

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community September 17, 2023

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Mary Lou will not be in the office on Monday, Sept 18.

Mass Readings

Sirach
27.30-28.7

Psalm 103

Romans
14.7-9

Matthew
18.21-35



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Debt We Owe

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

—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 – September 17th – 24th



Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention – Kevin Curtis Hand† requested by Mark and Lauren Slavik

12:00 noon Knights of Columbus meal in the hall. All are welcome.

Monday: Have a wonderful day!

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

Intention – Florence Joannette† requested by the CWL

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & companions

Intention – Rudy and Carol Ross† requested by the Knights of Columbus

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

Intention – For the intentions of Grace Marchildon requested by Athena and Cel Marchildon

Holy Hour
Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

7:00 p.m. **Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation**

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

Intention – for a special intention requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin

At the entrance of the church, there is a walker and wheelchair for your convenience while in the Church and Parish Hall. Please feel free to use these as needed.



Saturday: 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention – Paul and Leona Lemire† requested by Rene and Angele Lemire

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention – TBA

Daily Mass readings

Monday, September 18

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Luke 7.1-10

Tuesday, September 19

1 Timothy 3.1-13

Luke 7.11-17

Wednesday, September 20

St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & companions

1 Timothy 3.14-16

Luke 7.31-35

Thursday, September 21

St. Matthew

Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13

Matthew 9.9-13

Friday, September 22

1 Timothy 6.2c-12

Luke 8.1-3

Saturday, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

(Saint Padre Pio)

1 Timothy 6.13-16

Luke 8.4-15

Sunday, September 24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55.6-9

Philippians 1.20-24, 27

Matthew 20.1-16

Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed

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.



NeighbourLink

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

NeighbourLink is in need of beds - all sizes. Couches, love seats and washing machines. Please call to arrange a pickup.

NeighbourLink is having a "FALL CLEANUP" of furniture that is not moving to make room and clean up our storage area. This will only be furniture that we have obtained that does not go out on a regular basis and we need to get rid of before winter to make room in our storage area. Saturday - Sept 23rd - 11am - 3pm - weather permitting NeighbourLink storage - 889 Switzer Dr Any questions please call 780-865-0389 Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated as NeighbourLink is non-profit organization run by an amazing group of volunteers.

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.



Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next: September 21

Everyone is welcome. Deacon Ed presiding

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



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Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.



CWL Lunch Meeting

On Monday, Sept. 25, lunch will be served at noon in the church hall. Guest Speaker, Pat Keith (Diocesan Secretary) will give a presentation re: National CWL's Unity Outreach Program. there will be a short council business meeting to follow. All CWL members are welcome.


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
September 9/10, 2023
Sunday Offering: \$1,860.00

August's Total Gift: \$10,733.20
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

Attention Collection Envelope Users.

Who ever has the box of envelopes with the number 24, please call the parish office. In order for you to receive a receipt for your donations, I need to know who you are.

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 information, please call the parish office 865-3045

Last week's donation: \$4.35 Thank you.

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered TBA. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session. Please register.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart - Oct 6

Every Mass on the first Friday of the month will be devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

There will be special prayers offered at this Mass.



Ladies Bible Study

beginning on October 2nd, every other Monday, at 7:00 p.m.
at 436 Boutin Ave.

Please call the parish office or Bonnie Meagher for more info



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: **\$9253.91 (77% 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 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 is finished until further notice** 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

The **Share Shop** is open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 3 pm daily. Drop off bins are open for donations 9 am to 7 pm. Because of more and more theft from the bins, we have to lock them in the evenings - we hope donations will not be left out front on the sidewalk.

Thank you for all your support.



NEWCOMERS:

We are blessed that you have chosen to join us in worship and ministry here at Our Lady of the Foothills Parish. If you are new or have not registered, please complete a Registration Form available at the back of the church and drop it off at the office or in the collection basket during the weekend masses. WELCOME!

Ministry Schedule

| MINISTRY SCHEDULE | ADULT SERVERS | LECTORS (READERS) | MUSIC MINISTRY | WELCOMING | USHERS | CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| Saturday Sept 23 5:00 p.m. | Randy Smith | 1 st and Psalm Ina Lawrence 2 nd Paula Nolan | No Music Ministry | TBA | Glenn Ross Ken Work TBA TBA | |
| Sunday Sept 24 11:00 a.m. | Barb Marchant | 1 st and Psalm Sarah Shah 2 nd Florjie Michaud | No Music Ministry | Joe and Alice Willick | Ken Brady Christian Ludwig Jain Sales 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

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 www.kofc.org
[KofC online video series – Into the Breach](#)



Mass Intentions in the Holy Land

Father Anthony will be going to the Holy Land
November 6-15

If anyone would like to offer a Mass intention in the Holy Land you are welcome to do so.
Please call the parish office. 780-865-3045.
The Stipend is \$10 for each Mass offered.

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 FOUR – Developing Baby



“I had a dream!” Your baby’s brain has begun maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are now working.

Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her within an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to parents of the baby can be seen at this time. This month REMS (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming. Your baby is now about 9 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

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

Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture

September 27 at 10:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join us.

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

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www.sgces.ca

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Gr. 5 – 12
780-865-2820
www.grccs.ca

Ever Growing,
Learning, and
Living in Christ

The Knights of Columbus and Powers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

Why? Because families need strong husbands and fathers, and the world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. Through [Cor](#), men will be formed and sharpened as disciples of Jesus, who are committed to serving him and willing to boldly live and share their faith.

It is the mandate of every Catholic man to bring Jesus to a broken world. To live his faith and engage in this mission, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments.

Catholic men need to proactively invest in their on-going faith formation, to be a part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them to be holy men, husbands, and fathers, and to engage in the mission of the Church.

The mission of [Cor](#) is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**.

The goal of each [Cor](#) gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the **mission of evangelization** for their families and communities.

Please email [Gary Giffin](#) for more information on the Knights of Columbus. Or check out the website [Cor](#)



2023 Women of Dignity Conference - October 20-21 Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB 'Carry on Bravely'

Ladies this is your opportunity to come together with other like-minded women as you journey through life whether single, married, mother, from teen to granny we are inviting you to join us for a weekend of discernment and an opportunity to find meaning and purpose in life's challenges. Invite family and friends to make this a special faith-building journey and experience! Check out the website for conference information.

Register Online Today and take advantage of Early Discount Registration

www.catholicfamilyministries.com



2023 • CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Women of Dignity
"Carry on Bravely"
"The good Lord does not do things by halves, He always gives what we need - let us, Carry on Bravely."
St. Zelig Martin

EARLY BIRD
\$50 Woman/\$30 Student
MIDNIGHT SEPT. 30
\$60 Woman/\$40 /Student
Friday: 5:30-10 PM
REGISTRATION
MASS/TALK
ADORATION
RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 7:00-4:00 PM
REGISTRATION
MASS/TALKS
RECONCILIATION
LIGHT BREAKFAST
LUNCH
REFRESHMENTS
SNACKS

WEEKEND SPEAKERS & CELEBRANTS
Susanna Parent
Dr. Rebecca Genuis
Amanda Marleau
Fr. Frank Sharma
Fr. Jim Corrigan