



# St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew 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

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY





# Second Sunday Of Easter



## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (Acts 5:12-16) Luke reports in 5:12-16 that the people continued to gather consistently in Solomon's Colonnade and the Lord added more and more people to the group of believers. The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders such as healing the sick and demon possessed. Jesus is indeed continuing to do through his Spirit and his apostles what he did during his earthly ministry.

**Second Reading:** (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19) John's vision and commission (1:9-20): Before Jesus speaks to the seven churches, he reveals himself in a vision to John, who is in exile on Patmos for being an obedient witness to Jesus (1:9). On the Lord's Day (Sunday) while John is "in the Spirit," he receives a vision of Jesus and a prophetic commission. He is told to write what he sees on a scroll and send it to the seven churches (1:10-11). What he sees is the glorified Christ—"one like a son of man" standing among the lampstands or churches (1:12-16, 20). Here Jesus is closely connected to the "Ancient of Days," a divine figure in Daniel 7 and 10. John falls down out of fear, but Jesus reassures him by revealing that he is both divine and sovereign (1:17-18, 20). John is instructed to write down the visions he receives from Jesus (1:19).

**Gospel:** (John 20:19-31) John's Gospel has presented some, but not all, of Jesus's miraculous signs. If John had tried to record everything, "the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written" (21:25). But John wrote his Gospel so people might believe in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God and, as a result, experience life in his name (20:31). Thus, John has in mind not just the initial belief or conversion but the whole experience of the life that comes from a relationship with Jesus.



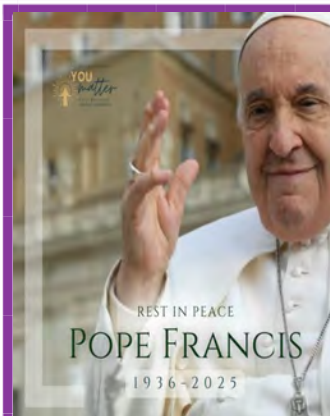
April 27,  
2025



**The Feast of Divine Mercy  
the Sunday after Easter**  
Please join us **3:00-4:00 pm**  
for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour –  
at St. Francis de Sales Parish  
**On April 27, 2025.**  
All are welcome!



**Holy Octave Week**  
The masses through the  
Holy Octave Week will be at  
the regular times of the  
weekday masses.  
**All are welcome!**



## Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

Fr. Mariusz is having a  
Memorial Mass for Pope Francis  
at St. Francis de Sales Parish on  
**Friday, May 2, 2025 at the  
9:15 am Mass.**

All are welcome.



It is with great sadness we are  
announcing that Patti Keats,  
a long time parishioner of  
St. Francis de Sales, and  
resident of Seasons HR passed  
away on April 24th, 2025

Lee Amlin and her team  
at Seasons HR have been  
providing exemplary faith  
support for Patti for a  
number of years

A Funeral Mass will be  
held at a later date.

### 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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### 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](mailto:francisdesales@shaw.ca) All are welcome!

### St. Francis de Sales 2025 Offering Envelopes

Just a reminder that the 2025 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the church hall.

If you do not have an assigned envelope #, but would like one, Please contact Nancy in the church office by phone, **403-652-2203** or email [francisdesales@shaw.ca](mailto:francisdesales@shaw.ca)



### Report for the months of January—April, 2025

The St. Francis de Sales Ministry has helped a total number of **11** people for the months of January to April, 2025. We paid out a total of **\$15,321.51** for bills, rent, or mortgages, as well, we gave a total of **\$1125.00** in fuel cards, and **\$2200.00** in grocery cards.

The total assistance we have given this period is **\$18,646.51**

**It is rewarding to be able to assist these people who are genuinely struggling. The help we give is so appreciated. We try to listen and give help as much as we can as quickly as possible.**

A huge **Thank You** to all those who have made a donation to this rewarding ministry.

