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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



November 24, 2024

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Daniel 7: 13-14) In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Second Reading: (Revelation 1:5-8) Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see [Isaiah 55:3-5](#)).

Gospel: (John 18:33b-37) It's the truth that in Jesus God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see [2 Samuel 7:12-16](#); [Psalm 89:27-38](#)). <https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.



Why is the Feast of Christ the King Important for the Church, Especially Today?

The Feast of Christ the King celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, is one of the newest but also one of the most significant feasts in the Catholic Church. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 through the encyclical *Quas Primas* as a response to the growing secularization and changing social and political conditions following World War I. Today's world, though different in many ways, faces similar challenges, making the solemnity of Christ the King as relevant and vital as ever.

Modern society struggles with a crisis of values and identity. Moral relativism, political strife, and increasing social polarization impact both individuals and communities. Recognizing Christ as King is a reminder that at the heart of Christian life is Jesus as the source of all values and principles. It underscores that true love, justice, and truth find their origins in Him, transcending worldly divisions.

In today's world, which grapples with power abuse and struggles for dominance in political and economic spheres, the Feast of Christ the King offers a different model of leadership—one based on service and love. Christ is not a ruler who imposes His will through force. His kingdom is a kingdom of peace, humility, and dedication. This example serves as a guiding light for believers and anyone striving to act for the common good.

Many people today experience a loss of belonging and purpose. The Feast of Christ the King helps believers renew their identity as members of a community that acknowledges Jesus as Lord and Savior. It invites them to embrace the mission of spreading His teachings in today's world, bearing witness to His love and presence in everyday life.

This solemnity emphasizes the importance of defending the place of faith in the public sphere. Christ the King calls for professing faith not only privately but also within society. In an era where religion is often pushed to the margins, this feast becomes a call to bold witness and commitment to faith.

By celebrating the Feast of Christ the King, the Church proclaims that the world's history is moving toward fulfillment in God's plan. The ultimate purpose of humanity is not earthly rule but participation in God's kingdom, where Christ reigns as King of all nations. This message of hope strengthens believers in difficult times and serves as a reminder that evil does not have the final word.

The Feast of Christ the King is a unique opportunity to renew faith and remember who is the true Ruler of our lives and the world. Contemporary challenges require a witness grounded in the Gospel and the power of Christ the King. In this sense, the feast is not merely a liturgical commemoration but a call to action in spreading His kingdom of peace and love in today's world.

The Last Word

Have you ever been in a heated argument with someone and couldn't let the matter drop? You just had to continue making your point. Why? Because you had to have the last word.

If you have ever been in a classroom discussion, you have discovered the importance of that class reaching some sort of resolution and conclusion to the discussion. Students will often look to the teacher to settle the matter. The teacher has the last word.

To have the last word is to be the final authority. To have the last word is to have the most power. To have the last word means that you are in control, that you are the boss. Ask any coach, teacher, manager, CEO, or parent and they will tell you that having the last word is what they are all about.

However we might think that a king is an old-fashioned and irrelevant image for an authority figure for the late twentieth century (and that is probably accurate!), nevertheless, before we throw this day out of our liturgical calendar, we ought to get behind the historical cobwebs of a king and look instead at what the tradition of the church is really trying to communicate with this day of Christ the King.

Perhaps "King" isn't a helpful way to talk about Jesus in this day and age, but if we think of a king as someone who has the last word, who is the final authority and power in life, then cele-



We shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God; for, beholding his greatness, we realize our own littleness; his purity shows us our foulness; and by meditating upon his humility we find how very far we are from being humble.

—St. Teresa of Avila

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 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

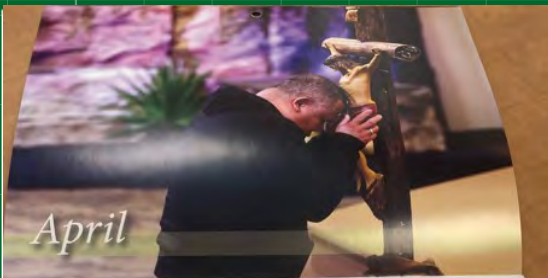
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Adoration

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!



April

APRIL 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Eve of Good Friday	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Holy Monday of the Passion of Our Lord	14	15	16	17 Holy Tuesday of the Passion of Our Lord	18 Holy Wednesday of the Passion of Our Lord	19
20 Holy Thursday of the Passion of Our Lord	21 Good Friday	22 Easter Sunday	23 Easter Monday	24 Easter Tuesday	25 Easter Wednesday	26
27 Eve of Maundy Thursday	28	29 Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin	30 Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen			

**SFDS 2025 Calendars
Fundraiser for Pro-Life**

Dear Parishioners,

We are thrilled to invite you to purchase our **2025 parish calendar!** This unique calendar not only helps you organize the upcoming year but also beautifully showcases



October

OCTOBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 All Saints of the Holy Church	2 Memorial of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	3	4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen
5 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6	7 Memorial of St. Luke of the Evangelists	8	9	10	11
12 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time	13	14	15 Memorial of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr	16 Memorial of St. Michael the Archangel, Guardian of the Holy Church	17 Memorial of St. Jerome of Stridon, Bishop	18 Pope's Octave of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen
19 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	27	28 Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, Evangelist	29	30	31	

the life and moments of our parish community through stunning photographs. Your support of this calendar goes beyond just staying organized—it makes a real difference. All proceeds from sales will be donated to support pro-life initiatives, reflecting our commitment as a parish to defending and cherishing the sanctity of human life at every stage.

Let this calendar serve as a daily reminder of our shared faith, community spirit, and dedication to life-affirming causes. Thank you for standing with us and making a positive impact through your support.

