



# St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



10 NOVEMBER 2024 Roman Catholic Parish  
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Commemorating the sacrifices of members of the  
armed forces and of civilians in times of war.

NOVEMBER 11TH 2024



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### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm – High River

Sunday 9:00 am – Vulcan

Sunday 11:00 am – High River

### CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

## REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11





# Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# November 10, 2024



## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (1 Kings 17: 10-16) The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

**Second Reading:** (Hebrews 9:24-28) Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)).

**Gospel:** (Mark 12:38-44) Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.  
<https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.



## Why in the Catholic Church are we encouraged to pray through the intercessions of the saints and not directly to God?

In the Catholic Church, we are encouraged to pray through the intercession of saints, fostering a deeper sense of community in prayer and connecting with the "Communion of Saints." Saints, united with God in heaven, support us by joining their prayers with ours and bringing our intentions before Him.

This practice is uplifted for several reasons:

1. **Communion of Saints:** Catholic teaching emphasizes that all baptized Christians form one body in Christ, encompassing those in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory. Just as we seek prayers from family and friends, asking saints to intercede reflects our spiritual connectedness.
2. **Role Models in Faith:** Saints exemplify holy lives rooted in Christ's teachings. By seeking their intercession, we draw inspiration from their virtuous examples as we strive to follow Christ more closely.
3. **Spiritual Family in Heaven:** Saints are seen as loving spiritual family members, eager to help us grow closer to God. Through their intercession, we access their love and wisdom, which they graciously share from their place in God's presence.
4. **Unique Patronages and Special Intercessors:** Different saints are associated with specific causes and challenges, such as St. Christopher for travelers and St. Jude for difficult cases. Praying to these saints for particular needs fosters a personal connection in our requests to God.

Ultimately, all prayers are directed to God. Saints are not separate gods or intermediaries who replace our direct connection to Him. Instead, praying through the saints enriches our prayer life, making it a shared and communal experience rooted in the love and support of the entire body of Christ, both on earth and in heaven.

## PRIDE

Pride is the first of the seven deadly sins. One falls into pride when one lacks trust in God and his mercy and becomes arrogant, hypocritical, and self-centered. Reinhold Neibuhr, who has been referred to as the twentieth-century theologian of sin, summed up humanity's basic sin -- our unwillingness to acknowledge our creatureliness, our self-elevation, in one word: PRIDE.

### Neibuhr described the four types of pride:

The pride of power wants power to gain security for self or to maintain a power position considered to be secure.

Intellectual pride rises from human knowledge that pretends to be ultimate knowledge. It presumes to be final truth. Moral pride claims that its standards for virtue test and measure all righteousness. Neibuhr observed that most evil is done by "good" people who do not know that they are not good.

Spiritual pride is self-glorification. It claims that "self's righteousness" conforms to God's righteousness.

# PRIDE

DIOCESAN ADVENT RENEWAL MISSION

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DEC 3 TUE

DEC 4 WED

DEC 5 THU

Speaker  
**Brett Powell**

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Speaker  
**Bishop Scott McCaig**

■ BE A CHURCH OF ENCOUNTER AND WITNESS

Speaker  
**Mary Rose Bacani Valenti**

■ STRENGTHEN FAMILY LIFE

TIME  
7 PM TO 8:30 PM

IN-PERSON PARISH GATHERING WITH LIVE REMOTE SPEAKERS

Location:  
[St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall]



### Confession or Communion to the Homebound

If you are homebound and desiring to receive communion or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the parish office at 403-652-2203 or email Father Marius at [dzambel@me.com](mailto:dzambel@me.com) to request a visit. He will do his best to schedule a visit with you



*The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever." Saint John Paul II*



### Sunday Offering

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**donation@francisdesaleshighriver.com**  
If you are interested in switching over to one of these payment methods, please call Nancy in the church office at **403-652-2203** or email her at **francisdesales@shaw.ca**



### Adoration

Please join us for our Adoration after the 9:00 am mass on Thursdays, **from 9:45 am—9:00pm.** If you would like to come for an assigned time, please contact Nancy in the office at **403-652-2203** or email her at **francisdesales@shaw.ca**  
**All are welcome!**



The next K of C meeting is Monday November 18, 7:00 pm in the SFDS Church Hall.

