



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25) The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 15:45-49) That's the promise, too, of today's Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world (see [1 Corinthians 15:21-22](#)).

Gospel: (Luke 6:27, 20- 38) The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us.

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



Stations of the Cross /Soup and Buns

Please join us for Stations of the Cross will held **every Friday** during Lent, **Mar.7 – Apr. 11, 2025** at 6:30 pm followed by soup and buns. **All Are Welcome!**

Date	Ministry
March 7, 2025	Couples for Christ
March 14, 2025	Decorating /Parish Council, RCIA/Liturgy & Lector
March 21, 2025	CWL
March 28, 2025	Music Ministry
April 4, 2025	Knights of Columbus
April 11, 2025	Notre Dame/Holy Spirit School

Parable of two businessmen

One man advertised his product in all the leading magazines using all the superlatives regarding his service, his quality and his ability.

The second businessman put advertising in second place of importance to the importance of giving genuine quality, real service and personal consideration.

Said the first businessman, "With all the advertising I pay for I can't understand why customers drive by my door to that smaller place of my competitor?"

But when customers were asked their opinion they said, "Go to Bill's, you know he will be fair and his product is always good."

The world's best advertising is still truth in action. The best test of Christian faith is love in action. The best business methods still include a good product, friendly service and personal concern. Your best advertisement of life is what your customers say about you.

All the business techniques in the world are dependent for real success on Christian principles; for man is intelligent enough to give the true.

The rich man, who built bigger barns, was still impoverished by the loss of his soul.



Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts are ready for pick up. If not picked up, they will be mailed by February 28th.

Thank You!



A person's attitude toward their profession clearly helps determine the results achieved by it. Whoever regards their work as a mere source of income or as a pastime will perform differently from the person who feels that their profession is an authentic vocation.

- St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross

BABY CLOTHES DRIVE

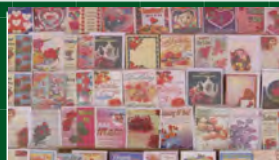
Collecting supplies for new mothers in need. Accepting donations of new and gently used baby clothing, diapers, and blankets, sized newborn to 24 months.

Please bring your items to the Church between Feb. 1 - March 16, 2025



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Greeting Cards, Christmas Cards & Stamps!

Not sure what to do with your stack of greeting cards? Did you know the **Diocesan Mission Council** collects used and unused greeting cards for donation for their card making program, which supports Overseas missions, as well they collect used stamps.

All donations can be dropped off at **SFDS in the basket in the church hall.**

If you have any questions, please call Nancy in the office, 403-652-2203, or email at francisdesaleshighriver.com



YOU ARE INVITED

To 'LIVE-IN' AND GET TO KNOW JESUS!

A Live-In is a weekend retreat to grow in faith with Jesus.

Starts Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon.

The next retreat is March 21-23, 2025 in Okotoks



Please contact us e-mail calgarylivein@telus.net or Phone Valerie at 403-808-7081 for more information or to register.

If you have attended your own Live-In Retreat, come be the hands and feet of Jesus to others and serve.

The Calgary Live-In Retreat Society



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



Game Night at SFDS

Come join us in building fellowship through an evening of intellectually stimulating board games.

Discover a world beyond mass-market 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, February 28, 2025 6:00 PM—onwards in the Church Hall
Loose Itinerary: Board gaming 101 orientation + Q&A (15 min.)

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 snacks. Late-comers 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 to RSVP contact Rhona-Mae Arca at 403-803-6835.

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 **dontion@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!**

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**



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

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Welcome
Thank You for joining us today.

Name _____
Address _____
Postal Code _____ Amount \$ _____

Are you interested in:
 Learning more about our ministry?
 Having a visit from the pastor?
 Joining our church?

How did you hear about us?

St. Francis de Sales Special Envelope Days

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| 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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SFDS 2025 Calendars Fundraiser for Pro-Life

Dear Parishioners, We are thrilled to invite you to purchase our **2025 parish calendar!** This unique calendar not only helps you organize the upcoming year but also beautifully showcases the life and moments of our parish community through stunning photographs.

Let this calendar serve as a daily reminder of our shared faith, community spirit, and dedication to life-affirming causes. Thank you for standing with us and making a positive impact through your support.

The suggested price is 10\$
With prayers and blessings,
Fr. Marius



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.