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### St. Francis de Sales Special Envelope Days

New Year's Day	January 01, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	February 09, 2025
Together in Action	April 06, 2025
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	April 18, 2025
Easter	April 20, 2025
Good Shepherd Sunday	May 11, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	May 18, 2025
The Pope's Pastoral Works	May 25, 2025
Together in Action	June 01, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	June 08, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	August 10, 2025
Together in Action	September 07, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	September 14, 2025
World Mission Sunday	October 19, 2025
Catholic Education Sunday	November 02, 2025
Together in Action	November 09, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	November 16, 2025
Holy Childhood Sunday	December 14, 2025
Christmas	December 25, 2025

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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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### Plenary Indulgence

Obtain the grace of a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or a departed loved one by making a pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral or the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies under the following conditions:

- 1 Strive to be free from sin  
Even from venial sins
- 2 Receive Sacramental Confession  
This can be received 20 days before or after the pilgrimage.
- Receive the Holy Communion  
It is ideal that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day of the pilgrimage.
- Pray the Pope's Intentions

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### Yarn Donations

If you have any yarn you are not using, our parishioner Shirley is looking for donations so she can knit more toques for Kids in Ukraine and Christmas Child Shoebox.

Yarn donations can be dropped off at the church for Shirley to pick up. If you have any questions, please call the church office for more information—403-652-2203



### Rosaries for Sale

There are Rosaries for sale in our Gift Shop in the Church Hall. They are made by one of our parishioners, Rhona-Mae Arca.

If you are interested in buying one, please see Nancy in the church office during office hours, or call her at 03-652-2203, or email at francisdesales@shaw.ca

### Adoration Cancelled



There will be **no Adoration** on Thursday, May 1, 2025, as we will be preparing for the **Confirmation Celebration** that is at 6:00 pm.

Regular Adoration will resume on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:45 am to 9:00 pm.

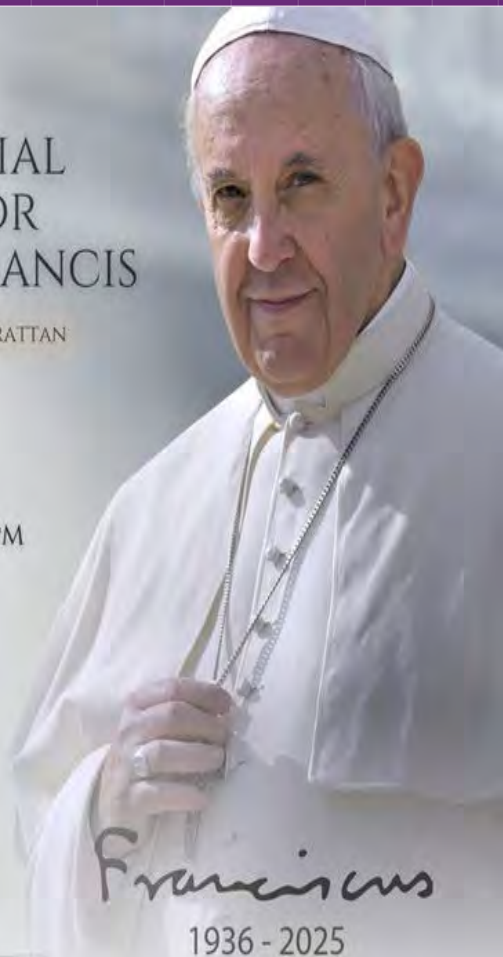
## MEMORIAL MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS

WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN

MONDAY  
APRIL 28 AT 5 PM  
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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## Divine Mercy Sunday: A Celebration of God's Infinite Mercy 3:00 PM

### Introduction

Divine Mercy Sunday, observed on the second Sunday of Easter, is a profound Catholic feast that celebrates the boundless mercy of God as revealed through Jesus Christ. Rooted in the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun in the 1930s, this feast has become a cornerstone of modern Catholic spirituality. In a world often marked by division, suffering, and despair, Divine Mercy Sunday offers a message of hope, forgiveness, and renewal that resonates deeply today.

### Origins of Divine Mercy Sunday

The origins of Divine Mercy Sunday trace back to St. Faustina's mystical encounters with Jesus, who appeared to her with a message of mercy for all humanity. In her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, Faustina recorded Jesus' request for a special feast to honor His mercy, to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. He instructed her to promote the Divine Mercy image—depicting Him with red and white rays symbolizing blood and water—and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a prayer for God's mercy on the world.

Jesus promised extraordinary graces for those who participate in the feast, particularly through sacramental confession and receiving Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. He described this grace as a "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment," akin to the cleansing of baptism. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and officially instituted Divine Mercy Sunday for the universal Church, fulfilling Jesus' request and affirming the feast's significance.

