



# 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

## XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



# November 03, 2024

## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (Deuteronomy 6: 2-6) Love is only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today's First Reading (see [Romans 13:8-10](#); [Matthew 5:43-48](#)).

**Second Reading:** (Hebrews 7:23-28) And we are called to imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the Cross (see [1 John 3:16](#)). As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the Cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God.

**Gospel:** (Mark 12:28-34) There is no greater love than to lay down your life (see [John 15:13](#)). This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God. <https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.

## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

G. K. Chesterton once said that the really great lesson of the story of "Beauty and the Beast" is that a thing must be loved before it is loveable. A person must be loved before that person can be loveable. Some of the most unlovely people I have known got that way because they thought that nobody loved them. The fact of the matter is that unless and until we feel ourselves loved, we cannot love. That's not only a principle of theology but of psychology and sociology as well. Just as abused children grow up to abuse their children, loved children grow up to love their children. Loved persons are able to love. Unloved persons are not. Christianity says something startling. It says that God loves and accepts us "just as we are." Therefore we can love and accept ourselves and in so doing, love and accept others.

# LOVE & ACCEPTANCE

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DIOCESAN ADVENT RENEWAL MISSION

DEC 3 TUE | DEC 4 WED | DEC 5 THU

7 PM TO 8:30 PM

**YOU ARE called**



## 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](mailto:francisdesales@shaw.ca)**

**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOUR SELF**

MARK 12:31

**YOU ARE called**

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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](mailto: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!**



The High River Pro Life meeting will be on **Monday, Nov. 4, 2024**, at **7:00 pm** in the church hall.

**All are welcome!**



**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](mailto:sfscwl25@gmail.com)

**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.

<b>WED, NOV 13</b>	<b>WED, NOV 27</b>	<b>WED, DEC 11</b>
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**  
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*"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.





## **LET US HELP THE SOULS IN PURGATORY: PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE**

*The Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary outlines the locations where indulgences can be obtained, including places in Rome, the heart of Christianity, shrines in the Holy Land, notable international shrines, episcopal cathedrals in all dioceses, and churches designated for Jubilee celebrations by bishops. This ensures that no one is excluded from experiencing the grace of the Jubilee.*

*According to the decree, all truly repentant individuals can obtain a plenary indulgence for themselves or for the departed. This applies to those who receive the sacraments, pray for the intentions of the Pope, go on a pilgrimage or visit holy places, and engage in works of mercy and penance.*

*The Guidelines from the Apostolic Penitentiary state that to receive a plenary indulgence, one must be in a state of grace. One can achieve this through participation in the Holy Mass, the celebration of the Word, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Way of the Cross, reciting the Akathistos hymn, or participating in a penitential celebration that concludes with individual confession.*

*Additionally, those unable to participate in pilgrimages or travels for valid reasons, such as the elderly, sick, cloistered nuns, or prisoners, can also receive a plenary indulgence. They can do this by reciting the "Our Father," making a profession of faith, and offering their sufferings for the salvation of the world.*

*The decree emphasizes that to obtain a plenary indulgence, individuals should engage in acts of mercy and penance, refrain from trivial entertainments and distractions, give alms to the poor, and support religious and social activities dedicated to the defense of life.*

### **A Gift for Souls**

*As we approach the November celebrations, let us focus on a positive and supernatural perspective. We should remember our loved ones not only by adorning their graves with chrysanthemums and lighting candles. The best gift we can offer them is our prayers and the practice of remembrance, particularly through the gift of indulgence.*

*During the first eight days of November, the Church provides a valuable opportunity to assist souls in purgatory with indulgences. The most significant gift for their salvation can be attained by visiting graves or cemeteries and fulfilling the usual conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence, which include being in a state of grace, having no attachment to sin, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.*

*Moreover, individuals who cannot physically visit a cemetery or church due to illness or disability can still gain this indulgence. The sick can engage in a spiritual pilgrimage to the cemetery. To receive a plenary indulgence for the deceased, they should cultivate this intention within themselves and participate spiritually in visiting the cemetery. They can also spiritually receive Holy Communion if they are unable to do so in person.*

*God, in His mercy, looks at the heart of each person and understands every human limitation.*

*May this year's All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day serve as a reminder, amidst November's reflections on the often somber realities of this world, that "we do not have a permanent city here, but are striving for the future" (Hebrews 13:14). Let these celebrations inspire us to worship the good God, who is always "marvelous in His saints" (cf. Lumen Gentium 50), and invites us to follow in their footsteps, striving to be "holy and blameless in His sight."*







MASS INTENTIONS

**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	<b>No Mass</b> 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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