



St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



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HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



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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

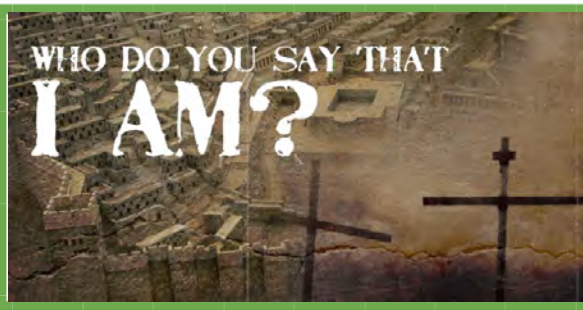
CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 15, 2024



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Isaiah 50:5-9) Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

Second Reading: (James 2:14-18) As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see [Galatians 5:6](#)).

Gospel: (Mark 8:27-35) Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord. We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

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

Stop Following Your Shadow

There is a fable about a man who lived in the desert. He would wake up every morning and follow his shadow. So as the sun moved across the sky from east to west the man essentially walked in a large oval. At sundown he ended up where he had started. This continued for years. The man walked in circles day after day, following his shadow. One night the man heard the voice of God in a dream while he slept. The voice told him to stop following his shadow. Instead, "Follow the sun," the voice challenged, "And you will experience life as you have never dreamed it could be."

The man thought for many days about his vision of God while he continued to walk around in circles in the desert. But one day he mustered up enough courage to break away from his shadow. Little by little, step-by-step, the man began to follow the sun. And he discovered a kingdom that was, heretofore, way beyond his wildest dreams and imagination. Ultimately, he became friends with the Son.

STOP!



Altar servers and Children's Choir- Meeting

We're looking for enthusiastic boys who have already received their First Holy Communion to be part of the Altar Servers Ministry and girls who love to sing to join us in the Children's Choir.

As an altar server, you'll help out during Holy Mass and other church services, showing that the whole parish and all the faithful are involved in the liturgical services. It's not just the priest's job - everyone plays a part!

If you're interested in Altar Serving, we're having an orientation meeting on **Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m.** It's a great opportunity to learn more and get involved.

For more details about altar servers, you can reach out to Fr. Mariusz Sztuk, SDS. 403.992.2313

There is not a meeting for the Children's Choir at this time, but for information about joining the Children's Choir, feel free to contact Nancy in the church office at 403-652-2203 or email at francisdesales@shaw.ca and she will forward your name to Annah.

I am looking forward to having you on board!

