



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

VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Sunday of Lent

February 18,
2024



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Genesis 9: 8-15) And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see [Hosea 2:20](#); [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)).

Second Reading: (1 Peter 3:18-22) Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

Gospel: (Mark 1:12-15) We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see [Mark 1:11](#); [Luke 3:38](#)), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see [Genesis 2:19-20](#)), being served by angels (see [Ezekiel 28:12-14](#)).

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

HOCKEY FANATICS AND RELIGIOUS FANATICS Mark 1:14-20

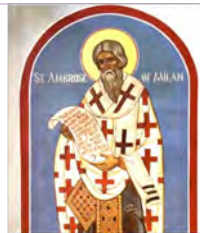
A man in one church recalled how during hockey season he and his son watched hockey on television the whole weekend. On Saturdays it was local hockey, on Sundays WHL, and then to cap it off NHL on Monday evenings. This same father was uncomfortable with his son being away for a weekend religious retreat, fearing his son might turn into a religious fanatic! I asked him if he thought being a sports fan was okay for his son. Of course, he replied. But when I pointed out that "fan" is the shortened form of "fanatic," he was taken aback. His long-neglected wife, a hockey widow of the first rank, wondered aloud why it was perfectly acceptable to be a hockey fanatic and not a religious fanatic. "Because," replied her husband without thinking, "unlike a religious fanatic, a hockey fanatic can be perfectly harmless." "Yes," said the long-unnoticed hockey widow, "I can vouch for that!"



The Church office will be closed **Monday, Feb. 19, 2024** for the Family Day Holiday.

Regular hours will resume on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9:00 am.**

Have a great Family Day Everyone!



"We must flee like deer running to the fountains of water, for the fountain is God."
St. Ambrose



Lenten Penitential Service

Please join us for Mass on **March 20, 2024@ 6:00 pm** followed by our **Lenten Penitential Service**. There will be a few priests available to hear your confession.

All are welcome!



Stations of the Cross / Soup and Buns

Please join us for Stations of the Cross held **every Friday** during Lent, **Feb. 16—Mar. 22, 2024** at 6:30 pm followed by soup and buns.

All Are Welcome!

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| Date | Ministry |
|-------------------|---|
| February 16, 2024 | Music Ministry |
| February 23, 2024 | Decorating /Parish Council, RCIA/Liturgy & Lector |
| March 1, 2024 | Couples for Christ |
| March 8, 2024 | CWL |
| March 15, 2024 | Notre Dame/Holy Spirit School |
| March 22, 2024 | Knights of Columbus |

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!

TOGETHER in ACTION | 2024



God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus

Philippians 4:19

Embracing God's divine plan empowers us not only to enrich our own lives but also positively impact those in need.

The 2024 Together in Action will raise:

\$2 MILLION

- 24.5% Care of Retired Priests
- 19.5% Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care
- 2.7% Ministries Support
- 3.8% Mission Council
- 5% Elizabeth House
- 29.9% Indigenous Reconciliation Fund
- 9.85% Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
- 3.5% Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
- 1.25% Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute



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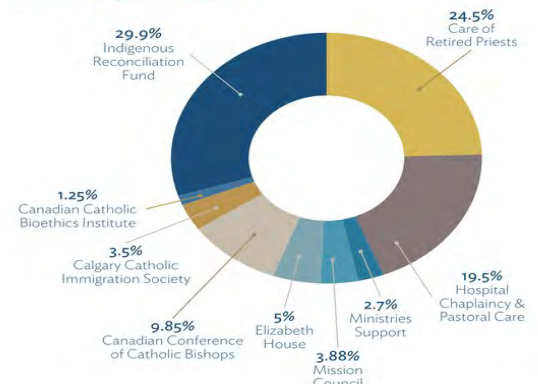
Thank you for your contributions to last year's **Together In Action**. Our goal for 2023 was **\$24, 463.00**, we raised **\$13, 172.95**, and had a **shortfall of \$11,290.05** which we had to take from **Sunday Collections**.

This year, our campaign is inspired by Philippians 4:19, which reminds us of God's abundant provision and encourages us to share this divine generosity with others. Contributing to the diocesan goal of \$2 million, our Parish goal this year is **\$24,463.00**.

Every contribution you make significantly impacts areas close to our hearts - providing care for our retired priests, supporting hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care as well as key diocesan ministries and outreach such as Elizabeth House and Mission Council, and supporting local healing and reconciliation initiatives in Indigenous communities.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or by using the "Special Blue Envelope" in your box of envelopes, or by marking your regular envelope with "TIA" Together in Action.

