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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

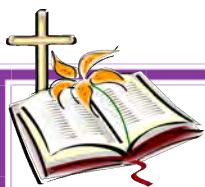
CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



5th Sunday of Easter



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 9:26-31) Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see [Matthew 7:16-20](#)).

Second Reading: (1 John 3:18-24) We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see [Colossians 3:16](#)), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

Gospel: (John 15: 1-5) In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see [Sirach 24:17-24](#)). <https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.



April 28, 2024

PARABLE OF A PRAYER AND A BANK ACCOUNT

"When are you going to get your new bike, Johnny?" said Larry. "I don't know if I will ever get it now," said John. "What's the matter? Won't your father give it to you?" inquired his friend. "We're not talking to each other. I'm mad at him," said John. "I've got money in the bank, but I don't know how to get it out." "You'd better make up with your father," said Larry. "It's foolish to be angry with him." "You just can't win that way."

"It is true most people have money in the spiritual bank account. A great inheritance sufficient to supply all of their needs and all of their wants. Some don't know how to get the money out of the bank and some are too stubborn to communicate with their Heavenly Father. They are offended by their own narrowness, stubbornness, and ignorance. These are reasons why people fail to accept their religious heritage; short-changing themselves in the joys of living. They miss out on friendships and thrilling experiences. They are never quite ready to admit that they don't know how to pray and don't know how to communicate with God. So they tell their friends they are offended with the Church, the preacher, the religion or with God and continue in their unfulfilled dreams. It is more than a pity -- it is human tragedy to live and not live, to desire love and not obtain it and to ignore the presence of God's love, when it is the answer to human suffering.



Don't let your life be sterile, Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with the light of your faith...and light up all the ways of the earth with the fire of Christ that you carry in your heart.

-St. Josemaria Escriva

GOD'S LOVE

INFO SESSION



INVITING ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN MISCARRIAGE AND STILLBIRTH MINISTRY

Join us for an information session on Miscarriage Care Ministry in the Diocese of Calgary. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please register by May 21

**FRIDAY
MAY 24, 2024
7 PM - 9 PM**

Catholic Pastoral Centre
120 17th Ave SW, Calgary



REGISTER ONLINE BY MAY 21 - OR BY EMAIL/PHONE

monica.warman@calgarydiocese.ca
403-218-5521

Catholic Education Week | May 10-15, 2024



In the month of May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Alberta, the Yukon, and Northwest Territories. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024,

"Courage to Lead," reminds us of our call and responsibility to live and uphold the teachings of our Catholic faith, even amidst the challenges of the world around us.

Let us celebrate **Catholic Education Week** this month with the provincial theme "Courage to Lead" (c.f. Micah 4:5). This Week also provides a special opportunity to thank each one of you for your extraordinary service to Catholic education. May God grant us the wisdom, courage, and strength to fulfill our sacred duty with courage and love, knowing that He walks alongside us every step of the way.



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

donation@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!**



Church House for Rent

One of our family church houses has come up for rent. If you are interested, we are taking applications now. The house will be ready to rent June 1, 2024.

For an application, please come by the church office. If you have any questions, you can call Nancy in the office at 403-652-2203, or email her at francisdesales@shaw.ca

Bulletin Advertising

Do you run your own business and looking for ways to advertise? What better way than to advertise in our church bulletin!

We currently have 3 spots available. All you need is to contact Nancy in the church office and bring in your business card. The fee is \$125.00 per year.

If you are interested, please call Nancy in the church Office at 403-652-2203 or email her at francisdesales@shaw.ca

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi



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 January—April 2024

The St. Francis de Sales Ministry has helped a total number of **9** people for the months of January to April 2024. We paid out a total of **\$4375.11** for bills, rent, or mortgages, as well we gave a total of **\$450.00** in fuel cards, and **\$2000.00** in grocery cards. The total assistance we have given so far is **\$6825.11**

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.

Silent Auction & Coffee House

Dear Parishioners,

I'm thrilled to extend an invitation to each of you for a special event aimed at supporting a noble cause close to my heart. My name is Madeline McCallum, and I'm on a mission to raise funds for NET Ministries—a transformative organization dedicated to sharing the gospel with 2.2 million young souls, fostering encounters with the profound love of Christ through evangelization and discipleship.

