



# Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community March 19, 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

1 Samuel  
16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians  
5.8-14

John  
9.1-41



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

### Eyesight to the Blind

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see [John 9:11](#)). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see [John 9:4](#); [12:44](#)). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see [John 4:10](#); [7:38-39](#)).

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see [Exodus 3:1](#); [Psalm 78:70-71](#)), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see [John 10:11](#)).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

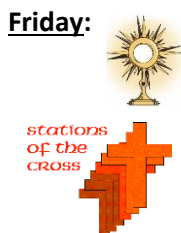
—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D

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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 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

- 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
- Monday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – for the intentions of Paolo Spavillero requested by the Catholic Women’s League  
 7:30 p.m. Easter Choir practice in the church. All are welcome to join.  
 7:30 p.m. Evangelization Committee meeting in the upper room
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – We welcome the Grade 9 class at Mass today.  
 Intention – TBA  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary for Pregnant Women and Their Unborn Children outside by the Memorial to the unborn  
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – We welcome the Grade 8 class at Mass today.  
 Intention – TBA
- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 Intention – John Mittenberg† requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work  
 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** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 Intention – Andrew† and Mary Bugaida† requested by Anne Resek
- Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 Intention – for the intentions of Daniel Witzaney, requested by Dale and Danielle deSeguin



Daily Mass readings	
<b>Monday, March 20</b>	St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM 2 Samuel 7.4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Romans 4.13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a or Gospel: Luke 2.41-51
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12 John 5.1-16
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b>	Isaiah 49.8-15 John 5.16-30
<b>Thursday, March 23</b>	Exodus 32.7-14 John 5.18, 31-47
<b>Friday, March 24</b>	Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22 John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38
<b>Sunday, March 26</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Ezekiel 37.12-14 Romans 8.8-11 John 11.1-45

**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**

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 will be offered on Tuesday March 21, 2023, 7 pm - 9:30 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be an **in-person session conducted at St Agnes parish, Edmonton.**  
 To register, use the link : <https://forms.gle/3M3nGsMQvjUKe666A>


## 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.  **PLEASE PRAY**



### YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

March 11/12, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$1077.05  
Development and Peace: \$15.00

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*

### 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.**

### 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: \$2872.00 (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.



Evergreen Catholic Schools In Hinton



St. Gregory  
ECS – Gr. 4  
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)

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# Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
<b>Saturday March 25 5:00 p.m.</b>	Randy Smith	Ina Lawrence Ren Werbicki	Kathleen's Group	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Ken Brady Glenn Ross Aniceto Traspaderme <b>TBA</b>	
<b>Sunday March 26 11:00 a.m.</b>	Ange Giffin Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed Meding	Mike Meagher Gwen Meding Deacon Carries book	Kathleen's Group	Mike and Bonnie Meagher	Christian Ludwig Cel Marchildon Bonnie Meagher Brian Beauchamp	KofC

## 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



## 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.

## Standing for the Land in Honduras

Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC.

Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).



## 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!

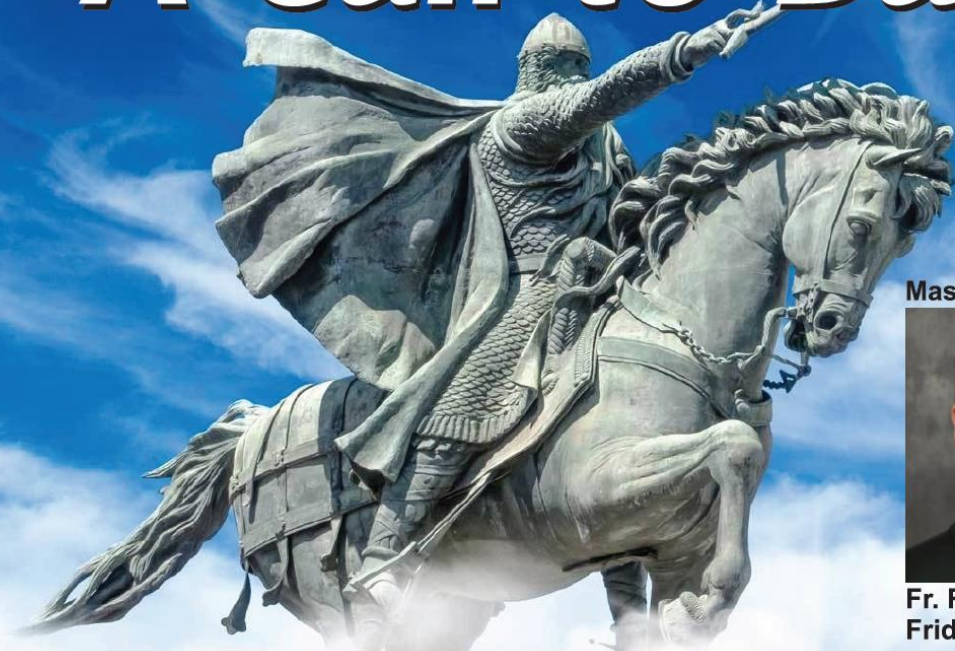


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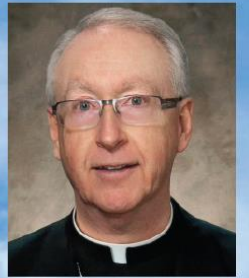
# A Call to Battle



### 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



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