



Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Faith Community September 3, 2023

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Mass Readings
Jeremiah 20.7-9; Psalm 63; Romans 12.1-2; Matthew 16.21-27

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Your Life

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see [Jeremiah 20:11–12](#)) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see [Hebrews 12:5–7](#)).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see [Hebrews 10:3–11](#); [Psalm 50:14, 23](#)).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see [1 Corinthians 1:23](#)). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see [Hebrews 13:15](#)). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

—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 3rd – 10th

- Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Intention – Andrew and Mary Bugaida † requested by Anne Resek
- Monday:** Have a wonderful day.
- Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
 Intention – for the intentions of Colton and Rachel Sedrovic requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
 Intention – TBA
 7:30 p.m. **Knights of Columbus meeting** in the hall
- Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**
 Intention – TBA
- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Intention – for the intentions of Ange Giffin requested by Gary and Kathleen Giffin
- Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Intention – Paul and Leona Lemire † requested by Rene and Angele Lemire
- Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Intention – TBA

Daily Mass readings

Monday, September 4

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
 Luke 4.16-30

Tuesday, September 5

1 Thessalonians 5.1-6, 9-11
 Luke 4.31-37

Wednesday, September 6

Colossians 1.1-8
 Luke 4.38-44

Thursday, September 7

Colossians 1.9-14
 Luke 5.1-11

Friday, September 8

Nativity of the BV Mary

Romans 8.28-30
 or Micah 5.2-5a
 Matthew 1.1-16, 18-23

Saturday, September 9

Colossians 1.21-23
 Luke 6.1-5

Sunday, September 10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ezekiel 33.7-9
 Romans 13.8-10
 Matthew 18.15-20

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

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.

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament And Reconciliation

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

Holy Hour
 Come spend time in
 the presence of Jesus.

Everyone is welcome.
 Deacon Ed presiding
 sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



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.



Prayer for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always, and everywhere. With the virgin mother Mary, we ask this through Christ your Son. Amen.

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

August 5/6, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$1799.00
August 8 Auto Debit: \$2681.00

Aug 12/13

Sunday Offering: \$1019.00

Aug 19/20

Sunday Offering: \$1303.20
August 21 Auto Debit: \$2706.00

Aug 26/27

Sunday Offering: \$1225.00



August's Total Gift: \$TBA
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

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
July offering: \$34.45 August offering: \$117.56 Thank you.

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Friday September 08, 2023, 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session. Please register.

- <https://forms.gle/3vBBUivnUJDc7eFz5>

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

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: **\$8762.11 (73% 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%.



Finished until September

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



Pine Valley Lodge Song and Scripture

September 27 at 10:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join us.

Evergreen Catholic Schools In Hinton



St. Gregory ECS – Gr. 4
780-865-4555
www.sgces.ca

Fr. Gerard Redmond Gr. 5 – 12
780-865-2820
www.grccs.ca

Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ

Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	ADULT SERVERS	LECTORS (READERS)	MUSIC MINISTRY	WELCOMING	USHERS	CHURCH CLEANING (The following Monday)
Saturday Sept 9 5:00 p.m.	Randy Smith	1 st and Psalm Barb Marchant Ren Werbicki	No music	Ren and Sue Werbicki	Glenn Ross Aniceto Traspaderme TBA TBA	
Sunday Sept 10 11:00 a.m.	Ange Giffin Dennis Slavik Deacon Ed	Sarah Shah Linda Jones Deacon Carries book	Kathleen's Group	Jo Holba	Ken Brady Christian Ludwig Jo and Karl Holba	Florjie and Ladies

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

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

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A Catholic Marriage Conference

Experience the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference
Sept. 22-23, 2023

in Spruce Grove at Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Register at:

<https://www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com/events/breathe-catholic-marriage-conference-spruce-grove>

or contact Denise at 306-369-2220