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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

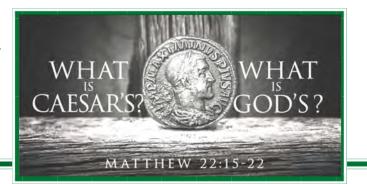
CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 22, 2023



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6) In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you... though you knew me not." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1-4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people.

Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab) The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see <u>John 18:36</u>) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see <u>Philippians 3:20</u>), we are called to be a light to the world (see <u>Matthew 5:14</u>)—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

<u>Gospel:</u> (Matthew 22:15-21) We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see <u>Acts 5:29</u>). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see <u>Genesis 1:27</u>). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see <u>Romans 12:1–</u>2). https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections for more info.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

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

Deadline is October 31, 2023



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

FALSE DICHOTOMIE

Let me ask you a few questions that I am sure you can answer:

Did you put on shoes this morning, or did you come to church in a car?

Do you eat cereal for breakfast, or don't you like football?

Are you Lutheran, or do you live in America?

Will you obey God, or will you pay taxes to Caesar?

Welcome to the world of false dichotomies--things that are wrongly set against each other, "either/or"s that really aren't. Can you wear shoes and come to church in a car? Can you eat cereal and enjoy hockey? Can you be Catholic and live in Canada? Of course; in fact, you can be a Canadian Catholic who wears shoes and eats cereal while enjoying football after you've traveled to and from church in a car. None of these things are mutually exclusive. Beware of the one who asks such questions, because there may well be an agenda behind them. At the same time, rejoice! Such scheming is no match for the crucified and risen

REJOICE



Adoration & RCIA

There will still be **Adoration** on Thursday, **October 26 f**rom 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. Maruisz 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.

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@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



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

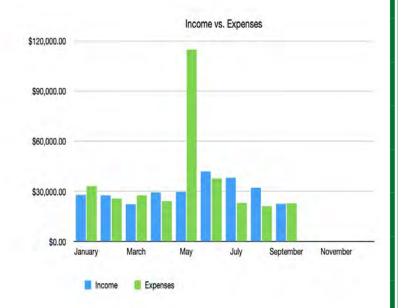
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SFDS Financial Report May—September 2023

Monthly Financial Report

Summary by Category

Category	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$27,931.28	\$33,080.49	(\$5,149.21)
February	\$27,785.95	\$25,643.40	\$2,142.55
March	\$22,363.90	\$27,738.07	(\$5,374.17)
April	\$29,208.75	\$24,034.67	\$5,174.08
May	\$29,681.00	\$114,553.36	(\$84,872.36)
June	\$41,907.62	\$37,658.43	\$4,249.19
July	\$38,156.05	\$22,963.11	\$15,192.94
August	\$32,085.74	\$21,218.91	\$10,866.83
September	\$22,473.10	\$22,692.55	(\$219.45)
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$271,593.39	\$329,582.99	(\$57,989.60)







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.







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 Annah Baldwin via email if you want to join the choir or have any questions. Email: ahbanana2@gmail.com

Thank you! Looking forward to hear from you!



SFDS Catholic Women's League

2024 CWL **Membership Fees are Due**

It's that time of year once again where the CWL will be collecting membership fees for the year 2024 beginning on Saturday, October 28th and running through to Sunday, November **26th.**Fees will be collected both before and after Mass.

The membership fee is \$35.00 which can be paid either by cash, cheque or e-transfer sfscwl25@gmail.com.



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





The Knights are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday November 5, 2023 after the 11:00 am Mass.

All are welcome!

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. 07

Morning departure from Calgary to Tel Aviv.

Upon morning arrival in Tel Aviv we are transferred to Aqaba in Jordan. Time for rest, dinner and

overnight. 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. 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

and overnight.

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. 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

River where Jesus was baptized. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. 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. 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. 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

Nov. 12



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 Ornar and El Aksar. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. Today we visit Bethlehem – where Jesus was bom, 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 Pater Noster church. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. 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.

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After breakfast we are transferred to the airport in Tel Aviv for a flight to Calgary. Evening arrival.

Nov. 15

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"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 diffi-

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 away from the faith and the church.





Bishop McGrattan In High River

As part of the launch of the Pastoral Renewal, Bishop McGrattan is conducting a series of visits throughout the Diocese to pray together, share a meal, and engage parishioners in conversation regarding the Renewal.

Bishop McGrattan will be coming to our Parish to have Mass with us, share a meal together, and discuss how we can experience renewal in our personal lives, our parishes, and the Diocese. There is no cost to attend but your registration helps us in the meal planning.

November 8, 2023 starting with Mass at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00pm and Bishop McGrattan's from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Register online at catholicyyc.ca/renewal or call Nancy at our parish Office at 403.652.2203. You can also register thru the Diocese by calling Monica at 403-218-5521

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart. JEREMIAH 1:5



Memorial Liturgy

FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILBIRTH with Most Rev. William T. McGrattan

WHEN

TUESDAY NOV. 14, 2023 at 7 pm

WHERE

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL 219 18 Ave SW Calgary, AB

When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articu-lation. Join Bishop McGrattan in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child.

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ST. JOHN PAUL II

Anna, the littlest one, is tired and bored from always playing the same thing when suddenly she finds herself at the sunken Noah's ark!

Lukas can't resist on telling her a wonderful story about a Pope who was once a child and enjoyed playing like she did; Anna wouldn't believe how his story ended and what she was about to do following St. John Paul II's example! With no doubt, Anna and her friends ended that day having more fun than any other!

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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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