### The Spiritual Significance of Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a powerful reminder of God's infinite love and forgiveness, especially for sinners. The feast aligns with the Easter season's focus on Christ's resurrection and victory over sin, amplifying its message of redemption. Through the practices associated with the day—praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, venerating the Divine Mercy image, and participating in the sacraments—Catholics are invited to trust in God's mercy, seek reconciliation, and extend compassion to others.

The promise of complete forgiveness is a unique aspect of the feast, offering believers an opportunity for spiritual renewal. This grace is not merely a theological concept but a lived experience that encourages Catholics to approach God with confidence, knowing that no sin is beyond His mercy. The feast also calls for acts of mercy, both spiritual and corporal, urging individuals to reflect God's love in their interactions with others.

### Why Divine Mercy Sunday Matters Today

In today's world, the message of Divine Mercy Sunday is more relevant than ever. We live in an era of rapid change, where conflicts, moral challenges, and personal struggles can lead to feelings of hopelessness and isolation. The feast counters these realities with a radical message: God's mercy is limitless, and His love is available to all, regardless of their past.

- A Call to Healing and Reconciliation:** In a polarized society, Divine Mercy Sunday invites individuals to seek forgiveness and reconcile with God and one another. The emphasis on confession and Communion provides a pathway to heal broken relationships and restore inner peace.
- A Source of Hope:** The promise of mercy offers hope to those burdened by guilt, shame, or despair. By trusting in God's forgiveness, individuals can find the strength to overcome personal struggles and embrace a renewed sense of purpose.
- A Challenge to Act with Mercy:** The feast challenges Catholics to embody mercy in their daily lives—through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and service to those in need. In a world grappling with injustice and suffering, this call to mercy is a powerful witness to the Gospel.
- A Universal Message:** While rooted in Catholic tradition, the message of Divine Mercy transcends denominational boundaries. It speaks to the universal human need for love, forgiveness, and connection, making it a beacon of light for people of all backgrounds.

### Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday

Catholics celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday through various devotions that deepen their encounter with God's mercy. Parishes often hold special Masses, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and communal recitations of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Divine Mercy image is prominently displayed, serving as a visual reminder of Christ's love. Many also prepare for the feast by going to confession in the days leading up to it, ensuring they approach the day with a heart open to God's grace.

**This coming Sunday, we will have a special celebration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer at 3:00 PM. I warmly invite everyone to join us in this beautiful devotion, as we come together to honor God's mercy and seek His grace in our lives.**

Beyond formal observances, Divine Mercy Sunday inspires a way of life. It encourages believers to cultivate a "mercy mindset," approaching others with compassion and humility. Whether through forgiving a grudge, helping a neighbor, or praying for those in need, the feast invites Catholics to become instruments of God's mercy in the world.

### Conclusion

Divine Mercy Sunday is more than a liturgical celebration; it is a transformative encounter with the heart of the Gospel. In a time when humanity yearns for healing, hope, and unity, the feast offers a timeless message: God's mercy is greater than any sin, and His love is the answer to our deepest needs. By embracing the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, Catholics are empowered to live as disciples of mercy, bringing light to a world in desperate need of compassion. As St. Faustina wrote, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." Today, this call to trust remains as urgent and vital as ever.





*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*It is with profound sorrow and solemn reverence that I share the news of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who was called home to the Lord on Easter Monday.*

*In God's mysterious providence, the Pope's earthly journey came to an end on the very day we continued to celebrate the Resurrection — a reminder to us all that death is not the final word. Just as Christ rose triumphant from the tomb, we trust and believe that Holy Father now shares in the fullness of life promised to all who follow Him faithfully.*

*Pope Francis led the Church with humility, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the Gospel. His voice became one of peace in a restless world, his actions a testimony of mercy and care for the most vulnerable among us.*

*He invited us to see Christ in every person — especially the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized. His papacy was a call to simplicity, joy, and authentic discipleship.*

*As we mourn his loss, I invite you to join in prayer for the repose of his soul, and to gather in spiritual unity as the Church enters a time of mourning and transition.*

*May Pope Francis now rest in the peace of the Risen Lord, whom he served. And may we, as members of the Body of Christ, continue the mission to bring the light of the Gospel into every corner of the world.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*In the hope of the Resurrection,*

*Fr. Marius Sztuk, SDS*

### **What happens next?**

Based on recent reports, Pope Francis died on April 21, 2025, triggering a series of traditional and procedural events within the Vatican to mourn his passing and select a successor. Here's what happens next, based on established Catholic Church protocols and recent updates:

**1. Confirmation and Initial Rites:** The death has already been confirmed by the Vatican's health department director, Dr. Andrea Arcangeli, and the camerlengo, Cardinal Kevin Farrell. Farrell has sealed the papal apartments and destroyed the Pope's Fisherman's Ring and lead seal, symbolizing the end of Francis' papacy. These actions prevent unauthorized use of papal authority.

