



St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



1 SEPTEMBER 2024

Roman Catholic Parish
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB

Message for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024

"Hope and act with creation"

(Rom 8:19-25)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HOPE
AND ACT WITH CREATION?

HOW CAN WE LIVE OUT THIS SPIRIT
OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP?



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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

XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 1, 2024

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8) The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see [Matthew 5:17](#)).

Second Reading: (James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27) Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

Gospel: (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23) "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.

Tradition of Fighting

There is a story about a young, newly ordained priest who went to serve his first church. He noticed that on the first Sunday, when he said the prayers, the congregation on the left side of the church stood at the beginning of the prayers, and the congregation on the right side remained seated. The young priest thought this was a bit odd, but he kept going in the prayers—until he began to hear some murmuring between the two sides, then the murmuring turned into grumbling and then people yelling at each other, each side proclaiming that **THEY** were doing the right thing when it came to the tradition of the church.

Distressed by what he had seen and all that was taking place, the young priest went to seek the council of the former, now elderly priest, who had served this congregation for years. He asked him, "So is it the tradition of the congregation to stand during the prayers?"

The older priest, whose memory was now failing, stroked his beard, replied, "No, that is not the tradition, as I recall."

"So, the tradition is that they remain seated during the prayers?"

To which the old priest responded, "No, that's not the tradition either."

The young priest threw his hands in the air in exasperation, and said, "There must be some solution to this! The way things are now, half stand and half sit and all end up screaming at one another during the prayers."

The old priest's face lit up in a smile; he lifted his finger high into the air and said, "Ahh, yes! Now I remember—that was the tradition!"

Submitted by: Fr. Mariusz

TRADITIONS?

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist 2024/2025



The registration link is open online to register your child for **1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion starting July 1st.**

Your child must be in Grade 2-6 for this Sacrament.

(please note: deadline for registration is October 5, 2024)

Please go to our website to register for these Sacraments

<https://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com/index.php/en/services/eucharist>

The **Parent Info Sessions** for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist is

September 21, at 6:00 pm in the church. Dates for the classes will be provided at this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at the church office by phone: 403-652-2203 or by email: francisdesales@shaw.ca

Confirmation 2024/2025



The registration link is open online to register your child for **1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion starting July 1st.**

Your child must be in Grade 7-12 for this Sacrament.

(please note: deadline for registration is October 19, 2024)

Please go to our website to register for these Sacraments

<https://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com/index.php/en/services/eucharist>

The **Parent Only Info Sessions** for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist is

September 28, at 6:00 pm in the church. Dates for the classes will be provided at this meeting

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at the church office by phone: 403-652-2203 or by email: francisdesales@shaw.ca

THANKYOU!

A huge thankyou to Fr. Larry Bagnall for filling in for Fr. Mariusz while he was on holidays. We greatly appreciate that you are able to come and do not only the weekend masses, but the weekday and senior/nursing homes masses for us.
We are truly Blessed!



The office will be closed **Monday, Sept. 2, 2024** for the **Labour Day Holiday.**

Regular Office hours will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 3/24 @ 9:00 am.**

Please Note: There is still a 9:00 am Mass on Monday, Sept. 2, 2024

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!



(Formerly known as Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre)

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales,

On behalf of Mainsprings, we would like to thank the Parish and everyone who participated in our campaign. I am happy to report that you **raised \$3,583.35.**

Your church's involvement has been a testament to the power of community and faith in action. Each donation, whether large or small, has made a meaningful impact and brought us closer to achieving our goals. We are deeply moved by the kindness and compassion demonstrated by your congregation.

As we move forward, we are excited to keep you updated on the progress and the positive changes your contributions will bring about. Together, we are making a difference and providing hope and support to those who need it most.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and generosity. We are immensely grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing this journey together.

With sincere appreciation,

Anna Cole
Events & Programs Manager
Mainsprings Pregnancy & Family Support
(*formerly Pregnancy Care Centre)
M: 403-999-1316

www.mainsprings.com



The High River Pro Life meeting will be on **Monday, Sept. 2 , 2024**, at **7:00 pm** in the church hall.
All are welcome!



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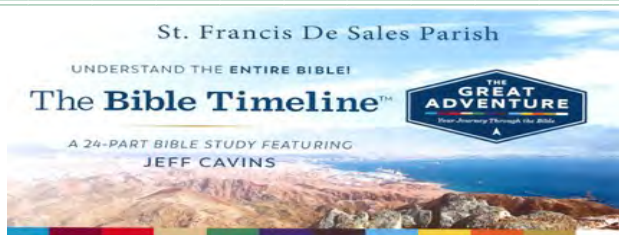
SFDS Finance Council Meeting

There will be a Finance Council meeting on September 10, 2024, after the 7:00 pm mass.



