



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

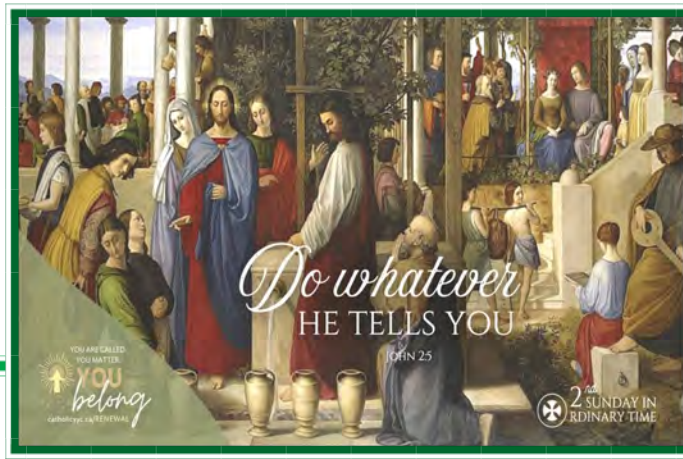
Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

II SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January
19, 2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Isaiah 62: 1-5) Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) The new wine that Jesus pours out at today's feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today's Epistle says. This is the "salvation" announced to the "families of nations" in today's Psalm.

Gospel: (John 2:1-12) When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see [Jeremiah 2:20-36](#); [3:1-13](#)). But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see [Hosea 2:18-22](#)). That's why in today's Gospel Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast.

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

The White Wedding Dress

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother thought for a moment on how to avoid the purity aspect and replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Join us for a weekend to bring great change to your life.

Retrovaille Weekend Programme

- Friday, Feb 28 6pm
- Saturday, Mar 1
- Sunday, Mar 2

TO REGISTER:
Contact: Ken & Isabelle 403-276-4547
HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com

YOU ARE CALLED YOU MATTER YOU BELONG

- ◆ THURSDAY AT 7 PM
JAN 30, 2025
Natural Family Planning
- ◆ THURSDAY AT 7 PM
FEB 20, 2025
Conflict Resolution
- ◆ THURSDAY AT 7 PM
MAR 20, 2025
Communication
- ◆ THURSDAY AT 7 PM
APR 10, 2025
Financial Stewardship
- ◆ THURSDAY AT 7PM
JUNE 5, 2025
Marriage & Addiction

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS

The Diocese of Calgary invites married couples to attend our Marriage Enrichment Workshops.

\$20 FEE PER SESSION*

*Discounted rate of \$75 if registering for ALL sessions

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call 403-218-5521
maria.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17th Ave SW
Calgary, AB

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**Pictured here are the new
CWL Executive for 2025-2027.**

Mary Ann Dearing, Joanne Van Donzel
(Co-chairing Presidents),
Linda Lieble (Vice President),

Susan Horn (Past President), Gloria Lundberg (Secretary),
Bae Taylor (Treasurer), Geraldine Gervais (Service),
Gloria Smorang (Faith), missing from photo
Luella Wojcik (Social Justice)



Knights of Columbus Notice

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets on the score of the Super Bowl game with all profits going to the **Sisters of the Precious Blood** who besides their life of prayer, their main works are the distribution of altar breads to our Parish and throughout the diocese.

Parishioners are encouraged to visit the Knights of Columbus ticket seller in the church hall after Mass and support this worthwhile cause.



**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



**An Evening of
Wine and Cheese Tasting**

Kick those Winter Blues away!

Mark your calendars. The CWL are hosting
an evening of wine and cheese tasting.

When: Friday, January 31st, 2025

Where: St. Francis de Sales Church Hall

Time: 6:30-9:30 pm

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Only **100 tickets** will be available .This event is open to
all parishioners **not just** CWL members. Those interested in
purchasing tickets may contact Susan Horn at 403-601-4584,
or email her at dghlinks@telus.net **OR** money can be
E-transferred to sfscwl25@gmail.com

Looking forward to an evening of learning about wines
and the regions of the world that they come from.



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, January 24, 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. 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 to RSVP contact
Rhona-Mae Arca at 403-803-6835.**



The liturgical year is a central element of the Catholic Church's life, enabling the faithful to deepen their faith by celebrating key events from the life of Jesus Christ and the history of salvation. As the Christmas Season concludes, during which we celebrated the incarnation of the Son of God, we now enter Ordinary Time – a period of contemplation on the daily life and teachings of Jesus.

