



# 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

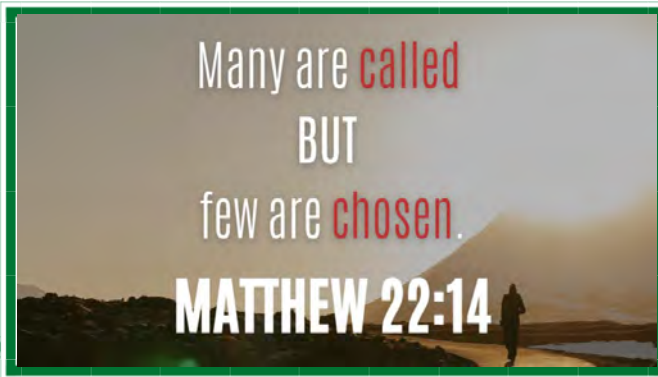
Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

## XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## October 15, 2023

### Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 25: 6-10a) God is the king (see [Matthew 5:35](#)), Jesus the bridegroom (see [Matthew 9:15](#)), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see [Isaiah 25:6](#)).

**Second Reading:** (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20) As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need.

**Gospel:** (Matthew 22:1-14) Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This is an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see [Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50](#)). <https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.

### EXCUSES, EXCUSES

Teachers submitted excuses, they had received from their students, why they are late:

A student explaining why he was late: "I was kidnapped by aliens and interrogated for three hours."

Another student, telling why he had failed to turn in his essay: "The bus driver read it and liked it so much he kept it to show to his passengers."

Another: "I got mugged on the way to school. I offered him my money, my watch, and my pen knife, but all he wanted was my essay."

Mike, a 14-year old, came up with a "water tight" excuse for arriving at school an hour late with his pants soaked to the knees: "I was just about to board the bus when I found I'd lost my ticket. Since it would take too long to walk to school, I hopped a fence onto a golf course. I headed for a creek that crisscrossed several fairways until I found a likely spot for lost balls. Retrieving three balls from their watery graves, I then made for the clubhouse where I sold the balls for bus fare! And that's why I'm late." Mike's entry won.



### Month of November

If you would like your loved ones name in the "Book of the Names of the Dead", please sign the book at the back of the church or call Nancy in the church office, at 403-652-2203 or email her at [www.francisdesales.shaw.ca](http://www.francisdesales.shaw.ca)  
**Deadline is October 31, 2023**



### Adoration & RCIA

There will still be **Adoration** on Thursday, **October 26** from 9:30 am—9:00 pm, as well there will also be **RCIA** Thursday evening, **October 26, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**



### SDS Retreat

Fr. Mariusz will be away **October 23-27** for the Salvatorian (SDS) Retreat. There will be **no mass** on **Oct. 24, 25, 26, and 27**. There **will be mass** on **Oct. 23 @ 9:00 am**.



**Please Note:** Fr. Maruiz 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.**



### Candle Light Service for Repose of the Soul

We will be having a Candle Light Service for The Repose of the Soul on Thursday, **November 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm**. If you have a family member or friend who passed away in the past year (**November 2022 to present**)

please let Nancy know and they will be added to the Candle Light Service. If their funeral was not here, **please bring in a picture**, with the details of **name, date of birth and date of death**.

**There will also be a reception afterwards in the church hall. All are welcome!**

**If you have any questions, please call Nancy in the parish office at 403-652-2203 or email at [francisdesales@shaw.ca](mailto:francisdesales@shaw.ca)**

### All Saints Mass

*Please join us on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 6:00 pm for our All Saints Mass. All are welcome!*



## 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@mc.com](mailto:dzambel@mc.com) to request a visit. He will do his best to schedule a visit with you



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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!**

## Financial Report May—August 2023



“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.



## SFDS HELPING HANDS

### Report for the months of March—September 2023

The St. Francis de Sales Ministry has helped a total number of **13** people for the months of March to Sept.2023. We paid out a total of **\$8546.12** for bills, rent, or mortgages, as well we gave a total of **\$1250.00** in fuel cards, and **\$700.00** in grocery cards. We were also gifted **\$1500.00** in grocery cards from St. Vincent de Paul in Okotoks, and have given out \$1200.00 of that so far.

The total assistance we have given so far is **\$11, 696.12**

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.





### SFDS Children's Choir

Enjoy singing? The Children's Choir will be starting up again and we would like to invite all kids in **kindergarten to grade 6** to come and sing.

The Children's Choir will be singing on the **first Sunday** of each month (practicing before mass @ 10:00) and there will also be practices on the **Wednesday** before the first Sunday @ 4:30 pm, at the church.

