



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

XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

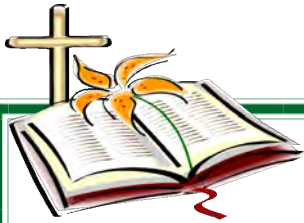


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3
2023



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Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Jeremiah 20:7-9) Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

Second Reading: (Romans 12:1-2) What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

Gospel: (Matthew 16:21-27) Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. <https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.

A LIVING SACRIFICE

There is, I think it is true to say, something a little bit depressing about the end of summer holidays ☺ The first week of going back to school weekend signals the psychological end, at least, to summer with its periods of refreshment, and the start again, for many of us, of the more hectic rhythm of life and work at school, in college, at office or, in home. So let me ask you: How is your work? Are you giving of your self at work? Is work a place where you sacrifice for a cause?

I find it helpful to remember the story of the little girl who, in the process of growing up, discovered that more than anything else she wanted to be able to mow the lawn. But each season she was told that she was too young. The great day came, however, when her parents decided that, at last, she was old enough to do the task.

She did it with surprising skill and great delight, and having finished admiring her work, she began to cast long, envious glances across the fence at the neighbor's lawn, which also needed cutting.

The neighbor, seeing her interest, said, "Sally, would you like to cut my lawn?" And the little girl enthusiastically said 'yes.'

"Well, let's see...how about \$3.00?" said the neighbor.

The little girl's face fell, and she turned away, shaking her head.

"What's the matter?" asked the neighbor.

"I only have \$2.00," said the little girl.



The office will be closed **Monday, September 4, 2023** for the **Labour Day Holiday.**

Regular Office hours will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 @ 9:00 am.**

Please Note: There is still a 9:00 am Mass on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist 2023/2024

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

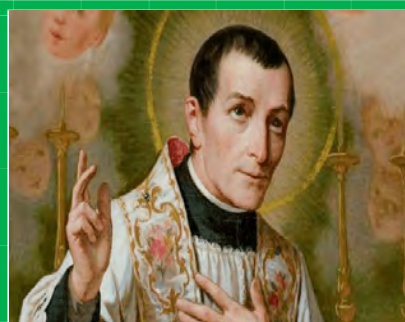
Your child must be in Grade 2-6 for this Sacrament.