2024 DIOCESAN GOAL IS \$2 MILLION





Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus Council 9521 Super Bowl Charity Fundraiser ended last weekend. The event was a complete success with all tickets/squares being purchased. The winning prizes belong to:

Final Score Sam Browne

1st Quarter Score Frank Van Donzel
2nd Quarter Score Carol Woodward
3rd Quarter Score Carol Woodward
Reverse Final Score Victor Zelinski

Our members wish to thank all the Parishioners for generously supporting this activity. Proceeds will be donated to the Calgary 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 9521



Easter Basket Ticket Raffle

The Catholic Women's League of our Parish will once again hold an Easter Basket Ticket Raffle as a fundraiser. Ticket sales will be at the Masses from **Saturday, March 2, to Sunday, March 17th, 2024.**

Cost of tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

The **draw** for the baskets will take place on **Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024** and the CWL will split the proceeds between the **High River Pro Life Group** and **The Narrow Road.**

Should you wish to contribute any items to the baskets, please contact the following:

Barb Wiszt - phone 403-652-2111,
Email wisztjb@telus.net

or

Bae Taylor - phone 403-422-5029,
Email cn.taylor65@gmail.com

or

Alice Sanregret - phone 403-603-7914,
Email becks99@telusplanet.net.

We look forward to your support and thank you in advance for purchasing tickets for the baskets.



ROWAN HOUSE SOCIETY

Donations for Rowan House



As everyone knows the CWL had a very successful Christmas Bake Sale in December and the membership have decided to donate all of the funds to Rowan House. Rowan House, located in High River, offers emergency shelter for women and children dealing with domestic abuse.

Being we are a ladies group, we should contribute to the needs of this organization and therefore these are some of the items required :

Essential Basics:

New* bras/underwear (all sizes, especially S,L) **New*** pajamas (all sizes) **New*** bath towels, **New*** twin size linens, nail clippers, tweezers, laundry baskets, baby wipes, baby bibs, baby shampoo, soap, hand lotion, **New*** Boys clothing (sizes 5-17), **New*** children's underwear (sizes 3-12).

Food:

Canned vegetables, canned meat, baby formula, baby food, baby snacks.

Other Supports:

Journals/Notebooks, Walmart Gift Cards, Gas Station Gift Cards, Grocery Store Gift Cards, Dollar Store Gift Cards, Long-distance Calling Cards, On-It Passes, Duffle Bags/luggage

Around the Shelter:

Antibacterial Wipes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets.

Choosing items from this list ensures the greatest, direct impact to the clients.

***Please note:** due to health and safety concerns, Rowan House cannot accept used clothing or linens.

Bins will be located in the Church Hall for your contributions.



MASS INTENTIONS

February 1– 29, 2024

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| February 1 | 9:15 am | Cathy Nesselbeck † |
| February 2 | 9:15 am | Cathie McNelis † |
| February 3 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Cathy Nesselbeck † Our Parish |
| February 4 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Haley Bateman |
| February 5 | 9:00 am | No Mass |
| February 6 | 7:00 pm | Alma Vandenweele † |
| February 7 | 6:00 pm | Bereavement Mass |
| February 8 | 9:15 am | Rena Morrison |
| February 9 | 9:15 am | John & Balida Hoffart † |
| February 10 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Danny & Mary Rehak † Besse Amores † |
| February 11 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | John MacDougall † Our Parish |
| February 12 | 9:00 am | No Mass |
| February 13 | 7:00 pm | SFDS CWL Sisters |
| February 14 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | Ash Wednesday Mass (HR) Ash Wednesday Mass (Vulcan) Ash Wednesday Mass (HR) |
| February 15 | 9:15 am | Wendell & Noelle Hoffart |
| February 16 | 9:15 am | Tim McLean † |
| February 17 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Jacob Fraser Theresa Fallows † |
| February 18 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | Our Parish Len Hickey † |
| February 19 | 9:00 am | George & Antonina Sztuk † |
| February 20 | 7:00 pm | Paul & Suzanne Baxter |
| February 21 | 3:30 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm | Geraldine Gervais Godchildren of the Baldwin's |
| February 22 | 9:15 am | Hoffart Family † |
| February 23 | 9:15 am | Frank Charette † |
| February 24 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Barb Charette Alejandro & Vilma Zevallos † |
| February 25 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | Our Parish Richard Rappel † |
| February 26 | 9:00 am | Linda Dunstan † |
| February 27 | 7:00 pm | Cecilia Bleile † |
| February 28 | 4:00 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm | Cathy Nesselbeck † George & Antonina Sztuk † |
| February 29 | 9:15 am | Godparents of the Baldwin Children |



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