All K of C brothers invited and also those who would like to join!

For more information, call Grand Knight Gerry McCallum 403-652-6229



### Grey Cup 2024 Charity Pool

The Knights of Columbus Council 9521 Grey Cup 2024 Charity Pool sales ended last weekend. The event was a complete success with all tickets/squares being sold.

The prize payouts will be distributed after the Grey Cup result on Sun Nov 17, 2024.

Our K of C members wish to thank all the Parishioners for generously supporting this Charity Fundraiser. It is planned that net proceeds will be distributed to the Handi-Bus Society of High River who provide such a tremendous service to the elderly in our community and especially the physically challenged of our Parish.



### CWL Ladies,

The November Meetings which are usually held on Wednesdays **have been changed.**

### **Please mark your calendar:**

CWL Executive Meeting-  
**Monday, November 4th**  
**at 1:00 pm.**

CWL General Meeting- **Friday, November 8th**, immediately following the 9:15 Mass.

We hope to see many of our CWL members in attendance as this is the day we have our Election of Officers for our New Executive.



### CWL Members

It's that time of year once again.

Beginning the weekend of **October 19th** and ending on the weekend of **November 24th** the CWL will be collecting membership fees before and after Mass.

The fee this year is **\$40.00.**

Payment can be **cash, cheque or e-transfer**  
[sfscwl25@gmail.com](mailto:sfscwl25@gmail.com)

*"For it is in giving that we receive."*

*~ St. Francis of Assisi*



If you are in the hospital, and are **Roman Catholic**, please insure you or a family member contacts Nancy in the Church Office at 403-652-2203. This will ensure that you will be visited by the Priest or



### CWL Food Drive



The Catholic Women's League will be collecting non perishable food items for the High River Food Bank beginning **November 13 to December 11.** Food items can be brought in anytime and placed in the Christmas boxes located in the church hall.

**This weekend, grocery bags, along with a list of items that the High River Food Bank has requested, will be handed out at the end of each Mass.**

**Thank you for helping those in need.**





## Why Remembrance Day in Canada is Important for Catholics

Remembrance Day, observed every November 11, is a day of solemn reflection and gratitude in Canada. On this day, we honor the sacrifices made by those who served in the armed forces and remember the lives lost in wars and conflicts. For Catholics, Remembrance Day holds special significance, resonating deeply with the Church's values of peace, sacrifice, and prayer for the souls of the departed. Here are several reasons why Remembrance Day is particularly important for Catholics in Canada.

### 1. Honoring Sacrifice and Selflessness

The Catholic faith teaches that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for others, as expressed in John 15:13. Remembrance Day honors the sacrifices of those who risked, and often gave, their lives for the protection and freedom of others. In reflecting on their bravery and self-giving love and service for the greater good.

Catholics are called to recognize and honor these acts of selflessness as examples of living out the Gospel. By remembering the courage and dedication of these individuals, we are reminded of the profound value of service and the importance of standing up for the protection of others.

### 2. Praying for the Souls of the Departed

Catholic tradition holds a deep commitment to praying for the souls of the deceased. In the Church, November is already designated as the month for remembering and praying for all who have passed away, especially those in purgatory. Remembrance Day is an opportunity for Catholics to offer specific prayers for soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty and for those who carry the wounds of war.

Masses, moments of silence, and personal prayers for the deceased on Remembrance Day provide Catholics with a unique opportunity to fulfill the Church's call to pray for the repose of souls, hoping that God will grant them eternal peace. These prayers reflect the Catholic belief in God's mercy and the hope of salvation for all people, particularly those who died amid the turmoil of war.

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### 3. Commitment to Peace

We place a strong emphasis on Peace. Rooted in Jesus' teachings about peacemaking, the Church advocates for nonviolence, justice, and compassion. Remembrance Day not only commemorates past sacrifices but also calls Canadians to strive for a future free from war. For Catholics, it is a reminder of the Church's mission to promote peace as a core Gospel value.