Fr. Marius



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**

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.**



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**

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

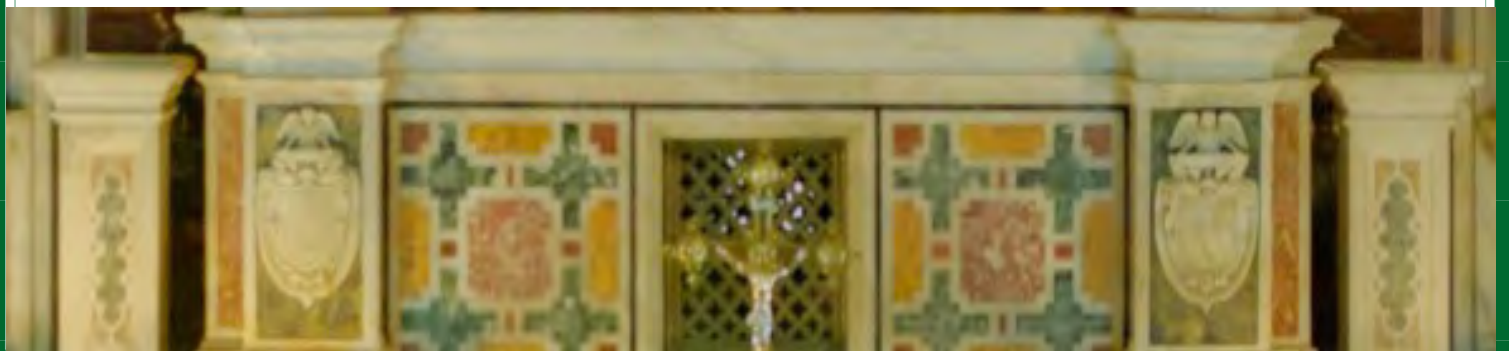


Feast of **ST. MATTHEW** APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

On September 21, we celebrate the feast of St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles and the author of the first Gospel. The name "Matthew" is derived from the Hebrew form "Matthaios," meaning "gift of God." According to tradition, after Christ's Ascension, Matthew remained in Palestine for some time. He wrote the Gospel in Aramaic, not in Greek, specifically for the Jews to learn about Christ's teachings and to demonstrate Jesus Christ as the Messiah by referencing the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. The time of its creation is uncertain, estimated to be between 50 and 60 AD. It is not known who and when translated the Gospel according to St. Matthew into Greek. according to Christian tradition, he was martyred in Ethiopia, and the circumstances of his death remain unknown. His relics have been in Salerno near Naples, Italy, since the 10th century.

St. Matthew is the patron saint of tax collectors, accountants, financial officials, and bankers.

The symbol of St. Matthew is a winged man, representing his transformation from a tax collector, one of the most despised figures in Jewish culture, to a disciple of Jesus, who looked at him with love and called him to follow. Through Christ, Matthew discovered his human dignity and his relationship with God. He provided detailed descriptions of Jewish customs and rituals in his Gospel, emphasizing the importance of humanity. The Gospel of Matthew begins with a thorough examination of the genealogy and birth of Jesus Christ, highlighting his vulnerability as a child and during his death on the cross.



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!



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Invitation

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

The world is at a crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." Yes, we must listen to Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

JOIN US FOR THE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

What: THE HOLY ROSARY
Where: CORNER OF CENTRE ST & 3 AVE SE.
When: 12:00pm. SATURDAY OCT 12, 2024

For more information, contact:
NAME VALERIE SCHEY

PHONE NUMBER 403-808-7081

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St. Francis De Sales Parish

UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE BIBLE!

The Bible Timeline™



A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING JEFF CAVINS



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."

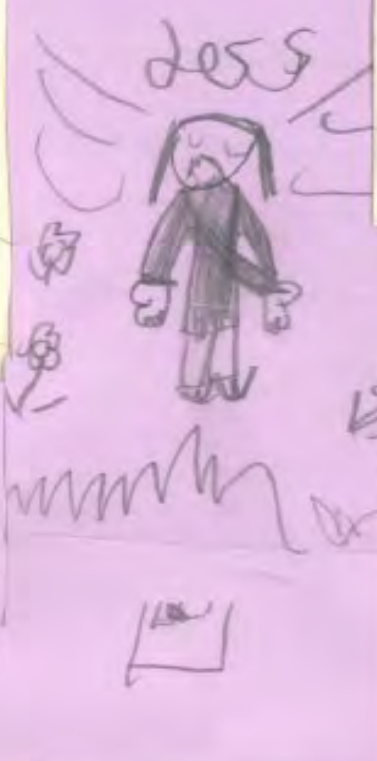
~ St. Francis of Assisi



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.



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I'd like to become a Preist can you Pray for us.

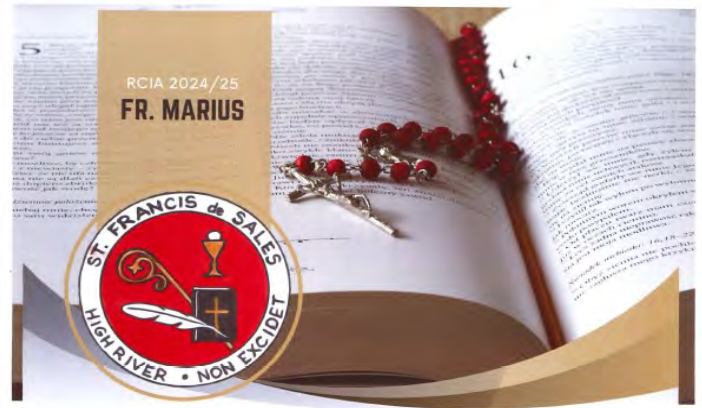


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

To Register, please go to www.francisdesaleshighriver.com or phone the office at 403.652.2203

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



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UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE BIBLE!

The Bible Timeline™

A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING JEFF CAVINS

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: dzambel@me.com
Cell: 403.992.2313
Or Parish Office at: francisdesales@shaw.ca
Phone: 403.652.2203

In *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end.

Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life.

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.



To Register, please go to www.francisdesaleshighriver.com or phone the Office at 403.652.2203

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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