



June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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If you are new to our parish, or have been coming but not yet **registered**, please contact Nancy in the parish office to fill out a registration form at **403-652-2203** or email her at **francisdesales@shaw.ca**



Whom to Fear

Jesus Said to his Apostles: “Fear no one; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before humans, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before humans, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 10:26—33

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Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Jeremiah 20:10-13) Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

Second Reading: (Romans 5:12-15) By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle.

Gospel: (Matthew 10:26-33) "Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

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

Stop Being Afraid

Jesus' instructions to his disciples prior to their first mission continue in today's gospel reading. He has been telling them about all the dangers and hardships they may have to put up with and ends by saying (in effect), "What do you expect? A disciple is not greater than his teacher. If the world gives me a bad time, it will give you one too" (Matthew 10:24-25).

So what does Jesus do? Sell them life insurance? Give them bullet-proof vests? Teach them how to diffuse conflict? Hardly. Instead he says, "Don't ever be afraid of your enemies and critics. Even though it's not obvious now, the truth will come out finally. So, speak up; shout it out; stand and deliver" (10:26-27). Oh, my. We don't want to be heroes, especially not religious ones. It's all we can do to get to church on Sundays and we're supposed to be shouting the word of God from the housetops? No way. We're afraid.

But Jesus doesn't quit. "Stop being afraid" (that's the force of the verb); "stop being afraid" -- not just once but always. "Stop being afraid of people who can kill the body but not the soul." The point is that people can hurt us only temporarily because life comes from God. Even if they kill us, God the author of life will raise us. "Don't fear people; fear God" (the one who can kill both body and soul) (10:28).

Contrary to popular opinion, Jesus is saying that the voice of the people is not the voice of God. We worry way too much about what other people say or think of us and far too little about what God thinks of us. We know this is true. We've heard it before. But, it's easier said than done...

Submitted by: Fr. Mariusz



Catholics dedicate the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in veneration and in gratitude for His merciful heart and His redeeming love for mankind. Holy masses, novenas, and the recitation of devotional prayers in honor of the Sacred Heart are traditionally observed by the faithful devotees.



1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist 2023/2024

The registration link will be open online to register your child for **1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion** **starting July 1st.**

Your child must be in Grade 2-6 for this Sacrament.

(please note: deadline for registration is October 8, 2022)

Please go to our website to register for these Sacraments

<https://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com/index.php/en/services/eucharist>

The **Parent Info Sessions** for Sacramental Preparation is **September 23, at 6:00 pm in the church. Dates for the classes will be provided at this meeting.**

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at the church office by phone: 403-652-2203 or by email: francisdesales@shaw.ca



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be open 9:00 am—12:00 pm to the public for July & August

If you need Fr. Mariusz after hours, please call him on his cell # 403-992-2313

Please Note:

Nancy will be on holidays from June 30— July 16 however, she is blessed to have wonderful volunteers in the office Mon.—Fri. 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



Wait upon the Lord. Be faithful to his commandments. He will elevate your hope and put you in possession of his kingdom.

