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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

II SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 14,
2024



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19) Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3](#)).

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20) For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

Gospel: (John 1:35-42) The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

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

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EASIER TO STAND AND HOLLER

"I think I'll be a preacher when I grow up," the small boy confided to his mother.

"It's a wonderful calling," the mother agreed, "but why do you want to be a preacher?"

"Well," resolved the youngster, "I figure I'll have to go to church all my life, anyway, and it's harder to sit than to stand up and holler."

A New Years Prayer

*Thank You Lord for giving me
the brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should.
As each new day I tread, give me gentle
wisdom, that I might help a friend.*

*Give me strength and courage
so a shoulder I might lend.
Help me fill it with good things.
Each day filled with joy
and happiness it brings.*

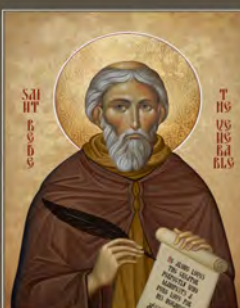
Amen



Rosary Leaders Needed

We are in need of more people to lead the Rosary before the Saturday 5:00 pm mass and Sunday 11:00 am Mass.

If this interests you, please talk to Valerie Schey, or contact Nancy in the office at 403-652-2203 or by email, at francisdesales@shaw.ca



*Jesus called Matthew:
"Follow Me."*

*Following meant imitating the
pattern of his life and not just
walking after him.*

—St. Bede

What Ordinary Time Means in the Catholic Church?



Because the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

When Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

Why Is There No First Sunday in Ordinary Time?

In most years, the Sunday after January 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In countries such as the United States, however, where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday if that Sunday is January 7 or 8, Epiphany is celebrated instead. As feasts of our Lord, both the Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Thus the first Sunday in the period of Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Why Is There No Ordinary Time in the Traditional Calendar?

Ordinary Time is a feature of the current (post-Vatican II) liturgical calendar. In the traditional Catholic calendar used before 1970 and still used in the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, as well as in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Sundays of Ordinary Time are referred to as the Sundays After Epiphany and the Sundays After Pentecost.

How Many Sundays Are There in Ordinary Time?

In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.

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All donations can be dropped off at **SFDS in the basket in the church hall.** If you have any questions, please call Nancy in the office, 403-652-2203, or email at francisdesaleshighriver.com



St. Francis de Sales Special Envelopes 2024

Saint Francis de Sales High River, AB

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 Thank You for joining us today.

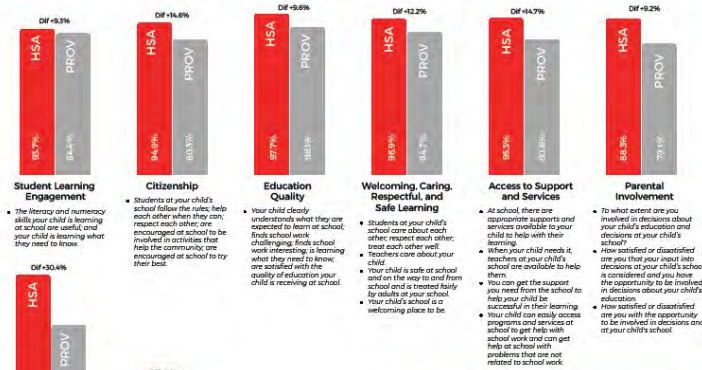
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Initial Offering	White	January 01, 2024
New Year's Day	Gold	February 11, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	March 29, 2024
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	Buff	March 31, 2024
Easter	Pink	April 07, 2024
Together in Action	Blue	April 21, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday	Yellow	May 05, 2024
The Pope's Pastoral Works	Yellow	May 12, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	June 02, 2024
Together in Action	Blue	June 09, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	June 09, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	August 11, 2024
Together in Action	Blue	September 01, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	September 08, 2024
World Mission Sunday	Yellow	October 20, 2024
Catholic Education Sunday	Yellow	November 03, 2024
Together in Action	Blue	November 10, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Green	November 17, 2024
Holy Childhood Sunday	Yellow	December 08, 2024
Christmas	Pink	December 25, 2024

Holy Spirit Academy 2022-2023 annual education results report
 An Overview of Our Performance

ALBERTA ASSURANCE ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS

Alberta Education Assurance is a set of 12 performance measures calculated by Alberta Education for school and school boards across the province. Schools and school boards are evaluated based on achievement, improvement, and overall performance.



[Click here for our full Annual Education Results Report](#)

Faith Survey Results

- 98%** - Percentage of students, parents, and teachers who indicate that they are satisfied with the relationship that exists between the school and the local Catholic parish.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who are satisfied with how they have grown as a Christian as a result of their involvement in Catholic education.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who are satisfied with what is being taught in religious classes.
- 96%** - Percentage of students, parents and teachers who indicate they are satisfied with the religious celebrations that are held at the school.

Insights

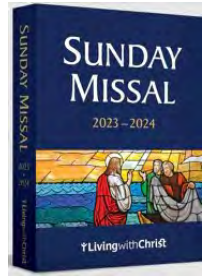
- Our stakeholders showcase a strong commitment to Catholic Education and faith in our Touchstones: "Gathered in the Faith; Sent to Love and Serve."

Insights

- HSA showcases exceptional education quality, exceeding provincial averages in both the acceptable and excellence standards on achievement tests.
- Access to supports and services and providing a safe and caring learning environment are key components to student success at HSA.
- HSA continues to provide increased opportunities for parental involvement and new strategies for stakeholder communication.



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2024 Missals

The 2024 **Sunday Missals** are now available in the church hall. A donation is greatly appreciated

St. Francis de Sales 2024 Offering Envelopes
 Just a reminder that the 2024 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the church hall.

If you do not have an assigned envelope #, but would like one, Please contact Nancy in the church office by phone, **403-652-2203** or email francisdesales@shaw.ca

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MASS INTENTIONS

January 1– 31, 2024

January 1	9:00 am	Jerome Schmitz †
January 2	7:00 pm	Eric Rosell
January 3	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
January 4	9:15 am	Dominador Jalasjos †
January 5	9:15 am	Ellen deLeon †
January 6	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lyle Needham Our Parish
January 7	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Don & Heather Baldwin
January 8	9:00 am	Yvette Marchand †
January 9	7:00 pm	Sophie Lermeyer †
January 10	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Manetta Charbin SFDS CWL Sisters
January 11	9:15 am	Eugenia Cordova †
January 12	9:15 am	Theresa Fallows †
January 13	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Danny & Mary Rehak † Irene Puzianoski †
January 14	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Sophie Lermeyer †
January 15	9:00 am	Cathie McNelis †
January 16	7:00 pm	Sophie Lermeyer †
January 17	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Diane Chayer Alma Vandenweele †
January 18	9:15 am	Lillian Schmitz †
January 19	9:15 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
January 20	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Cathie McNelis † Theresa Fallows †
January 21	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Tino Pasolli † Our Parish
January 22	9:00 am	No Mass
January 23	7:00 pm	Keith & Marilyn Jensen
January 24	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Ann Hall Cathy Nesselbeck †
January 25	9:15 am	Cathy Monroe
January 26	9:15 am	Val Schey
January 27	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jack Justin † Our Parish
January 28	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Cathy Nesselbeck † Alma Vandenweele †
January 29	9:00 am	No Mass
January 30	7:00 pm	Bessie Amores †
January 31	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Rosanne Marshall Theresa Fallows †



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