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.



Bible Study will be starting on September 4, 2024, From 6:45 pm—8:30 pm. If you would like to sign up, please call Nancy in the office at 403-652-2203 or email her at francisdesales@shaw.ca

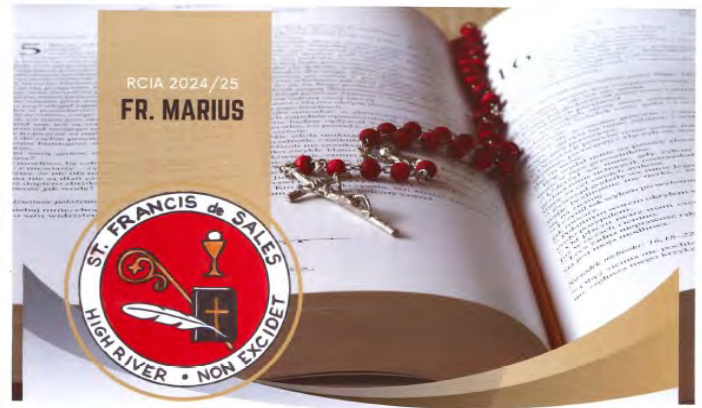
"For it is in giving that we receive."
~ St. Francis of Assisi



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Parents Meeting
 September 21 at 6:00 PM
 at the Church

Fr. Marius



RCIA 2024/25
 FR. MARIUS



R.C.I.A PROGRAM



First Meeting

26 September 2024 Thursday at 7:00 PM

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS
 (PARISH HALL) FROM 7-00 - 8:30 PM



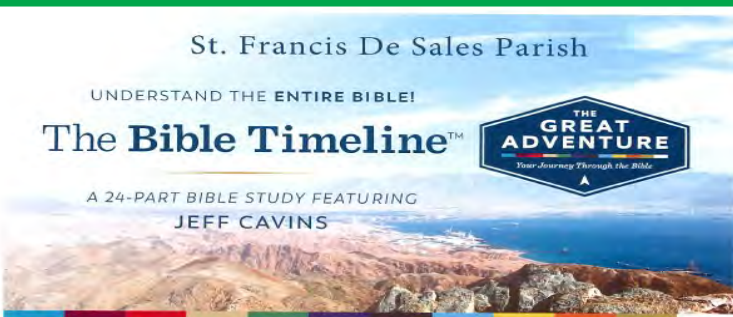
St. Francis De Sales Parish

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Dates - Times - Location

The initial meeting is scheduled for September 4 at 6:45 PM. Subsequent sessions will continue every Wednesday from 6:45 PM until 8:30 PM in our Parish Hall.

Cost - Registration

The cost of the workbook and other materials will be about \$50.

For More Information

Please contact Fr. Marius at:
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I never would have read the Bible if it wasn't for this, and now I simply adore Scripture. It has given me such insight into the Catholic faith and helps me to understand its true beauty.

—Kyley D.



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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents Meeting,, September 28 at
 6:00 PM at the Church



Sept. 1– 30, 2024

Sept. 1	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Our Parish
Sept. 2	9:00 am	Darlene Gillis †
Sept. 3	7:00 pm	Darlene Gillis †
Sept. 4	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
Sept. 5	9:15 am	Wayne Chayer †
Sept. 6	9:15 am	Dolores Miller †
Sept. 7	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Deacon Larry Driver Frank Sekura †
Sept. 8	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Tony Van Wezel †
Sept. 9	9:00 am	Owen Abma
Sept. 10	7:00 pm	Bob Richer †
Sept. 11	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Mary Ann SFDS CWL Sisters
Sept. 12	9:15 am	Doreen McMillan
Sept. 13	9:15 am	Ray & Sybil Schey †
Sept. 14	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Dolores Miller † Danny & Mary Rehak †
Sept. 15	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Steve Abma
Sept. 16	9:00 am	Diane Chayer
Sept. 17	7:00 pm	Dolores Miller †
Sept. 18	3:15 pm (Seasons HR) 6 :00 pm	Donald Trump & Family Wayne Chayer †
Sept. 19	9:15 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
Sept. 20	9:15 am	Theresa Fallows †
Sept. 21	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Wayne Chayer † Jason Sekura & Family
Sept. 22	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Jill Barton †
Sept. 23	9:00 am	Annah Baldwin
Sept. 24	7:00 pm	Bob Lainchbury †
Sept. 25	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	David Hagel † Wayne Chayer †
Sept. 26	9:15 am	Theresa Fallows †
Sept. 27	9:15 am	Bob Lainchbury †
Sept. 28	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Danny & Marie Rehak † Tim McLean †
Sept. 29	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Jay Louise † Our Parish
Sept. 30	9:00 am	Bob Lainchbury †



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