(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



*"We are born to love,
we live to love and
we will die to
love still more."*

St. Joseph of Cafasso

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

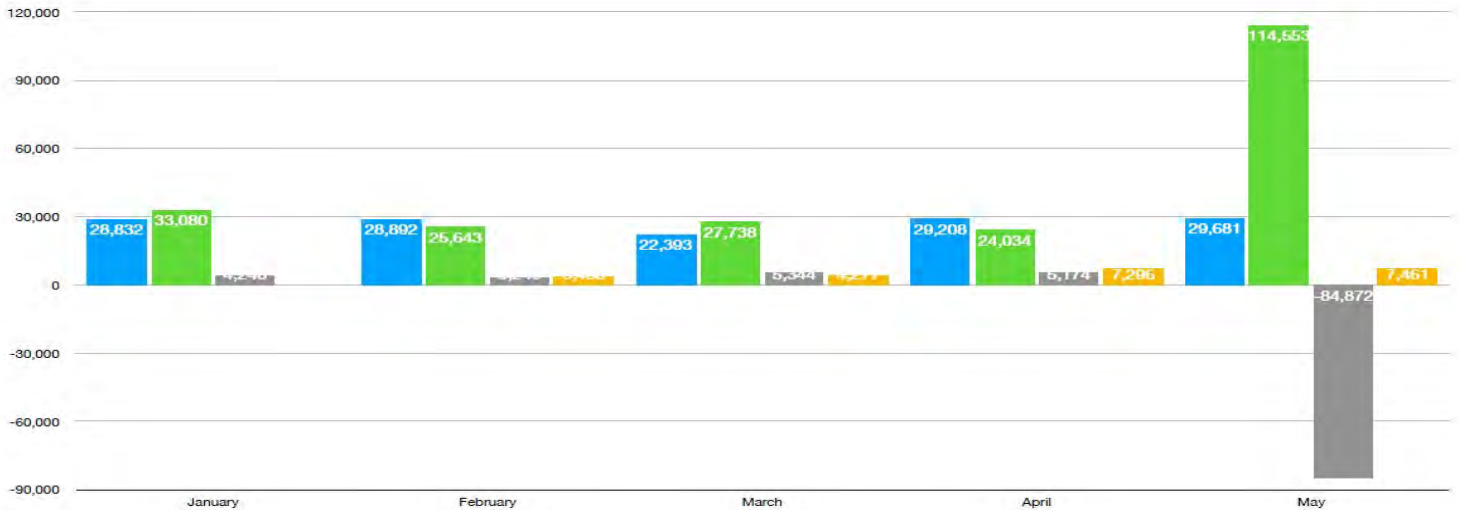


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	Collection	Expense	Profit/Loss	TIA
January	28,832	33,080	4,248	0
February	28,892	25,643	3,249	3,483
March	22,393	27,738	5,344	4,277
April	29,208	24,034	5,174	7,296
May	29,681	114,553	-84,872	7,461

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.





There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 5,** after the 7:00 pm mass, in the church hall

There will be a Finance Council meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 12,** after the 7:00 pm mass, in the church hall



The K of C 9521 September meeting will be on **Monday Sept. 11, 2023, 7:00 pm** in the St. Francis de Sales Church hall



The High River Pro Life meeting will be on September 11 2023, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. **All are welcome!**



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

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



YOUR DONATION ADDS UP TO BIG CHANGES IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

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



A huge "Thank You" to all those who donated to this program. We had around 20 people for this workshop, and the families were very grateful for the school supplies.

**Thanks again,
Laura Suarez, FCIS**

- 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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—John W.



Visit BibleStudyForCatholics.com to learn more!

RCIA 2023/24
FR. MARIUS



R.C.I.A PROGRAM

First Meeting

28 September
2023

Thursday at
7:00 PM

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MARY

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

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For Children

Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus

Whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me. Mother Teresa always remembered these words of Jesus. She said that she saw the face of Jesus in the face of each sick and dying person she helped. She asked the whole world to look for Jesus' face there, too. This movie presents the life and work of Mother Teresa with words and pictures that even the youngest child will enjoy. Children will happily learn that Mother Teresa was a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her to make incredible changes in our world.

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MASS INTENTIONS

September 1– 30, 2023

September 1	9:15 am	Wendel & Noelle Hoffart
September 2	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Francis Lovoie † Ann-Marie Stokes †
September 3	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Eva Jean Macdonald †
September 4	9:00 am	Isabelle Nicol
September 5	7:00 pm	Moyra Walton †
September 6	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
September 7	9:15 am	Terry Strang †
September 8	9:15 am	Don Crawford †
September 9	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Owen Abma Tony Van Wezel †
September 10	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Maria Naag †
September 11	9:00 am	Fr. Bryan Frank
September 12	7:00 pm	Barbara Zimmer
September 13	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Chris Magosse SFDS CWL Sisters
September 14	9:15 am	Ilene Clance †
September 15	9:15 am	Steve Abma
September 16	9:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Jan McNelis †
September 17	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Maria Naag †
September 18	9:00 am	Emily Brookwell †
September 19	7:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk †
September 20	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Bernard Amlin † Theresa Fallows †
September 21	9:15 am	Edna Langenberger †
September 22	9:15 am	Paul Pilon †
September 23	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Danny & Mary Rehak † Victor & Bernice Zelinski
September 24	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Jill Barton †
September 25	9:00 am	Paul D. Praught †
September 26	7:00 pm	Theresa Fallows †
September 27	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Edna Langenberger † Norbert Wasylenko
September 28	9:15 am	John Palmer
September 29	9:15 am	Claude Labre †
September 30	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Gail Daniels † Ilene Clancy †



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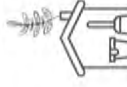
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