



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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

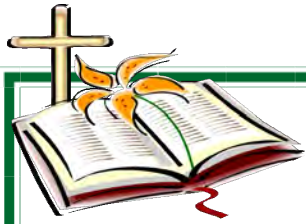


The Transfiguration of the Lord



August 6
2023

Photo By: Edgardo Bernales Pbro.



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14) Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading.

Second Reading: (2 Peter 1:16-19) The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command—"Listen to Him" (see **Deuteronomy 18:15-19**). The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading.

Gospel: (Matthew 17:1-9) High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration. Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the Messiah and the Lord's new covenant (see **Malachi 3:1, 23-24**). Jesus is revealed today as that Messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the Apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

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

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist **2023/2024**

The registration link is now open online to register your child for **1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion**.

Your child must be in Grade 2-6 for this Sacrament.

(please note: deadline for registration is October 8, 2023)

**Please go to our website to register
for these Sacraments
www.francisdesaleshighriver.com**

The **Parent Info Sessions** for Sacramental Preparation is **September 23, at 6:00 pm in the church. Dates for the classes will be provided at this meeting.**



If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at the church office by phone: 403-652-2203 or by email: francisdsales@shaw.ca

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be open to the public for July & August, 9:00 am—12:00 pm

We are blessed to have Fr. Larry Bagnall fill in for Fr. Mariusz while he is away on holidays.

If you are in need of a Priest after hours, please call the office # 403-652-2203 and Deacon Larry will contact Fr. Larry for you.



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!

Financial Report January - May 2023

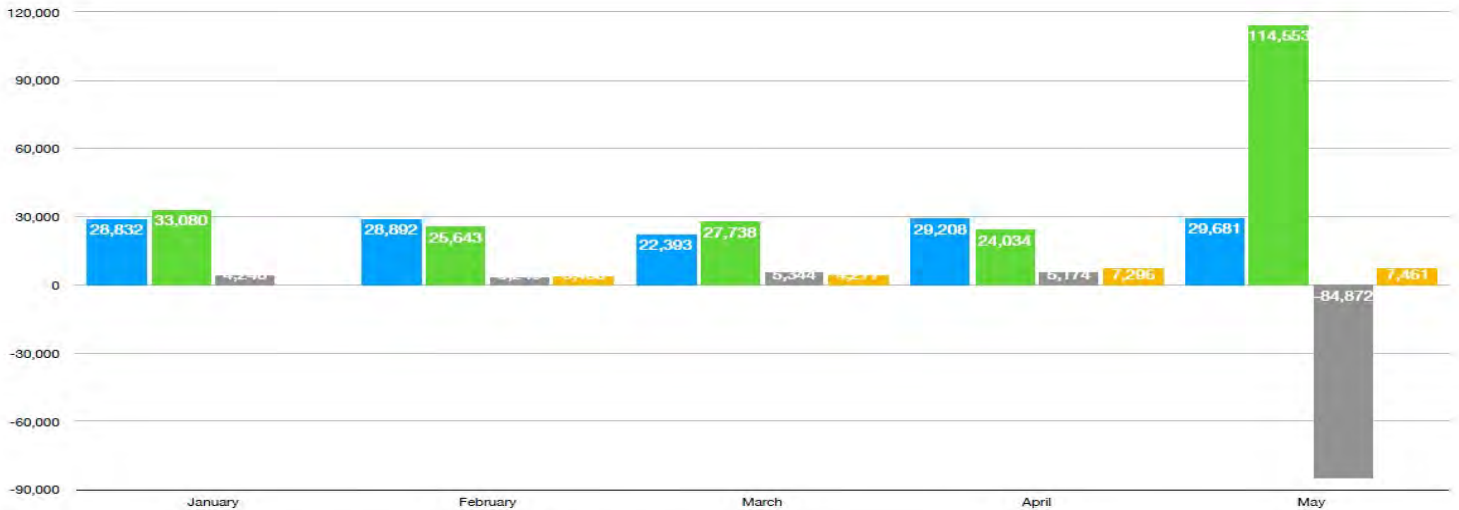


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|----------|------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| January | 28,832 | 33,080 | 4,248 | 0 |
| February | 28,892 | 25,643 | 3,249 | 3,483 |
| March | 22,393 | 27,738 | 5,344 | 4,277 |
| April | 29,208 | 24,034 | 5,174 | 7,296 |
| May | 29,681 | 114,553 | -84,872 | 7,461 |

St. Francis de Sales Gift Shop!

Looking for that special gift for Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Birthday or for yourself? Come and check out our new Gift Shop!! If you see something you would like to buy, please see Nancy in the church office during the weekday office hours.

Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am to noon



"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.





SUMMER RETREATS

LIVE-IN RETREATS FOR ADULTS

- [Catholic Family Life Conference](#) for family (June 29 - Jul 3) - Lac Ste Anne, AB
- [Soul Care Retreat for Men](#) (July 18 - 20) - Mount St. Francis
- [Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage](#) (July 21-27) - Lac Ste Anne, AB
- [Learn to Keep Walking](#) Retreat (July 23 - 30) - Mount St. Francis
- [Soul Care Retreat for Women](#) (Aug 8 - 10) - Mount St. Francis
- [Summer Silent Directed Retreat](#) (Aug 11 - 19) - FCJ Retreat Centre
- [Women's Weekend Retreat](#) (Aug 11-13) - Mount St. Francis
- [Weekend Silent Directed Retreat](#) (Aug 11-13) - FCJ Centre
- [Always Our Children](#) (Aug 18-20) - Aspen Ranch Outdoor Centre, Clearwater County, AB
- [Blessing of the Good Road Week](#) Retreat (Aug 21-27) - Mount St. Francis

Please go to their websites for more info and to register.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

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Pregnancy Care Centres
MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY



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Dear St. Francis de Sales & St. Andrew's Parish,

What an exciting time of the year it is for us at the pregnancy care centre! It is so wonderful to have all the baby bottles come back into the centre filled up with all sorts of coins! We are so grateful to you for taking part in our annual baby bottle campaign. Please know that after all of the many, many coins that you filled your baby bottles up with were counted, you donated

\$3993.55

to the pregnancy care centre. Thank you so very much for helping make this year's Baby Bottle campaign such a success. We could not help the young women, men and babies in our community without your support.