In order to actively participate in this impactful ministry, I need to raise between \$9,500 and \$11,000. To help raise this money, I'm hosting a Silent Auction and Coffee House event at St. Francis De Sales on **May 5th**, from **1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**. This will be an afternoon filled with performances, sweet treats, and exciting auction items! This will be the last day to purchase.

Additionally, if you have any items you'd like to donate for the auction, whether it's a cherished possession, a handmade creation, or a service you can offer, your generosity would be immensely appreciated.

For donations or further inquiries, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email at madeline.mccallum@netusa.org or by phone at **403-336-0227**.

Let's come together as a community to uplift and empower young hearts with the message of hope and love. I'm excited to see you all there!

If you are interested in making an online donation, you can do so at www.netusa.org/supportamissionary. Select **Madeline McCallum** in the team member box and be sure to select the 2024-2025 NET year at the top of the NET page.

God Bless,

Madeline McCallum

Sneak peak!



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Instructions:

Click or copy the link to find your way to the Greenhouse Effects website: www.greenhouseeffects.ca

Click "Shop" and find the Fundraising Program. Click "Shop Now" and enter **Guest Password: GE124**. This will give you access to the online store for ordering. There are 32 Hanging Basket mixes and 70 individually potted plants for you to choose from.

Once you have made your selections, continue to your Cart. This is where you will enter your **GROUP CODE: Francis24** in the promo code box.

This is very important. The purpose of the code is to link your purchase to our group. The code does not provide any further discount. However, please ensure you complete this step! Thank you!

From here you can proceed to Payment. You will go through the usual steps for an online purchase, and be asked for your **GROUP CODE** once more. Once you submit your payment you are all ready to go!

Your order will be processed and delivered to St. Francis Parish, High River, for pickup on **May 15, 2024.**

Happy shopping!



St. Francis de Sales CWL Flower Fundraiser

Hello Everyone,

We are, once again, inviting you to be a part of our Fundraising plant order this spring! As always, there is a great selection of hanging baskets and potted annuals, with several new items this year. **Prices are the same as last year!**

Here are the instructions for our group. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me. Supplies are limited, plants are in high demand, and this platform is open to other groups as well, so **for best selection, order early!**

The password will be activated and the website will be open for orders starting on **Monday, April 15th** and will remain open until **May 11**. Do not submit any orders after this date - our group code will be closed at that point and you will not be able to link to our group. **Please read through all of the instructions below. The most important step is the GROUP CODE.**

Please ensure that you understand the instructions before proceeding. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you!



MASS INTENTIONS

April 1– 30, 2024

April 1	9:00 am	Deidre Hall
April 2	7:00 pm	Judith Demchuk †
April 3	6:00 pm	Sam Wambeke †
April 4	9:15 am	Lillian Schmitz †
April 5	9:15 am	Geeraert Family †
April 6	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Doug McLaughlin Ann-Marie Stokes †
April 7	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Our Parish
April 8	9:00 am	Kari & Todd Amlin
April 9	7:00 pm	Kelly Kerr †
April 10	4:00 pm (HR Hospital) 6 :00 pm	Mrs. Nesselbeck † SFDS CWL Sisters
April 11	9:15 am	Stacy Schaefer
April 12	9:15 am	Geerhart Family
April 13	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Van Wezel Family Pauline Lavery †
April 14	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Ken Bachmeier † Our Parish
April 15	9:00 am	Felix & Carmen Amores †
April 16	7:00 pm	Kelly Kerr †
April 17	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Dorothy Evancio † Theresa Fallows †
April 18	9:15 am	Julianna Toro †
April 19	9:15 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
April 20	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Robert Martin Christianson † John & Balida Hoffart †
April 21	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Paul & Lillian Busque †
April 22	9:00 am	Norman Fallows
April 23	7:00 pm	Joseph Dawson
April 24	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Richard Nesselbeck † Felix & Carmen Amores †
April 25	9:15 am	Robert Martin Christianson †
April 26	9:15 am	Toni Lewis
April 27	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Van Wezel Family † Doug Mowat †
April 28	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Greg Rosell
April 29	9:00 am	Tom Rosell †
April 30	7:00 pm	Cathy Nesselbeck †



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