



# St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



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Roman Catholic Parish  
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

## XXVII SUNDAY INORDINARY TIME





# Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

# October 06, 2024



## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24) The “lawfulness” of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see [Deuteronomy 24:1-4](#)). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to “the beginning,” interpreting the text we hear in today’s First Reading.

**Second Reading:** (Hebrews 2:9-11) Marriage also is a sign of God’s new covenant. As today’s Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see [Romans 5:14](#); [Psalm 8:5-7](#)). The Church is the new Eve, the “woman” born of Christ’s pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see [John 19:34](#); [Revelation 12:1-17](#)).

**Gospel:** (Mark 10:2-16) That’s why today’s Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus’ blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today’s Psalm. [https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections for more info](https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections-for-more-info).

## We are Getting Divorced

Morris calls his son in NY and says, “Benny, I have something to tell you. However, I don’t want to discuss it. I’m merely telling you because you’re my oldest child, and I thought you ought to know. I’ve made up my mind, I’m divorcing Mama.” The son is shocked, and asks his father to tell him what happened.

“I don’t want to get into it. My mind is made up.”

“But Dad, you just can’t decide to divorce Mama just like that after 54 years together. What happened?”

“It’s too painful to talk about it. I only called because you’re my son, and I thought you should know. I really don’t want to get into it anymore than this. You can call your sister and tell her. It will spare me the pain.”

“But where’s Mama? Can I talk to her?”

“No, I don’t want you to say anything to her about it. I haven’t told her yet. Believe me it hasn’t been easy. I’ve agonized over it for several days, and I’ve finally come to a decision. I have an appointment with the lawyer the day after tomorrow.”

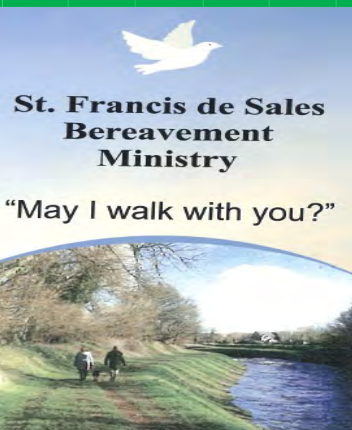
“Dad, don’t do anything rash. I’m going to take the first flight down. Promise me that you won’t do anything until I get there.”

“Well, all right, I promise. Next week is Yom Kippur. I’ll hold off seeing the lawyer until after then. Call your sister in MA and break the news to her. I just can’t bear to talk about it anymore.”

A half hour later, Morris receives a call from his daughter who tells him that she and her brother were able to get tickets and that they and the children will be arriving in Florida the day after tomorrow. “Benny told me that you don’t want to talk about it on the telephone, but promise me that you won’t do anything until we both get there.” Morris promises.

After hanging up from his daughter, Morris turns to his wife and says, “Well, it worked this time, but we are going to have to come up with a new idea to get them here for Passover!”

# VISITING?



## Rosary & Gathering

The bereavement ministry is inviting all families and friends who have lost a loved one to attend a get together to pray the rosary for our loved one and, afterwards, share our bereavement journey at coffee in the church hall.

This is happening **October 8, 10 a.m.** at St. Francis de Sales church.

**Please meet us in the church hall.**



## SFDS Catholic Women’s League

Just a reminder that the CWL General Meeting will be held on **Wed. October 9th**, immediately following the **6:00pm** CWL Mass.

## Priests Study Days

Fr. Mariusz will be away **October 8, 9, 10** for the Priests Study Days. There will be **no mass on these days**.

**Please Note: there will be mass on Oct. 7 & 11.**



**Please Note:** Fr. Mariusz will take the **Mass intentions** that have been booked with him and say them at the retreat.

**Please put Fr. Mariusz in your prayers for safe travels.**



### 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

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**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.**



### 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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*"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.