With much gratitude,
Anna Cole

Events & Project Manager Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre



Foothills Community Immigrant Services provides support services for immigrants and refugees new to Canada, Settlement Worker in Schools supports families, children and youth with school registration and orientation, referrals to community and government services, youth supports and in-school cultural programs. We are kindly asking for your help in getting school supplies for these families.

**Bins are in the St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall.
Thank you so much for your generosity!**

- Examples:**
- Pencil crayons
 - Plastic pencil box
 - Duo tangs
 - Scissors
 - White erasers
 - Pens



Heating System at St. Francis De Sales Parish in High River

Last December 2022 and January of 2023, we experienced a major issue with our heating system. Some temporary repairs were done by the end of January 2023 to stop any further damage and to ensure that we have heat in our church building during winter time. But during that time it became evident that we need to look into our heating system.

After a long conversation with GM Mechanical, the company that has serviced our furnaces for many years, the conclusion was reached that all three units must be replaced due to their advanced age (30 years) & increasing unreliability. After reviewing quotes from a few firms, and after the approval of Parish and Financial Councils, GM Mechanical in High River was awarded the contract for following reasons:

- They have satisfactorily serviced our system for years
- They are local for rapid emergency response & indeed are our neighbours
- Their quote is considerably less (about \$60,000 or 25% lower) than the one of the Calgary firms.
- Approximately 14 - 20 weeks deliver to ensure that we have heat entering winter season.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$173,670 + GST. however this cost could change based on unforeseen work requirements. Thanks to your generous support, we have a portion of the funds needed in our building and maintenance savings account, however we welcome any support from parishioners and supporters of St. Francis's Church.

If you would like to help:

Make a donation using the special collection envelopes. To Donate with a credit card or other method, please contact the office at 403-652-2203.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr. Mariusz Sztuk, SDS



MARY

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Dr. Edward Sri



Dates, Times, Location

Wednesday 27, 2023 at the Parish Hall,
The sessions will start at 6:45 PM

Cost/Registration

Cost of the materials is: Workbook: 30\$

For More Information

For more information Please go www.francisdesaleshighriver.com
Bible Study page, or call the office at 403.652.2203

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"Dr. Sri's amazing teaching and unique insights gave me a deeper understanding and appreciation of Our Blessed Mother."

—John W.



Visit BibleStudyForCatholics.com to learn more!

RCIA 2023/24
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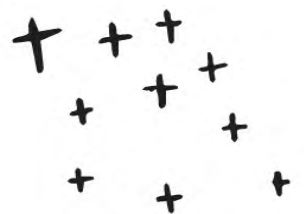
R.C.I.A PROGRAM

First Meeting

28 September
2023

Thursday at
7:00 PM

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS
(PARISH HALL) FROM 7-00 - 8:30 PM



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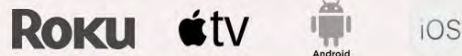
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Sacred Art

The Transfiguration

BY RAFFAELLO SANZIO

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The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

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August 1– 31, 2023

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| August 1 | 7:00 pm | Richard Dawson † |
| August 2 | 6:00 pm | Sam Wambeke † |
| August 3 | 9:15 am | Frank Charette † |
| August 4 | 9:15 am | Agnes & Albert Downs † |
| August 5 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Darlene Peterson † Ilene Clance † |
| August 6 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | Our Parish Alfredo Nino † |
| August 7 | 9:00 am | No Mass |
| August 8 | 7:00 pm | Tim & Carmen Hodges |
| August 9 | 4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm | Tena Larson † SFDS CWL Sisters |
| August 10 | 9:15 am | Wally Puzanoski † |
| August 11 | 9:15 am | John MacIsaac † |
| August 12 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Danny & Mary Rehak † Christopher Chin-Fatt † |
| August 13 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | Horace & Hazel Delorme † Our Parish |
| August 14 | 9:00 am | No Mass |
| August 15 | 7:00 pm | Extended Hoffart Family † |
| August 16 | 3:15pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm | Lynn Ellice † Ron & Maeve Hunter |
| August 17 | 9:15 am | Rena Morrison |
| August 18 | 9:15 am | Adeline & Tony Mayer † |
| August 19 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Kay Rosell Theresa Fallows † |
| August 20 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | Our Parish Mark MacDonald |
| August 21 | 9:00 am | No Mass |
| August 22 | 7:00 pm | Taleah Hopman |
| August 23 | 3:30 pm—(the Manor) 6:00 pm | Linda Dudley Mike & Marge Heap † |
| August 24 | 9:15 am | John Fallows |
| August 25 | 9:15 am | Frank Charette † |
| August 26 | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Dawn Crawford † Anne Marie Stokes † |
| August 27 | 9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am | Our Parish Javier Mejia † |
| August 28 | 9:00 am | No Mass |
| August 29 | 7:00 pm | Christopher Chin-Fatt † |
| August 30 | 4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm | Ken Lutes Maj Wojcik |
| August 31 | 9:15 am | John Hoffart † |



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