Catholic social teaching speaks of a "just peace" that is grounded in justice and the dignity of every human being. Remembrance Day encourages Catholics to reflect on how they can actively work toward peace, both within their communities and on a global scale, honoring those who have fallen by dedicating themselves to building a more just and harmonious world.

### 4. A Time of National and Communal Unity

Remembrance Day provides an opportunity for us, regardless of background, to come together and reflect on shared values and history. For Catholics, who are part of a global community yet deeply connected to their local society, this is a meaningful day to express solidarity with their fellow citizens. Through the symbols of poppies, ceremonies, and moments of silence, Catholics in Canada join others in a collective act of remembrance, prayer, and hope.

Participating in these traditions is a way for Catholics to express their faith in the public sphere while contributing to a national moment of remembrance. This aligns with the Catholic teaching on the importance of community and the role of faith in public life, reminding Catholics of their duty to engage with and support their broader society.

### 5. Drawing Inspiration for Personal Vocation

Finally, Remembrance Day serves as a source of inspiration for personal vocation. In honoring the sacrifice of others, we are reminded of our own call to serve according to our unique gifts and circumstances. Whether through small acts of kindness, volunteering, or advocating for those in need, Catholics are encouraged to find ways to contribute to the common good, inspired by the valor and dedication of those who served.

In reflecting on the sacrifices made by soldiers and veterans, Catholics may discern ways to live out their faith more fully in their own lives. This can include acts of charity, community service, or simply treating others with greater compassion and respect, particularly those who suffer from the scars of war or violence.

### Conclusion

For Catholics in Canada, Remembrance Day is more than a moment to recall history; it is an invitation to pray, honor, and renew their commitment to peace and service. Rooted in the values of sacrifice, prayer for the departed, peace, community, and personal vocation, Remembrance Day allows Catholics to connect their faith to the lives of those who served and died in the cause of freedom. By observing this day, Catholics not only remember the past but also find renewed strength to contribute to a future marked by compassion, justice, and hope.





# Nov. 1– 30, 2024

Nov. 1	9:15 am	All Saints†
Nov. 2	9:00 am 5:00 pm	All Souls † Our Parish
Nov. 3	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Dominador Jalosjos †
Nov. 4	9:00 am	Bob Lainchbury †
Nov. 5	7:00 pm	Lynn John Marshall †
Nov. 6	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	<b>No Mass</b> Bereavement Mass
Nov. 7	9:15 am	Darlene Gillis †
Nov. 8	9:15 am	Annah Baldwin
Nov. 9	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bessie Amores † Danny & Mary Rehak †
Nov. 10	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Terry Van Wezel †
Nov. 11	9:00 am	Josephine Owens †
Nov. 12	7:00 pm	Adam Rosell
Nov. 13	4:00 pm (HR Hospital) 6 :00 pm	Erwin Nesselbeck † SFDS CWL Sisters
Nov. 14	9:15 am	Josh Baldwin
Nov. 15	9:15 am	Marge & Mike Heap †
Nov. 16	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Hector Capangpangan † Theresa Fallows †
Nov. 17	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Luisa Sivacoe Our Parish
Nov. 18	9:00 am	Tekle Kidanne †
Nov. 19	7:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk †
Nov. 20	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Stuart Curzon Bruce Larsson †
Nov. 21	9:15 am	Jerome Schmitz †
Nov. 22	9:15 am	John Hoffart Jr. †
Nov. 23	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Michael Floresca † Antonio Rivera †
Nov. 24	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Sydney Barton †
Nov. 25	9:00 am	Julianna Toro †
Nov. 26	7:00 pm	Lucille Konsmo †
Nov. 27	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	John Wesley Curzon Theresa Fallows †
Nov. 28	9:15 am	Wade Hamer †
Nov. 29	9:15 am	Albert & Agnes Downs †
Nov. 30	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Rena Morrison Sheila Rosell





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