



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

XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 27, 2024

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Jeremiah 31: 7-9) The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Second Reading: (Hebrews 5:1-6) As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see [Psalm 2:7](#)). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see [Psalm 110:4](#)), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see [Genesis 14:18-20](#)).

Gospel: (Mark 10:46-52) Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth. [https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections for more info.](https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections-for-more-info)

UPSIDE-DOWN BEATTITUDES

J. B. Phillips, in his book *When God Was Man* (Nashville: Abington, 1955), gives an upside-down version of the Beatitudes:

- Happy are the pushers, for they get on in the world.
- Happy are the hard-boiled, for they never let life hurt them.
- Happy are they who complain, for they get their own way in the end.
- Happy are the blase, for they never worry over their sins.
- Happy are the slave drivers, for they get results.
- Happy are the knowledgeable men of the world, for they know their way around.
- Happy are the troublemakers, for they make people take notice of them.



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

UPSIDE-DOWN



All Saints Mass

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

All are welcome!



PRACTICE THE FAITH

at home with your family

Led by a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist, this workshop equips families with tools to deepen faith during Advent through prayer, scripture, and hands-on activities.

WED, NOV 13	WED, NOV 27	WED, DEC 11
Our Family Prayer & Sacred Space 7 - 8:30 pm	Meeting Jesus the Good Shepherd 7 - 8:30 pm	Our Family Advent Journey 7 - 8:30 pm

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER YOU BELONG

CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE
120 17 AVE SW, CALGARY
RSVP by Nov. 10
catholicyyyc.ca/renewal
or call 403-218-5521

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!



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**



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



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.



ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1st, and All Souls' Day on November 2nd, are special holidays with deep roots in Catholic tradition and the cultures of many countries. These two days are a special time for remembering the deceased, reflecting on life, and reminding us of the spiritual communion with those who have passed away.

****All Saints' Day****

All Saints' Day is a feast in honor of all known and unknown saints. It is a day when the Catholic Church venerates those who have already achieved eternal happiness in heaven. This feast was already celebrated in the 4th century but was officially established on November 1st by Pope Gregory III in the 8th century.

This day has a joyful aspect because it highlights the triumph of life over death and the saints as role models for the faithful. They remind us of the pursuit of holiness and living in accordance with the teachings of the Gospel. Churches hold solemn masses, and in many places, the faithful pay homage to the relics of saints.



****All Souls' Day****

All Souls' Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is observed the day after All Saints' Day. It is a time for prayer for the souls of the deceased who, it is believed, are in purgatory, awaiting full union with God.

The tradition of All Souls' Day was initiated by the Benedictines and was spread in the 11th century by St. Odilo, the abbot of Cluny. The Church encourages prayer, offering Masses, and performing acts of charity for the deceased on this day.

****Significance and Contemporary Observance****

Today, these holidays are still very important, the tradition of visiting cemeteries, lighting candles, and decorating graves has become deeply ingrained in the culture. It is a period when families gather to collectively pay respects to their departed loved ones. In many countries, cemeteries during these days look impressive, illuminated by thousands of candles, symbolizing remembrance of the dead and the hope of eternal life.

The significance of these days in contemporary culture also relates to care for identity and heritage. They provide an opportunity for reflection on the value of life, as well as for renewing family and social relationships. They remind us of the transience and fragility of human life, encouraging us to cultivate bonds with the past and make use of the wisdom passed down by previous generations.

Although they are religious holidays, they are also observed by non-believers as a show of respect for family history and the memory of ancestors. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day have become a time of universal reflection on the inevitability of death and its place in our lives, as well as a reminder of the need to care for relationships while alive.

In summary, these days are not only a part of religious tradition but, above all, an opportunity to pause in our daily lives, reflect, and express respect for those who have left us. Like any rite of passage, they play an important role in the processes of acceptance and mourning, uniting people in shared memory and reflection.





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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