



St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



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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

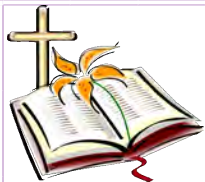
Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 4:7-12) In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15-17](#)).

Second Reading: (1 John 3:1-2) In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22-23](#); [Revelation 21:7](#)).

Gospel: (John 10: 11-18) Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. <https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.

"That's All I Want"

A little girl reciting the 23rd Psalm began, "The Lord is my shepherd; that's all I want." Maybe she missed the wording, but she sure got the theology right. To have Jesus as our shepherd is indeed a blessing. As he moves towards the cross, Jesus holds up this model of the good shepherd, reminding his listeners that a good shepherd would lay down his life for the sheep. He would give his life to protect the sheep from thieves, wild animals, or whatever danger might confront the flock. We can give him our allegiance because of his commitment to us.

23RD PSALM



Catholic Women's League



Just a reminder that **Our Lady of Good Council** Feast Day is **Friday, April 26th**. The CWL will be celebrating this **Feast Day** with Mass beginning at **9:15 am**. Coffee and sweets to follow.

YOU ARE



called

YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG

Good Shepherd
Sunday Donation

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21, 2024), or widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday, or the World Day of Vocations. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

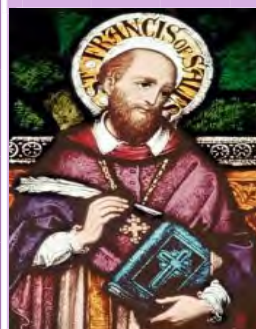
Please also give generously for the work of vocations, in supporting the education and formation of seminarians and permanent diaconate program in our Diocese.



Thank YOU VOLUNTEERS

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO!



We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.

-St. Francis de Sales



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

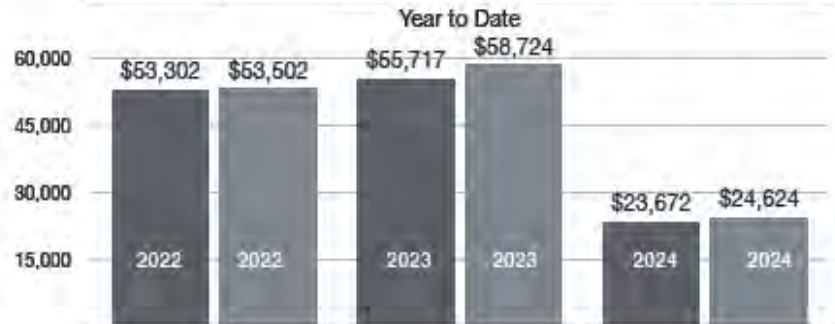
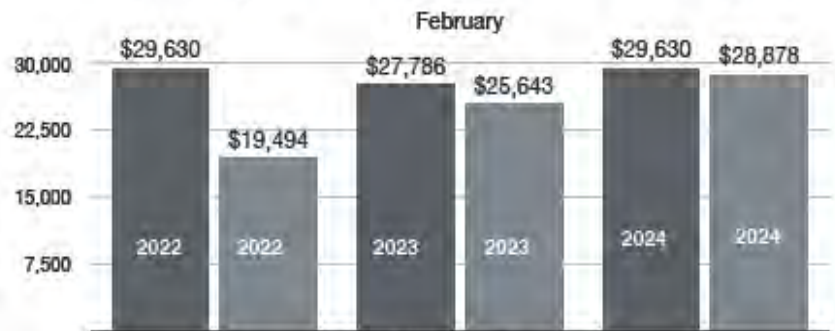
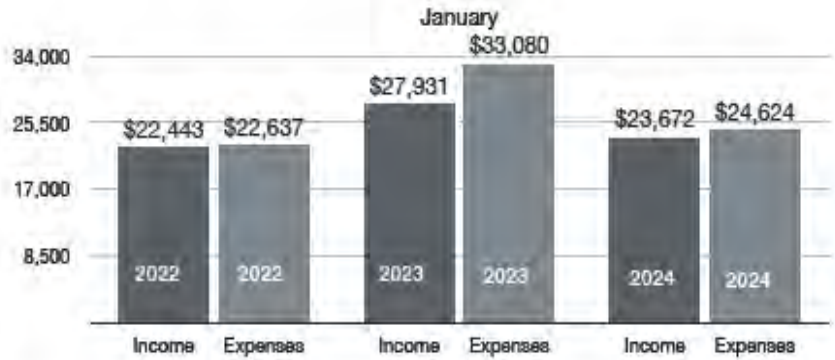