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux



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



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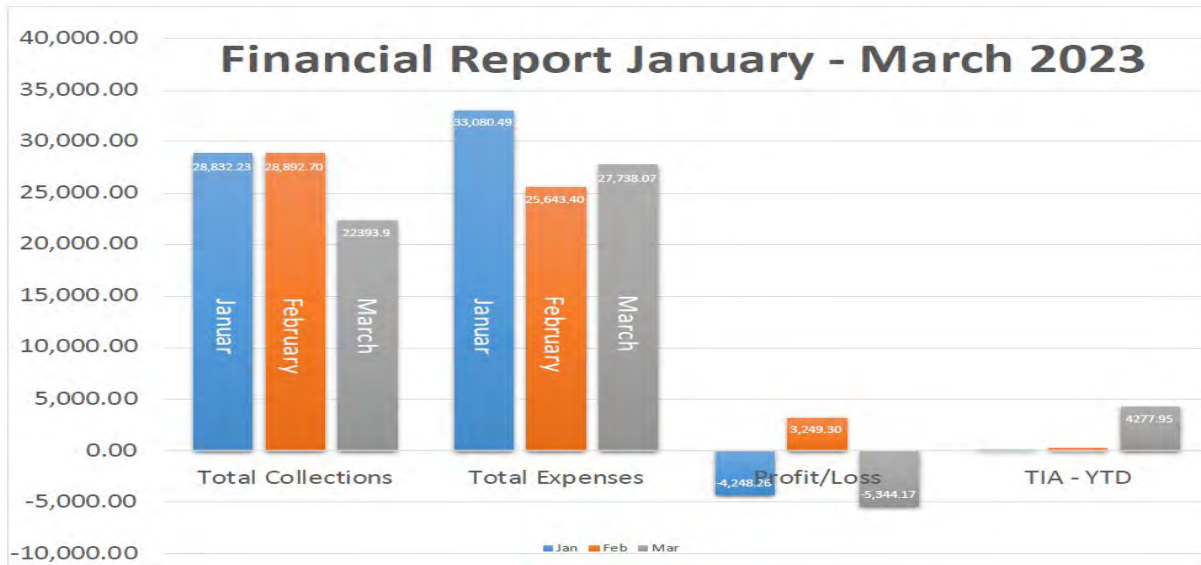
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Adoration

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 **All are welcome!**



“For it is in giving that we receive.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi



Hospital Stay

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.



St. Francis de Sales Gift Shop!

Looking for that special gift for Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Birthday or for yourself? Come and check out our new Gift Shop!! If you see something you would like to buy, please see Nancy in the church office during the weekday office hours.

Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am to noon





SUMMER RETREATS

LIVE-IN RETREATS FOR ADULTS

- [Catholic Family Life Conference](#) for family (June 29 - Jul 3) - Lac Ste Anne, AB
- [Soul Care Retreat for Men](#) (July 18 - 20) - Mount St. Francis
- [Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage](#) (July 21-27) - Lac Ste Anne, AB
- [Learn to Keep Walking](#) Retreat (July 23 - 30) - Mount St. Francis
- [Soul Care Retreat for Women](#) (Aug 8 - 10) - Mount St. Francis
- [Summer Silent Directed Retreat](#) (Aug 11 - 19) - FCJ Retreat Centre
- [Women's Weekend Retreat](#) (Aug 11-13) - Mount St. Francis
- [Weekend Silent Directed Retreat](#) (Aug 11-13) - FCJ Centre
- [Always Our Children](#) (Aug 18-20) - Aspen Ranch Outdoor Centre, Clearwater County, AB
- [Blessing of the Good Road Week](#) Retreat (Aug 21-27) - Mount St. Francis

Please go to their websites for more info and to register.



Ignite is a Catholic summer camp for teens grades 9-12 desiring to grow in holiness. It is an incredible week with excellent talks, amazing people, daily Mass, epic large group activities, Reconciliation, Adoration, praise and worship, and much more! You will grow in the knowledge of Christ and the Church and be empowered to go forward while striving to be a modern-day saint.

July 18-21, 2023
St. Michael's Parish, Calgary

Please go to **face2face ministries** for more info and to register



Ignite Junior is a Catholic summer camp for youth grades 6-8, designed to introduce and deepen a relationship with Jesus while having outrageous fun with friends! It is an incredible three days with amazing people, epic large group activities, Adoration, praise and worship, excellent teaching moments, and much more!

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Wheelchair ramp

Financial Help Needed

As people get older, it becomes much more difficult to move around. Attending church on regular basis isn't possible any more, but it does require people to leave their homes and walk or drive to a church on occasion, or doctor appointment. Getting out of the house may help motivate elderly to stay connected. So, I am writing these few lines to ask for your help. We have a need to help one of our parishioners to build a ramp to make an easy access. If you feel you could help financially, please give us call at the parish office, 403.652.2203 or talk to Fr. Marius.

Thank you and God Bless!

Heating System at St. Francis De Sales Parish in High River

Last December 2022 and January of 2023, we experienced a major issue with our heating system. Some temporary repairs were done by the end of January 2023 to stop any further damage and to ensure that we have heat in our church building during winter time. But during that time it became evident that we need to look into our heating system.

