

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community March 9, 2025

LUKE 4:4

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Mass Readings

Deuteronomy
26.4-10

Psalm 91

Romans
10.8-13

Luke
4.1-13



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First Sunday of Lent

Forty Days

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see [Luke 3:22](#); [Exodus 4:22](#)). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see [Exodus 15:25](#)).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see [Exodus 16:1-13](#)). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see [Exodus 17:1-6](#)). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see [Exodus 32](#)).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see [Deuteronomy 8:3](#); [6:16](#), [12-15](#)).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see [Genesis 7:12](#); [Exodus 24:18](#); [34:28](#); [1 Kings 19:8](#); [Jonah 3:4](#)), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting [Deuteronomy 30:14](#); [Isaiah 28:16](#); [Joel 2:32](#)).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord ... and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

— 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 9th – 16th



Sunday, (Mar 9): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 1st Sunday of Lent

Intention – James Lindsay† requested by Anne Resek

Monday:  7:00 p.m. **Flame of Love Youth Group** in the hall

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

Intention – for the intentions of Ron and Barb Rosmer requested by Christine Gamache

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

Intention – for the intentions of Bev Delvecchio requested by Marni Wright and Larry Matwie



6:00 p.m. **First Reconciliation Class** in the hall

Thursday:  **No Mass today**

1:00 p.m. **Bible Study on next Sunday 's Readings** at Meding's

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

Intention – for the intentions of Mary Lou LaFrance and family requested by Oran and Bibianne Howsam

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

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

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. **Women's Lenten Lunch** at Way of Holiness. Sign up at the back of the church.



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

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Intention – James Lindsay† requested by Paula Nolan and Ken Work

Sunday, (Mar 16): 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Intention – for the intentions of Antonia Bertolin requested by Angele Lemire and Family

Daily Mass readings

Monday March 10

Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25.31-46

Tuesday, March 11

Isaiah 55.10-11
Matthew 6.7-15

Wednesday, March 12

Jonah 3.1-10
Luke 11.29-32

Thursday, March 13

Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14
Matthew 7.7-12

Friday, March 14

Ezekiel 18.21-28
Matthew 5.20-16

Saturday, March 15

Deuteronomy 26.16-19
Matthew 5.43-48

Sunday, March 16

2nd Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3.17 – 4.1
Luke 9.28b-36

Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed

We need volunteers to serve at Mass.

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

If you are interested in joining a Parish Ministry, please fill out the Stewardship Ministry sign up form at the back of the church and bring it to the parish office. Thank you

WOMEN'S Lenten Lunch

*All ladies, 16 and over, are invited
to a Lent Event.*

March 15 at beginning at 9:30 a.m.
ending with lunch
at the Way of Holiness

*Alice Murray, from Caroline, is our guest speaker.
"After a Courageous Battle - a Caregivers Story"*

Alice Murray shares the difficulty and sorrow but also the beauty and grace of loving someone from this world into the next. Twenty years ago, Alice cared for Susan, her 30-year-old sister during her cancer battle. Her sister's greatest wish was to die with dignity. This has become a catch phrase for those in support of assisted suicide. Alice details how there can be a whole lot of dignity, peace and even joy in following God's timing.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lent observance this Jubilee year.

**33 Days to Eucharistic Glory,
A Spiritual Pilgrimage,**

This book has a short daily reading and reflection for 33 days which each person may do on their own. At the Tuesday evening mass on April 8 there will be a time for a special Eucharistic consecration. **Monday nights at 7 pm, join a Zoom group for 33 Day to Eucharistic Glory.** Give and receive encouragement as you share your unfolding Lenten journey. This is free flowing, you can come to one, some, or all - no pressure!

Send an email to
gcgiffin@gmail.com
and I'll send you the link.



Please **DO NOT** park in driveway in front of the church doors.

It is for emergency use only. If someone has an ambulance emergency, we need it kept clear of cars. And so that people can be dropped off for Mass there.

Sacraments of Initiation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of

BAPTISM

1ST RECONCILIATION - 1ST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 or 7)

please call the parish office if you would like to register your child for classes.

First Reconciliation Classes begin March 12

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

March 1/2: \$2521.25

March 3 Auto Debit: \$2,621.00

Building Fund: \$ 261.30



February Total Gift: \$11,548.30
Monthly Budget need: \$14,875.00

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

Who ever took the boxes of envelopes #24, #29, and #44, please call the parish office. I need your name.