Adoration

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!**

SFDS Financial Report January – February, 2022, 2023, 2024

	January		
	2022	2023	2024
Income	22,442.90	27,931.28	23,671.66
Expenses	22,637.17	33,080.49	24,624.19
Net Income (Loss)	-194.27	-5149.21	-952.23
	February		
	2022	2023	2024
Income	29,630.30	27,785.95	29,630.30
Expenses	19,494.06	25,643.40	28,877.84
Net Income (Loss)	9,727.53	2,142.55	752.46
	Year to Date		
	2022	2023	2024
Income	53,301.96	55,717.23	23,671.66
Expenses	53,502.03	58,723.89	24,624.19
Net Income (Loss)	-200.07	-3,006.66	-952.23





THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE

cornerstone

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday in the Catholic Church. It's a day dedicated to special prayers for vocations. During the Eucharist, a passage from the Gospel of John is read where Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:1-10). The Church established the practice of praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in 1964 by Pope Paul VI. Since then, one of the Sundays in the Easter season, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, has been dedicated to praying for vocations. It's important to ask God to bless many young people with the gift of vocation. We need to pray for the youth so that they can bravely heed God's call. We should also pray that there be no dearth of good shepherds who will fearlessly lay down their lives for the sheep. We must not forget the pastors who have already answered God's call. These are the priests and religious who follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd and give their lives every day. In the privacy of their rectories or convents, they offer their suffering, loneliness, and spiritual struggles for the people. They follow the Good Shepherd, and like Him, lay down their lives for the sheep.

Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Vocations

Holy and provident Father, You are the Lord of the vineyard and the harvest and You give each a just reward for their work. In your design of love You call men and women to work with You for the salvation of the world. We thank You for Jesus Christ, your living Word, who has redeemed us from our sins and is among us to assist us in our poverty. Guide the flock to which You have promised possession of the kingdom. Send new workers into your harvest and set in the hearts of pastors faithfulness to your plan of salvation, perseverance in their vocation and holiness of life. Christ Jesus, who on the shores of the Sea of Galilee called the Apostles and made them the foundation of the Church and bearers of your Gospel, in our day, sustain your people on its journey. Give courage to those whom You call to follow You in the priesthood and the consecrated life, so that they may enrich God's field with wisdom of your Word. Make them docile instruments of your love in everyday service of their brothers and sisters. Spirit of holiness, who pour out your gifts on all believers and, especially, on those called to be Christ's ministers, help young people to discover the beauty of the divine call. Teach them the true way of prayer, which is nourished by the Word of God. Help them to read the signs of the times, so as to be faithful interpreters of your Gospel and bearers of salvation.

Mary, Virgin who listened and Virgin of the Word of God made flesh in your womb, help us to be open to the Word of the Lord, so that, having been welcomed and meditated upon, it may grow in our hearts. Help us to live like You the beatitudes of believers and to dedicate ourselves with unceasing charity to evangelizing all those who seek your Son. Grant that we may serve every person, becoming servants of the Word we have heard, so that remaining faithful to it we may find our happiness in living it. Amen



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 purs

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!



A Prayer for Priestly Vocations

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and our world with many priests who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord, that they may be always faithful to the Holy Father, and that they may be devoted Sons of Mary, our mother, in making you known and loved; and that all may attain heaven. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer to Know One's Vocation

O God, who enlightens the minds and inflames the hearts of the faithful by the Holy Spirit, grant that through the same Spirit I may know my true vocation in life, and may have the grace to follow it faithfully. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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!

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!

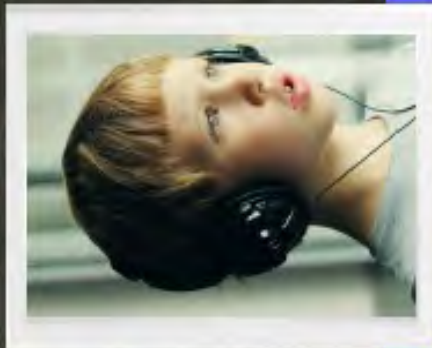




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- 1** Pick up a bottle OR go online to give
- 2**
 - a.** Collect cash or coins in the bottle, or fill out a cheque and put it inside. Bring the bottle back on Father's Day.
 - b.** If donating online, go to pregcare.com/BBC2024
**All gifts over \$25 will be issued a donation receipt.*
- 3** Continue to support the Centre through prayer



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PREGNANCY AND FAMILY SUPPORT



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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