



St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



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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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Isaiah 53: 10-11) The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see [Psalm 75:9](#); [Jeremiah 25:15, 28](#); [Isaiah 51:17](#)). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare [Luke 12:50](#)). In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading.

Second Reading: (Hebrews 4:14-16) Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see [Hebrews 9:12](#)).

Gospel: (Mark 10:35-45) We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see [Colossians 1:24](#)). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see [Romans 6:3](#)). [https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections for more info.](https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections-for-more-info)



October 20, 2024

Decaffeinated Christianity

Most Christians prefer "decaffeinated Christianity," the kind of religion that won't keep you awake at night. This kind of religion costs little, won't require you to get involved in controversy or other people's troubles, and will surround you with comfort. But by the way, this kind of religion is counterfeit.



Mission Sunday

Today's Sunday in the Catholic Church is known as World Mission Day, which reminds us to reflect deeply on missions and how we understand our responsibility towards them. Usually, when we think of missions, we imagine distant countries, exotic cultures and people who do not know the Gospel. However, today's day reminds us that missions are not only about "others" - people from the so-called third world. Missions are something that each of us should practice here and now, in our daily lives, in our environment, in our home.

Missions begin in the heart of each of us. Jesus said: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15), but this "world" does not have to be geographically far away. Our world is our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools – these are people we meet every day.

Isn't it the case that often closer to us, in our own parish, among our relatives, friends and colleagues, there are people who distance themselves from God? Don't we see people around us who need a testimony of love, support, understanding? They are our first "addresses" of the mission.

Today, the mission of the Church is more than a trip to the other side of the world. It is a mission of witnessing love, openness, reconciliation - and above all where we live every day. Maybe there are people in our homes who need our presence, our forgiveness, our example of living by faith? Maybe in the workplace we can share a good word, support, sometimes a simple smile with someone who feels lost? Maybe our parish needs our commitment, our help in building a community?

Today's world is often plunged into chaos, fear, division. All the more he needs the Gospel – the Good News about God's love, which brings peace and hope. We, as Catholics, are sent to be missionaries in this world. It doesn't always require great gestures. Sometimes it is enough to be a presence, a witness of life, faithfulness to the Gospel in everyday, small things.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, may today be our World Mission Day an opportunity to rediscover our vocation to be a missionary. Let's start with ourselves, with our home, our work, our parish. The mission begins where we are. Let us ask the Lord to give us the strength and courage to carry His love wherever He sends us.

May our everyday life become a space of mission, where we will bear witness to Christ, bringing peace, love and hope to those who need it most.

Fr. Marius

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

Did you know we now take Donations electronically! **You have the following options:** Direct Debit, Visa, Master Card. We also have E-transfer set up. The email address is

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!

Game Night at SFDS

Come join us in building fellowship through an evening of intellectually stimulating board games. Discover a world beyond mass-market titles like *Monopoly*, *Sorry!*, and *Uno*. Modern-day board games rely less on a lucky roll of the dice or the flip of a card, and more on good design that rewards thoughtful analysis and good decisions. These games can be a good alternative to chess, cribbage, or bridge.

Friday, October 25, 2024

5:30 PM–10:30 PM (ish) in the Church Hall

Loose Itinerary:

Board gaming 101 orientation plus Q&A (~15 min.)

Pizza & icebreaker game (~30 min.)

Main-event gaming (remainder of evening)

To get the most out of the event, please arrive at the start time so you don't miss the orientation, Q&A, and pizza. Latecomers may need to wait for enough players to start a game.

Please note: modern games are *not* toys, and some are like Fr. Mariusz's motorbike—very expensive—thus, attendees are asked to treat the games with care and respect. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information or questions contact Rhona-Mae Arca at 403-803-6835.

Please Note: Please call the office to register for this game night, as we need #'s for ordering pizza.



Knights of Columbus

The next K of C meeting is **Monday October 21 at 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

K of C Pancake Breakfast:

All St. Francis de Sales parishioners are invited to a K of C Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024** after the 11:00 am Mass. **Payment by donation.**

All are welcome!