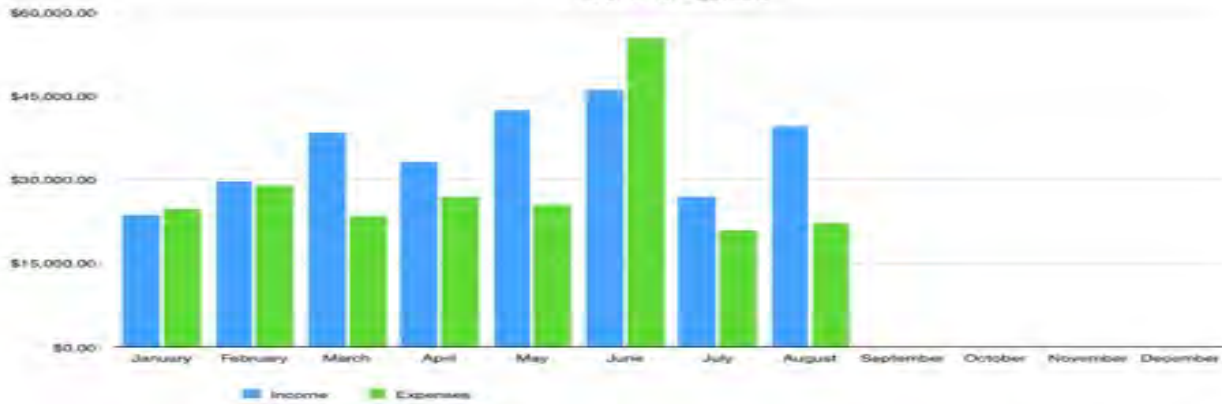


# Monthly Financial Report

Summary by Category

Category	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$23,671.66	\$24,624.19	(\$952.53)
February	\$29,630.30	\$28,877.84	\$752.46
March	\$38,468.32	\$23,358.71	\$15,109.61
April	\$33,018.83	\$26,980.37	\$6,038.46
May	\$42,474.91	\$25,392.04	\$17,082.87
June	\$48,126.87	\$55,412.85	(\$7,285.98)
July	\$26,934.68	\$29,934.02	(\$3,000.66)
August	\$39,541.34	\$22,065.07	\$17,476.27
September			\$0.00
October			\$0.00
November			\$0.00
December			\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$279,866.91</b>	<b>\$227,645.09</b>	<b>\$52,221.82</b>

Income vs. Expenses



## Pastoral Care MINISTRY TRAINING

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community. Whether you're a new minister or someone with prior training in Pastoral Care Ministry, this workshop warmly welcomes you.

### Session 1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

### Session 2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

### WHERE

St Francis de Sales  
(inside of Church Hall)  
206 9 Ave SW  
High River, AB

### COST

\$30.00

### REGISTER



Register by  
October 16, 2024

ONLINE  
<https://forms.gle/rrTwnwA3sKZewfv8>

PHONE 403-218-5521  
EMAIL [mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca)

### NOTES

- To ensure eligibility, please seek approval from your Pastor and/or Pastoral Care Coordinator. Connect with your parish for screening requirements.
- During both sessions, we're delighted to offer a delicious lunch.
- Upon successfully completing and attending the entire course, participants will be awarded Certificates of Completion.

### OUTCOMES

- Learn how to foster a ministry of presence.
- Identifying and developing visiting skills.
- What to focus on when visiting an individual at home.
- How to journey with people at various stages of life (end of life, grief, sickness...)
- Developing a greater degree of empathy and compassion.
- Creating a connection between the individual and the parish.



## 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 anytime and join us.**  
**(please note: you will need to come through the office door)**





## ***Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary 7 of October***

The 16th century in Europe's history was when its inhabitants once again faced the threat of Muslim armies. This time the aggressor is Turkey, which has just reached the peak of its power and is looking more and more greedily at the countries in the northern part of the Mediterranean. The growing threat from it reached its climax in the early 1670s, when Pius V, a Dominican, was pope.

