% 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, support 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: [Website](#)

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%.

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

Last weekend's Donations: **\$16.70** **Thank you.**

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

For more information contact Dennis 780-865-0151 or the Parish office at 865-3045

Mitten Tree – Thank you to our Parish Community for the donations to our Mitten Tree! All the hats, mitts, gloves and socks were gratefully received by the disadvantaged in Hinton. Blessing to everyone!

THANK YOU

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday March 23rd 5:00 p.m. <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	Barb Marchant	1 st - Ina Lawrence 2 nd - Barb Kneteman N- Paula Nolan S1- Ina Lawrence S2&S3- Barb Kneteman	School	Wendy Mackney	Glenn Ross Ken Brady Wes Litke Ken Work	
Palm Sunday March 24th 11:00 a.m.	Randy Jones Deacon Ed Meding	1 st - Mike Meagher 2 nd - Kathleen Giffin N- Marni Wright S1- Deacon Ed Meding S2&S3- Mike Meagher	School	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Christian Ludwig Mike Meagher Bonnie Meagher Dodie Reyes Pinpin	KofC

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

Knights of Columbus

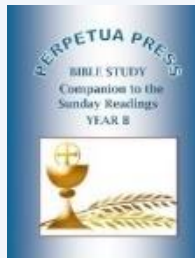
All men (18 and up) are welcome to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Please contact the parish office for more information 780-865-3045 www.kofc.org
KofC online video series – Into the Breach



BIBLE STUDY on the UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS.

All are welcome on Thursdays at 1:00 pm at Gwen's. Bring 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.



The Share Shop

open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 3 pm daily. Drop off bins are open for donations 9 am - 7 pm. All volunteers are welcome to come in and help. Thank you to everyone for your continued support through donations or shopping in the store.



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



Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture
March 20th at 10:00 a.m.
You are welcome to join us.

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.



Fundraiser for carpet in the church

Thank you to all parishioners for the generous donations we have received for the carpet fund. To date we have received **\$15,431.55** and need **\$4,568.45** to reach our goal of \$20,000.00. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you want to donate. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

Thank you once again for your generous donations and prayers towards this project.



NeighbourLink

780-865-0389 or email neighbourlink1@gmail.com

NeighbourLink is in need of single and double beds, washing machines and kitchen tables.

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.



Ladies Bible Study

Next is March 11
at 7:00 p.m. at 436 Boutin Ave.
Led by Bonnie Meagher

Please call the parish office or Bea Moir for more info.



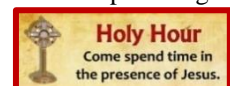
124 Market St. Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
For information call 780-865-3045 or Marni
Volunteers are welcome.

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament (with Reconciliation)

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. **Next: March 21**
Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding

sponsored
by the KofC



EMBRACING the POWER & THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Friday, March 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

How many children attending (if any, and including names)? _____

Phone Number _____

Days Attending: (circle one) **Friday / Saturday / Both**

We will provide lunch on Saturday and coffee/donuts/muffins Saturday morning

Food allergies (if any): _____

May we contact you in the future regarding this workshop or other Parish events? **Y / N**

Overnight accommodations are available at The Way of Holiness Retreat Centre, for
A love offering.

To ensure everyone can come we will not be charging an admission. We will be asking for a free will offering. If you are able to give we would appreciate it. The team putting on this workshop for us come from as far away as Lethbridge.

You will be able to make an offering by cheque or cash. If you would prefer
Making an e-transfer, that will be available as well

Please return this registration form to **Beatriz Moir** as early as possible
(bea_earth@hotmail.com) 780-740-4898

If you don't have a scanner, just take a picture of it and send that.

"God gives his spirit without measure." ~ John 3:34