After a long conversation with GM Mechanical, the company that has serviced our furnaces for many years, the conclusion was reached that all three units must be replaced due to their advanced age (30 years) & increasing unreliability. After reviewing quotes from a few firms, and after the approval of Parish and Financial Councils, GM Mechanical in High River was awarded the contract for following reasons:

- They have satisfactorily serviced our system for years
- They are local for rapid emergency response & indeed are our neighbours
- Their quote is considerably less (about \$60,000 or 25% lower) than the one of the Calgary firms.
- Approximately 14 - 20 weeks deliver to ensure that we have heat entering winter season.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$173,670 + GST. however this cost could change based on unforeseen work requirements. Thanks to your generous support, we have a portion of the funds needed in our building and maintenance savings account, however we welcome any support from parishioners and supporters of St. Francis's Church.

If you would like to help:

Make a donation using the special collection envelopes. To Donate with a credit card or other method, please contact the office at 403-652-2203.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr. Mariusz Sztuk, SDS



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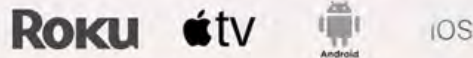
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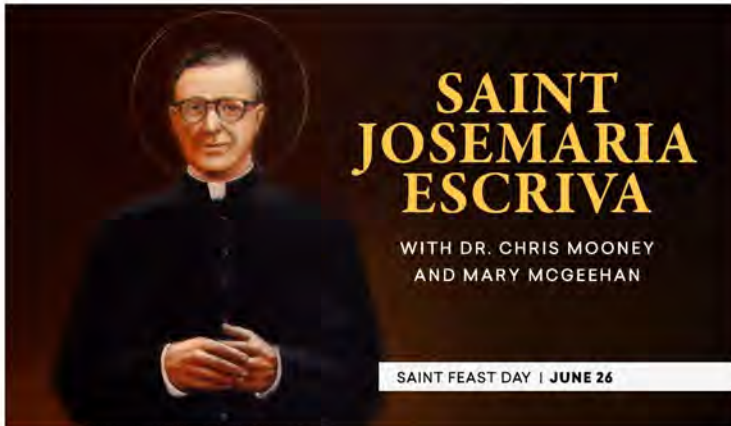
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June 1– 30, 2023

June 1	9:15 am	Wade Hamer †
June 2	9:15 am	Eduardo Bartiana †
June 3	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Geerhaert Family † Ann-Marie Stokes †
June 4	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Fran Moulton †
June 5	9:00 am	Lynn & Family
June 6	7:00 pm	Matt & Rosemary Flaman
June 7	10:00 am—(Vulcan) 6:00 pm	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Bereavement Mass
June 8	9:15 am	Barbara Charette
June 9	9:15 am	Van Wezel Family †
June 10	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Daniel & Mary Rehak † Roy McLean †
June 11	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Emma Morris †
June 12	9:00 am	Betty Farrell †
June 13	7:00 pm	Emma Morris †
June 14	10:00 am—(Vulcan) 4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Freddie Skappak † Penny Puzanoski † SFDS CWL Sisters
June 15	9:15 am	Barbara Charette
June 16	9:15 am	Roy McLean †
June 17	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Geerhaert Family Anne-Marie Stokes †
June 18	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Karen Barton
June 19	9:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
June 20	7:00 pm	A. Jensen
June 21	10:00 am—(Vulcan) 3:15pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Mennetta Chaubon R. Nesselbeck † Vincent Fabian †
June 22	9:15 am	K. Jensen
June 23	9:15 am	Van Wezel Family
June 24	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Dina Van Wezel † Larry Rushford †
June 25	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Marge Szabo †
June 26	9:00 am	Fred & Anna Meyers †
June 27	7:00 pm	C. Jensen
June 28	10:00 am—(Vulcan) 3:30 pm—(the Manor) 6:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † D. Nesselbeck † Fabian Family †
June 29	9:15 am	Maureen Kivineen
June 30	9:15 am	Theresa Fallows †



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