Faced with the risk that the State of the Church would turn into a province of the Ottoman Empire, the pope took political action: he established the Holy League, began to collect troops and money for their maintenance, and thought about strategy. However, he did not neglect the spiritual side and reached for a measure proven by hundreds of years of practice in his order – he addressed the whole Church with a call to pray the rosary in the intention of the victory of Christians.

The day of the decisive battle fell on October 7, 1571, the first Sunday of the month – the day that the Dominicans celebrated

as the remembrance of Mary, Queen of the Rosary. At Lepanto in the Gulf of Corinth, two powerful naval armies faced each other, and the Pope and the faithful fell to their knees with rosaries in their hands.

During the prayer, Pius V had a vision in which he saw the bay where the battle was taking place, and above it Mary looking calmly at the struggle. Our Lady assured the Pope of victory. And indeed – no sooner had the battle begun than the wind unfavourable to the armies of the Holy League died down. The outnumbered Turkish ships were scattered, only a small number of them managed to escape. The blow was so strong that the Turkish fleet never regained its glory.

To commemorate this event, Pius V established the remembrance of Our Lady of Victory on October 7, and two years later Pope Gregory XIII designated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on the first Sunday of October. This concerned only the territories of the State of the Church, until in the eighteenth century, Clement XI, in gratitude for the defeat of the Turks near Belgrade, extended this feast to the entire Church. In the twentieth century, as part of the liturgical reform, Pius X moved the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to October 7.

A few dozen years earlier, in 1883, Leo XIII ordered the invocation 'Queen of the Rosary' to be inscribed in the Litany of Loreto. He also, two years later, ordered that the Rosary be prayed every day throughout October. And so the Dominican way of defeating the enemy became a tactic known throughout the Church. Known and highly valued.





**Our Lady of Fatima urged, "I want you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world, the conversion of sinners, and an end to wars." Let's make an effort to obey Mary's call and pray the Rosary daily. In our parish, the Rosary is prayed every day after the Holy Mass, and on Sundays, it is prayed before the Mass.**

The Rosary prayer is a prayer that unites everyone, as everyone can find something for themselves in it. A mystic may devote themselves to meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, a contemplative may imagine Gospel scenes, and an activist may pray the Rosary quickly, ten by ten. The prayer is simple and suitable for the poor and the rich, for children, adults, and the elderly. We all learned it as children, and in adult life, we may reach for the rosary in difficult moments, problems, troubles, and doubts. Soren Kierkegaard said: "A man without faith stumbles over a blade of straw, with faith he moves mountains." This also applies to the rosary prayer – those who use it speak about miracles, strengthened faith, and achieving the impossible.

The origins of the Rosary prayer date back to the times of the Desert Fathers in the third and fourth centuries. They used strings to count repeated prayers. The word rosary is not only associated with the prayer itself but also with the characteristic chaplet (prayer rope) used to count the number of repeated parts of the prayer. The spread of the Rosary prayer is attributed to the Dominican Blessed Alain de la Roche (†1475), who initiated the Church's tradition according to which the Blessed Virgin inspired St. Dominic Guzman to pray the Rosary for the conversion of heretical Albigensians and sinners.

The Rosary prayer, which consists of the repeated 'Hail Mary', is a call to Mary, the Mother of God, asking for support. A humorous analogy on Facebook compares the rosary prayer to little Jesus pulling Mary's robe, shouting: "Mom, mom, mom..." In a similar way, we call to Our Lady for help as we move the beads of the rosary. Although God is the one who works miracles, Mary intercedes for us and asks with us, as if she were crying out to God on our behalf. Mary cares for us when we feel bad, like a real mother. Each of us carries a different image of a mother in our hearts based on our experiences, but Mary surpasses even our imaginations. St. John Paul II often spoke about the intercession and role of Mary, entrusting his life and pontificate to her.





# 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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