The suggested price is 10\$

With prayers and blessings,
Fr. Marius

“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 Pastoral Care Team.



Renewed IN HOPE



DEC
TUE **3**

DEC
WED **4**

DEC
THU **5**

Speaker
Brett Powell

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Speaker
Bishop Scott McCaig

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Speaker
Mary Rose Bacani Valenti

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TIME
7 PM TO
8:30 PM

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WITH LIVE REMOTE SPEAKERS

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



CWL Christmas Bake Sale



The Christmas Bake Sale put on by St. Francis de Sales CWL will be held on **Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 1:00-4:30 pm** in the church hall.

Baked items not sold on Saturday will be for sale on Sunday morning before and after Mass. All baked items (cookies, loaves, pies, squares, buns, bread, cinnamon buns, etc) for the bake sale need to be at the church by 10:00 that morning.

Looking forward to an afternoon visiting with friends, enjoying a coffee and a sweet . Blessings.

SUNDAY MISSAL

2024 - 2025



Living with Christ

2025 Missals

The 2025 **Sunday Missals** are now available in the church hall.

A donation is greatly appreciated.



Knights of Columbus

Grey Cup 2024 Charity Pool

K of C Grey Cup Winners

1st Quarter—Russ Peterson—\$25
Half Time—Linda Leible—\$50
3rd Quarter—Wendell Hoffart \$25
Final Score—Fred Ritchie \$100
Reverse Final—Dale Howard—\$50

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.

The Living Nativity

In the Village of Bethlehem



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OKOTOKS - ALBERTA

**Saturday 7 DECEMBER
4pm-8pm 2024**

LIVE ACTORS- LIVE MUSIC- LIVE ANIMALS

Refreshments Available for Purchase in the Church Hall

Event to be held Outdoors



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.

Thank you for helping those in need.



St. Andrew the Apostle and His Rich Tradition

Saint Andrew the Apostle, known as the “First-Called” (Protokletos) in the Christian tradition, holds a revered place in the history of the Church. As one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ and the brother of Saint Peter, his life, teachings, and martyrdom have inspired generations of Christians. His influence extends far and wide, with various traditions, symbols, and customs honoring his legacy around the world.

St. Andrew was born in Bethsaida, a town near the Sea of Galilee, and was a fisherman by trade, like his brother Simon (later known as Peter). According to the Gospel of John, Andrew was initially a disciple of John the Baptist. He recognized Jesus as the Messiah when John pointed to Him as “the Lamb of God,” and he became the first apostle to follow Christ. Andrew then introduced his brother Peter to Jesus, demonstrating his role as a connector and evangelist from the beginning.

Following Christ’s resurrection and ascension, Andrew traveled widely to spread the Christian faith. According to tradition, he preached in regions such as Scythia (modern-day Eastern Europe and parts of Asia), Greece, and even as far as modern Russia and the Black Sea. This missionary work is why Andrew is considered the patron saint of several countries, including Scotland, Ukraine, and Romania.

St. Andrew was martyred in the Greek city of Patras around 60 AD. Tradition holds that he was crucified on an X-shaped cross, commonly known as the “St. Andrew’s Cross.” According to legend, he requested this form of crucifixion, deeming himself unworthy to die on a cross like Jesus. The image of the diagonal cross has since become one of the key symbols associated with St. Andrew and is notably featured on the flags of Scotland and the United Kingdom.

Traditions and Customs

The veneration of St. Andrew is deeply rooted in many cultures, and his feast day, celebrated on November 30th, marks the beginning of Advent for many Christians, particularly in the Western tradition.

1. In Scotland: St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, and his feast day is a national holiday marked by celebrations that include music, dance, and feasting. The Scottish flag, featuring the white X-shaped cross, pays homage to St. Andrew’s martyrdom.
2. St. Andrew’s Eve Traditions: In many European countries, St. Andrew’s Eve is associated with folk customs, particularly related to marriage and fortune-telling. For example, in Poland and parts of Eastern Europe, unmarried women traditionally perform rituals to learn about their future spouses. These practices include pouring hot wax into water to interpret the resulting shapes or placing shoes in a line toward a door, symbolizing a potential marriage journey.
3. Pilgrimages and Relics: Numerous churches around the world are dedicated to St. Andrew, and many claim to house relics of the apostle. The Cathedral of St. Andrew in Patras, Greece, is believed to be his final resting place and remains a major pilgrimage site. In addition, the tradition of spreading relics of St. Andrew has led to their presence in places like Amalfi, Italy, and St. Andrew’s Church in Edinburgh, Scotland.
4. The Prayer of St. Andrew: Many faithful recite the St. Andrew Novena starting on his feast day, continuing for nine days. This prayer, often known as the “Christmas Novena,” invites Christians to prepare spiritually for the birth of Christ.

St. Andrew’s life exemplifies qualities of humility, evangelization, and devotion to Christ. As the “First-Called,” he showed a readiness to follow Jesus immediately and a commitment to bringing others to Him, even when he worked quietly in the background. His martyrdom reflects a deep love for Christ and a willingness to endure suffering for the faith.

St. Andrew’s legacy challenges Christians to embrace their faith courageously, to witness with zeal, and to trust in God’s plan, even when the journey is difficult. His example continues to inspire those who seek to live out the Gospel and share it with the world.



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Polish Song and Dance Association Fundraiser

The Polish Song and Dance Association will be at St. Francis de Sales on November 24th, after mass for their Fundraiser. You can pre-order items by calling Majka at 403-540-5794, and pick them up on Nov. 24th, or purchase items at the church the day of.

If you have any questions, please call Majka.



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	No Mass 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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