The Main Seasons of the Liturgical Year:

Advent Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ. It lasts four weeks and has two aspects: recalling Jesus' first coming in Bethlehem and anticipating His second coming at the end of time. Advent is a time of reflection, prayer, and conversion.

Christmas Season This season, which has just ended, begins on Christmas Eve and lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It celebrates the incarnation of the Son of God, His birth, and His manifestation to the world (Epiphany). It is a time of joy and gratitude for the gift of the Savior.

Ordinary Time (First Part) The first part of Ordinary Time, which we are now entering, begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and lasts until Ash Wednesday. During this time, the liturgy focuses on the public ministry of Jesus and His teachings. It is a period for applying Christ's words to everyday life and deepening our relationship with God.

Lent Lent is a time of penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, lasting 40 days. It begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates in Holy Week, leading to the Paschal Triduum. During this season, the faithful prepare to commemorate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

Paschal Triduum The Paschal Triduum is the most important moment of the liturgical year, beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday. During this time, the Church commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, the Passion, the Crucifixion, and the triumph of Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal Triduum is the heart and climax of the liturgical year because it encompasses the most significant events of salvation history.

Easter Season The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday and lasts 50 days, concluding with the Feast of Pentecost. It is a time of joy in Christ's Resurrection and reflection on the mystery of salvation.

Ordinary Time (Second Part) The second part of Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and lasts until the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is the longest season of the liturgical year, dedicated to deepening our relationship with God through daily life and faithfulness to Christ's teachings.

The Significance of Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time, despite its name, is not a less important season. The term "Ordinary" comes from the Latin "ordinarius," meaning ordered. During this time, the faithful focus on the life and teachings of Jesus, allowing His words to influence their daily decisions and actions. It is a time of spiritual growth and practical application of the Gospel in daily life.

The Most Important Liturgical Season

While all seasons of the liturgical year hold significance, the Paschal Triduum is considered the most important. It is the moment when the Church relives the central mysteries of faith: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. These events form the foundation of Christianity and offer the faithful the hope of salvation. Thus, the liturgical year serves as a journey through which the Church guides the faithful toward a deeper experience of faith and an encounter with God in various aspects of spiritual life.



MASS INTENTIONS

January 1– 31, 2025

Jan. 1	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish George & Antonina Sztuk †
Jan. 2	9:15 am	Lucille McFadyn †
Jan. 3	9:15 am	Sharon Goerg †
Jan. 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Susana Escareal † Our Parish
Jan. 5	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Maeve Hunter
Jan. 6	9:00 am	Kamla Hari †
Jan. 7	7:00 pm	Lucille McFadyn †
Jan. 8	4:00 pm (HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Marilyn Jensen SFDS CWL Sisters
Jan. 9	9:15 am	Lucille McFadyn †
Jan. 10	9:15 am	James Walton †
Jan. 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Devin Osmachenko † Tim Mclean †
Jan. 12	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Theresa Fallows †
Jan. 13	9:00 am	Dhea Wallace
Jan. 14	7:00 pm	Kamla Hari †
Jan. 15	4:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Ester Magoose Dhea Wallace
Jan. 16	9:15 am	Lew Johnson
Jan. 17	9:15 am	Therese Driver
Jan. 18	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Larry Driver Darlene Dudgeon †
Jan. 19	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish
Jan. 20	9:00 am	Alijandrino & Milagros Floresca †
Jan. 21	7:00 pm	Bessie Amores †
Jan. 22	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	John Dawson † Kayla Curzon
Jan. 23	9:15 am	Ambrose Walton †
Jan. 24	9:15 am	Vincent Fabian †
Jan. 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Michael Floresca † Cathy Monroe
Jan. 26	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Sydney Barton †
Jan. 27	9:00 am	Felix & Carmen Amores †
Jan. 28	7:00 pm	Joaquin & Ronnie Amores †
Jan. 29	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 11:00 am	Pat Magoose Marilyn Jensen
Jan. 30	9:15 am	Dominador Jalosjos †
Jan. 31	9:15 am	Aunt Marie †

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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Thank You for joining us today.

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 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 |

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.

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