Please contact Anna Baldwin via email if you want to join the choir or have any questions. Email: [ahbanana2@gmail.com](mailto:ahbanana2@gmail.com)

**Thank you!**

**Looking forward to hear from you!**



### Knights of Columbus

The next K of C meeting is **Monday October 16 at 7:00 pm** at the SFDS Church hall. **All K of C brothers invited and also those who would like to join!!**

For more information, call **Grand Knight Gerry McCallum 403-652-6229**



### "I don't want to go to church anymore. I don't believe in God, it's not my religion,"

....she was told by her teenage daughter. It is only up to parents what we will do with our pain in such a situation. We can get stuck in despair and guilt. But we can also follow in the footsteps of St. Monica and draw from this drama a lesson, as beautiful as it is difficult.

In such a situation, it is easy to get stuck in your own suffering, guilt and failure. There is a temptation to give up. Bitterness, self-pity, manifestation of suffering. Reactions can be really different, but almost each of them carries a powerful load of difficult emotions. It happens that parents reach for the heaviest weapon and, wanting to punish a "wandering" family member, decide to cut themselves off from him. However, one can try to look at what happened a little differently and follow the path that St. Monica chose. This pious woman, with boundless love and persistent prayers, led to the conversion of her son. And probably there would be nothing extraordinary about it, if not for the fact that she waited 17 years for it! In this way, the biggest sinner in the area, who in his life indulged mainly in lust and debauchery, was... a saint and one of the most famous theologians in the history of the Church. A child's departure from faith (like any other drama in life) can be treated as an opportunity for conversion. It can be both a beautiful and very difficult lesson in unconditional love, freedom and gratitude. They are parents who, although they have lost their children to the Church, have not ceased to give them love and acceptance. Although they carry an open wound in their hearts, they redirect attention from their own suffering to gratitude and an attempt to build an intimate relationship with them. For some it comes naturally, for others it costs a lot of sacrifices and years of hard work. But all draw strength from the same source: a close relationship with God.

As a parish, we want to join your prayers, so we invite you to a Holy Mass and special devotion on the **last Tuesday of the month**, in the intuition of children who have fallen

# PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND & JORDAN

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Marius Szuk, SDS  
Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church in High River, AB

**November 4 -15, 2024 12 days \$TBD (Calgary Dep. incl. all taxes & tips)**



- Nov. 04 Morning departure from Calgary to Tel Aviv.
- Nov. 05 Upon morning arrival in Tel Aviv we are transferred to Aqaba in Jordan. Time for rest, dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 06 In the morning we travel to Wadi Rum, one of the world's outstanding desert landscapes to observe local life and Bedouin culture. This is where the movie "Lawrence of Arabia" was made in 1962. We have a traditional Bedouin lunch in one of their tents. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 07 Today we travel to Petra, world's wonder and Jordan's most valuable treasure. The city was carved into the sheer rock face by Nabataeans, settled 2000 years ago and made an important junction for silk, spice and other trade routes linking China and India with Egypt, Greece and Rome. We visit the Treasury, Monastery and amphitheater. Late afternoon continue to our hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 08 This morning we depart to visit other treasures of Jordan. We visit Madaba, best known for its Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics and stop at Mt. Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land for the first time. Late afternoon we cross the Jordan River and move on to Galilee for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 09 After breakfast we depart for Tiberias. We travel by boat on the Sea of Galilee, visit Capernaum, home of St. Peter and the site of Jesus' preaching, on to Tabgha to see the Church of the Multiplication with its beautiful 5th century fish mosaic. We also visit the Church of Primacy and celebrate Mass on the Mount of the Beatitudes. On our way back to the hotel we stop at the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 10 This morning we start our tour in Cana – the site of Jesus' first miracle. Here we celebrate a marriage renewal ceremony. We move on to Nazareth where we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation and we visit Mary's Well and St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop. In the afternoon we ascend Mount Tabor – the Mount of the Transfiguration. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 11 This morning we depart Galilee for Judea and the area of Jerusalem. En route we Mt. Carmel, the "burning place" where Elijah called fire down to confound the prophets of Baal. Here we celebrate Mass. Continue via Cesarea by the Sea to Judea for our dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 12 Today's journey takes us to the ancient city of Jerusalem: St. Ann's Church, Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Arch of Ecce Homo, the convent of the sisters of Zion. We continue with the Stations of the Cross – Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre. Mass will be celebrated in one of the many churches of Jerusalem. In the afternoon we visit the Western Wall, also called the "Wailing Wall". We see the place of the Mosque of Omar and El Aksar. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 13 Today we visit Bethlehem – where Jesus was born, celebrating Christmas Mass in one of the grottos. We visit the Manger, Crusaders' Cloister, the Grotto of St. Jerome – Sheppard's field and Milk Grotto. In the afternoon we visit Mount Zion with the Upper Room (Room of the Last Supper) and the Church of St. Peter's in Gallicantu. Continue to Mount of Olives to visit Garden of Gethsamene, Church of All Nations and Paternoster church. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 14 This morning we leave for a full day excursion to Masada, the Dead Sea and Jericho, the oldest inhabited city in the world. We visit the town and celebrate Mass. Time for floating in the Dead Sea before returning to hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Nov. 15 After breakfast we are transferred to the airport in Tel Aviv for a flight to Calgary. Evening arrival.