Children's Collection

Through the Children's collection, the young people of our parish can help with the upkeep of our parish building through the building fund. For more info call the parish office 865-3045

Last Sunday's Donations: \$ 46.30 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

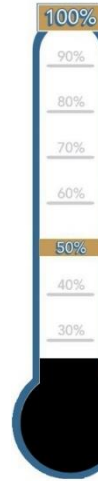
information and to book an introductory lesson.

Flame of Love Youth Group

Mondays 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



TOGETHER we serve

ONE CHURCH. ONE GIFT.

FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

Annual Appeal

Proposed 2025 Goal \$ 12,600.00

Total Raised in 2025: \$ 3035.00 (24% of Goal)

Thank you for your donations.

Together we Serve supports 10 different Catholic organizations and institutions. 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.

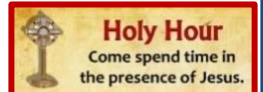
Please consider donating 1 hour of your wages/week or tithing 10%.

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

with Reconciliation
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Next: March 20.

Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding
sponsored by the KofC



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Brown who passed away March 6. She was sister of Kathleen Giffin of our parish.

Funeral will be held March 14 at 1:00 p.m.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



124 Market St.

Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Volunteers are welcome.

For information call
780-865-3045 or Marni

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday March 15 5:00 p.m.	Randy Jones Deacon Ed Meding	Irene Forcier Ren Werbicki <i>(Deacon Carries book)</i>	School Group	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Glenn Ross Robert Forcier Irene Forcier Ken Brady	
Sunday March 16 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Marni Wright Deacon Ed Meding	Linda Jones Christine Gamache <i>(Deacon Carries book)</i>	School Group	Annette Buschert	Christian Ludwig Ron Rosmer Jain Sales Cel Marchildon	PPC

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](#)



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



NeighbourLink

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

NeighbourLink is in need of single beds and washing machines.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE News Euthanasia presentation recording



Upcoming Events: March 15 – 11:30 a.m. Birthday Lunch at L&



Pine Valley Lodge Song & Scripture

April 2 at 10:00 a.m.
You are welcome to join us.

Respect for Life Prayers for March 9

When we despair in our battle for Life, losing hope that anything can change, Lord help us to pray, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust."



"The rosary is the weapon for these times." – St. Padre Pio

Pray
the
Rosary



Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. At the cemetery: for the souls in purgatory

contact Gary to get on the weekly notification list gcgiffin@gmail.com.

Cupcake Appreciation

On Saturday March 22 and Sunday March 23, cupcakes will be served to our parishioners after mass. Let's celebrate the time, talents and support of parishioners who pitch in to help make our parish home a warm and welcoming place.

Take home a cupcake on your way out of mass and know that each one of you is important and your efforts in making our parish a home, does not go unnoticed.



A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart. 😊

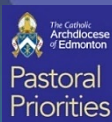
All are welcome to attend a

Monthly FAMILY ROSARY & POTLUCK

At Way of Holiness at 5:30 p.m.
Every Last Sunday of the Month

For more info, please contact Laura Riou

be it done



Pastoral
Priorities

Learn more at: CAedm.ca

Living in the Word through:

worship

We are a faith community that understands and joyfully celebrates the Eucharist.

witness

We are a faith community confident in proclaiming the Great Story to our work and life communities.

service

We are a faith community that supports families, and recognizes marriage and family are the core of God's plan.

Pray an AVE Today

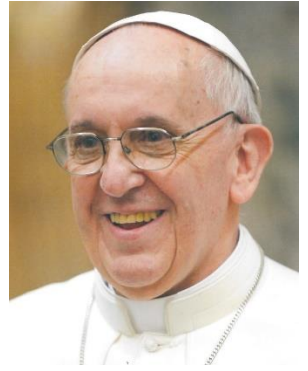
One Hail Mary



For Our Pastors

Fr. Anthony Narisetty and
Fr. Marreddy Udumala

Our Lord, As Francis, our beloved pope, suffers from grave illnesses, we come before you in prayer. We ask you to look with mercy on your servant Francis, who has served you devotedly and tirelessly as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and as pope. Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered in his public ministry, especially those who were poor or in any way struggling. During his papacy, Francis has striven to imitate your Son by reaching out to all who were feeling abandoned, ignored or neglected, making it his special task to care for those who were in any way sick. As Francis himself now faces serious and complex illnesses, help the doctors, nurses and medical team who care for him, help him bear any pain with grace and help him to heal quickly. Send your Holy Spirit, your own breath, into his weakened lungs to heal him, inspire him and raise him up again so that he may live out his vocation as the Vicar of Christ. But if it is your will, loving God, to take him to yourself, let his passing into new life be painless and peaceful. We ask all this in your Holy Name. Amen.



Come and visit us!



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School Website



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