**2. Public Viewing and Mourning:** Pope Francis' body is prepared and dressed in papal vestments, placed in a simple wooden and zinc coffin (per his request for a simplified rite), and lies in state at St. Peter's Basilica starting April 23, 2025, for public viewing. Hundreds of thousands of mourners, including world leaders, are expected to pay their respects. The nine-day mourning period, called the *Novendiale*, began after his death, rooted in ancient Roman tradition.

**3. Funeral:** As mandated by Church rules, the funeral is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025, in St. Peter's Square, four to six days after his death. It will be a public event led by the dean of the College of Cardinals, Giovanni Battista Re, with a simplified liturgy per Francis' wishes, emphasizing his role as a humble bishop rather than a worldly figure.

**4. Burial:** Unlike most popes buried in the Vatican Grottoes, Francis requested burial at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, the first pope to be interred outside the Vatican in over a century. His coffin will contain coins from his papacy and a *rogito*, a document summarizing his life and works.

**5. Papal Interregnum (Sede Vacante):** The period between Francis' death and the election of a new pope, known as the *Sede Vacante*, is underway. The College of Cardinals, led by the camerlengo, oversees limited administrative functions, but no major Church decisions are made.

**6. Conclave to Elect a New Pope:** The conclave, where 135 cardinal electors (under 80 years old) choose the next pope, must begin between May 5 and May 10, 2025, 15–20 days after Francis' death, though it could start earlier if cardinals agree, per changes made by Pope Benedict XVI. Held in the Sistine Chapel, cardinals are isolated, voting in secret until a candidate secures a two-thirds-plus-one majority (90 votes). Ballots are burned after each round, with black smoke signalling no decision and white smoke indicating a new pope. The process typically takes a few days but can last longer.

**Announcement and New Papacy:** Once elected, the new pope is asked if he accepts and chooses a papal name. The dean of the College of Cardinals announces "Habemus Papam" ("We have a Pope") from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, introducing the new pontiff, who blesses the crowd. The new pope then begins his papacy, addressing global issues facing the Church's 1.4 billion Catholics.

# MASS INTENTIONS

# April 1– 30, 2025

April 1	7:00 pm	James & Helen Leible †
April 2	6 :00 pm	Bereavement Mass
April 3	9:15 am	Stuart Curzon †
April 4	9:15 am	John & Kay Hoffart †
April 5	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lillian Schmidt † Grazyn Sak†
April 6	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our parish Michael Ryan †
April 7	9:00 am	Deidre & Steve Abma & Family
April 8	7:00 pm	George Curzon
April 9	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Sr. Loretta Rice CSJ SFDS CWL Sisters
April 10	9:15 am	Marge & Mike Heap †
April 11	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
April 12	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Colin Budd † Theresa Fallows †
April 13	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish
April 14	9:00 am	Alison Richards †
April 15	7:00 pm	Peggy Klein †
April 16	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Sr. Teresa Rice CSJ Josephine Owens †
April 17	9:15 am	*****
April 18	9:15 am	*****
April 19	9:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish †
April 20	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Margaret Ryan † Nonito & Pina Pascual †
April 21	9:00 am	Mitchell Curzon
April 22	7:00 pm	Norman Fallows
April 23	3:30 pm—( The Manor) 6:00 pm	Corin Benjamin Ann Marie Stokes †
April 24	9:15 am	Darlene Gillis†
April 25	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
April 26	9:00 am 5:00 pm	John Hughes Lloyd Richardson †
April 27	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Doug Mowat †
April 28	9:00 am	Fr. Mariusz Sztuk
April 29	7:00 pm	Ken MacKenzie †
April 30	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Bill Ward † Sam Abma



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