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# OCTOBER

## Month of the Holy Rosary

Saint John Paul II said "The Rosary is a treasure to be discovered," October is dedicated in a special way to praying the rosary. Rosary prayers are organized in churches, schools and at home. We say a prayer with beads, which is the most well-known and widespread form of Marian devotion in the world. Why October?

Well, on October 7, 1571, the fate of Christianity in Europe was decided. In the Battle of Lepanto, Christian troops defeated the Turkish army. Pope Pius V attributed this victory to the intervention of Our Lady invoked on the rosary recited during supplication processions through the streets of Rome. As a token of gratitude, he proclaimed this day the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Two years earlier, he had introduced into the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Queen of the Holy Rosary – pray for us". Also in October (October 13, 1917) in Fatima, Our Lady appeared to the children with a rosary in her hand and said: "If you want to avoid the calamity that threatens the world, pray the rosary." This is how the services gathering crowds of believers for a common rosary prayer were created, and October itself became a permanent inscribed in the Catholic Church as the Marian month of the rosary.

### Prayer of the Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer that is prayed in the Catholic Church especially in October. It is referred to as the prayer uniting Christians with the person of the Mother of Jesus and is one of the most popular prayers of the Church. Every Catholic knows it – poor and rich, child, adult and senior. It is a simple prayer, "the prayer of the sleeping, the dying, and the utterly tired". Through prayer we can entrust to Mary not only our joys and successes, but also all our sorrows and failures. The rhythmically repeated "Hail Mary" is a cry to Mary, Our Lady, asking for support. The mother will listen attentively to each one and then bring our petitions and supplications to God. Constant, persistent and patient prayer of the rosary works miracles. Therefore, let us not be afraid to reach for this effective prayer weapon for the intentions of the whole Church, all families, lonely people, lost in life and defenceless.

This month we especially want to undertake several initiatives that are to bring us closer to Mary through the prayer of the Rosary.

- 1. Every day we invite you to pray the rosary.**

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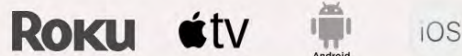
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## MASS INTENTIONS

# October 1– 31, 2023

October 1	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Our Parish
October 2	9:00 am	Mavis Hills
October 3	7:00 pm	Therese Driver
October 4	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
October 5	9:15 am	Celia Allpress
October 6	9:15 am	Gerard Farrell †
October 7	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Robyn Buziak Conner Bateman
October 8	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Carole Tapang Zombou
October 9	9:00 am	Pat & Betty Farrell †
October 10	7:00 pm	Theresa Fallows †
October 11	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Louise Sivacoe SFDS CWL Sisters
October 12	9:15 am	Tim McLean
October 13	9:15 am	Frieda Hutcheon
October 14	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Danny & Mary Rehak † Ann-Marie Stokes †
October 15	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Leonce Desbiens
October 16	9:00 am	Tony Van Wezel †
October 17	7:00 pm	Theresa Fallows †
October 18	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Rodney Michalkow Therese Driver
October 19	9:15 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
October 20	9:15 am	John
October 21	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Fran Dudley Our Parish
October 22	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrews CWL Sisters Michelle Schaefer †
October 23	9:00 am	Jerry Rosell
October 24	7:00 pm	Judy McLaughlin
October 25	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Rodney Michalkow Terry Van Wezel †
October 26	9:15 am	Celia Allpress
October 27	9:15 am	Larry Driver
October 28	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Juliette Desbiens Theresa Fallows †
October 29	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Pat Macdonald
October 30	9:00 am	Deacon Larry & Therese
October 31	7:00 pm	Janet Bennett



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