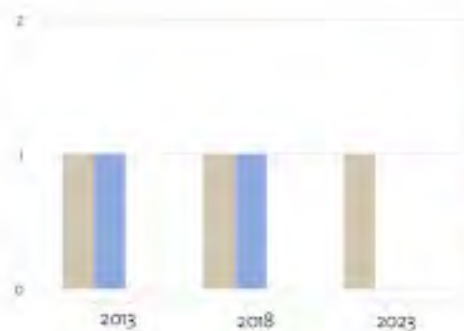




CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS



TREND IN MARRIAGES



- Marriage between 2 Catholics
- Marriage between a Catholic and a baptized Christian
- Marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized



Invitation to a Meeting on Euthanasia (February 24th, 2025) at St. Francis De Sales Parish at 6:00 PM

Dear Parishioners

I invite all of you to a meeting dedicated to the important topic of euthanasia. In light of the increasing number of euthanasia cases and the controversies surrounding MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying), which often appear in the media, it is essential for us as a Catholic community to understand what the Church's teaching says on this matter.

Euthanasia has become a subject of broad public debate, and its presence in the media often leads to misunderstandings and ambiguities. Many people may be confused about the moral, ethical and medical implications of this issue. Therefore, it is important for us to come together to discuss these matters in the context of our faith and the Church's teaching.

The Church's Teaching on Euthanasia

The Catholic Church clearly teaches that euthanasia is morally unacceptable. As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder." Regardless of the circumstances, "direct euthanasia consists in ending the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons" and is "morally unacceptable". The Church also emphasizes that "even if death is considered inevitable, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted." This teaching reminds us of the dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God.

Medical Perspective

From a medical perspective, doctors have a duty to care for the life and health of their patients. In the context of terminal stages of illness, their role is to provide appropriate palliative care that alleviates suffering without hastening death. A meeting with a physician from our parish will allow for a discussion on how medicine can support patients in difficult times, as well as how to understand and implement the Church's teaching in medical practice.

Open Questions and Discussion

Everyone is encouraged to actively participate in the discussion. This meeting aims not only to impart knowledge but also to create a space for asking questions and sharing doubts. Together, we can delve into this important topic and better understand how our faith relates to contemporary challenges.

Invitation to a Meeting with a Physician

Additionally, we would like to invite all parishioners to a meeting with a physician from our parish, who will share his knowledge about euthanasia and answer questions regarding this controversial topic. This meeting will be an excellent opportunity for open discussion and understanding of how the Church's teaching relates to contemporary challenges in medicine. We encourage everyone to attend and actively participate in this important conversation.

Fr. Marius



February 1– 28, 2025

Feb. 1	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Ruby Ben & Janet MacLeod †
Feb. 2	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Myrna Stokes
Feb. 3	9:00 am	Edna Horne
Feb. 4	7:00 pm	Katherine Curzon
Feb. 5	6 :00 pm	Bereavement Mass
Feb. 6	9:15 am	Bud
Feb. 7	9:15 am	Kyle Desjareles
Feb. 8	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bob Lainchbury † Sickel Family †
Feb. 9	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Tim McLean †
Feb. 10	9:00 am	Matthew Curzon
Feb. 11	7:00 pm	Don Fallows †
Feb. 12	4:15 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Jensen Family SFDS CWL Sisters
Feb. 13	9:15 am	Benny Uchaz †
Feb. 14	9:15 am	Rosalina Bartolone †
Feb. 15	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Rebecca Enright & Austin Ho MacLeod Family †
Feb. 16	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Brijido & Delfina Mejia †
Feb. 17	9:00 am	Moyra Walton †
Feb. 18	7:00 pm	Cathie McNelis †
Feb. 19	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Geroge & Antonina Sztuk † Theresa Fallows †
Feb. 20	9:15 am	Collen Kindt
Feb. 21	9:15 am	Don & Heather Baldwin
Feb. 22	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Sr. Marie Hagen † Fabian Family †
Feb. 23	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Pat MacDonald
Feb. 24	9:00 am	Zatko Family
Feb. 25	7:00 pm	Bob Lainchbury †
Feb. 26	4:00 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Kilmer Hagen † Rebecca Enright & Austin Ho
Feb. 27	9:15 am	Bella Family
Feb. 28	9:15 am	Stretch Family



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