K of c Council 9521 St Francis de Sales



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

"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.



Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.

JEREMIAH 1:5

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG.



Memorial Liturgy

FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH
with Most Rev. William T. McGrattan

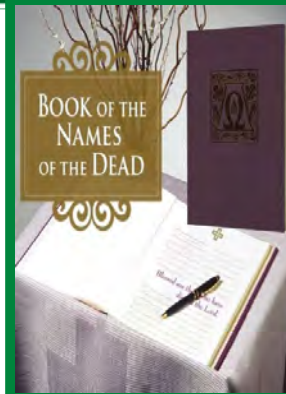
WHEN
TUESDAY
NOV. 12, 2024
at 7 pm

WHERE
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When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. Join Bishop McGrattan in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child.

TO ATTEND

PLEASE REGISTER AT
MISCARRIAGELITURGY.CA



Month of November

If you would like your loved ones name in the “**Book of the Names of the Dead**”, please sign the book at the back of the church or call Nancy in the church office, at 403-652-2203 or email her at www.francisdesales.shaw.ca

Deadline is October 31, 2024



All Saints Mass

Please join us on
Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 @
9:15 am for our
All Saints Mass.

All are welcome!



Candle Light Service for All Souls

As November approaches, a time when we pray for all the faithful departed, I would like to bring your attention to a small update regarding our Candle Mass. Since the Feast of All Souls falls on a Saturday this year, our Candle Mass celebration will take place on **Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm**. This special Mass is dedicated to all the deceased from our parish and our families, and during the service, we will remember our departed loved ones through prayer and by lighting candles.=

If you have a family member or friend who passed away in the past year (**November 2023 to present**) please let Nancy know and they will be added to the Candle Light Service. If their funeral was not here, **please bring in a picture**, with the details of **name, date of birth and date of death**.
There will also be a reception afterwards in the church hall.

All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please call Nancy in the parish office at 403-652-2203 or email at francisdesales@shaw.ca



Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

There is a small group who gathers at the church every **Tuesday at 3pm** to pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, followed by the **Rosary**. We usually finish by 3:30 and no commitment is necessary.

If interested, please feel free to drop by





Oct. 1– 31, 2024

Oct. 1	7:00 pm	Darlene Gillis †
Oct. 2	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
Oct. 3	9:15 am	Therese Driver
Oct. 4	9:15 am	Jake Baldwin
Oct. 5	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Dolores Miller † Our Parish
Oct. 6	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Lyle & Doreen Needham
Oct. 7	9:00 am	Conner Bateman
Oct. 8	7:00 pm	Bruce Larsson †
Oct. 9	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Donald Trump & Family SFDS CWL Sisters
Oct. 10	9:15 am	Donald Trump & Family
Oct. 11	9:15 am	Lew & Carol Johnson
Oct. 12	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Donald Trump & Family Danny & Mary Rehak †
Oct. 13	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Lyle & Doreen Needham
Oct. 14	9:00 am	Donald Trump & Family
Oct. 15	7:00 pm	Pierre Poilievre & Family
Oct. 16	3:15 pm (Seasons HR) 6 :00 pm	Pierre Poilievre & Family Theresa Fallows †
Oct. 17	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
Oct. 18	9:15 am	Dolores Miller †
Oct. 19	9:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish
Oct. 20	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Chris Magoose Michelle Craig †
Oct. 21	9:00 am	Kay Rosell
Oct. 22	7:00 pm	Deacon Larry Driver
Oct. 23	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Pierre Poilievre & Family Jerry Rosell
Oct. 24	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
Oct. 25	9:15 am	Barb Charette
Oct. 26	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Pierre Poilievre & Family Danny & Marie Rehak †
Oct. 27	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Grant Fraser
Oct. 28	9:00 am	Deacon Larry Driver
Oct. 29	7:00 pm	Felix & Carmen Amores †
Oct. 30	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Pierre Poilievre & Family Theresa Fallows †
Oct. 31	9:15 am	John & Balida Hoffart †



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