



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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



2nd Sunday Of Easter



April 7, 2024



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 4:32-35) He was made a life-giving Spirit (see [1 Corinthians 15:45](#)) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see [Acts 2:42](#)).

Second Reading: (1 John 5:1-6) Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see [John 19:34](#)), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Gospel: (John 20: 10-31) Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent. [https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections for more info](https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections-for-more-info).

Just Because we can't see it

A junior high school teacher was telling her class about evolution and how the way everything in the world was formed proved that God doesn't exist. She said, "Look out the window. You can't see God, can you?" The kids shook their heads. "Look around you in this room. You can't see God, can you?" The kids shook their heads. "Then our logical conclusion is that God doesn't exist, does He?" she asked at last, certain that she had won her audience over.

But one girl from the back of the classroom said, "Miss Smith, just because we can't see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist. We could do brain surgery and investigate the parts of your brain and we could do a CAT scan and see the brain patterns in your head. But we couldn't prove that you've had a single thought today. Does that mean that you haven't thought anything today? Just 'cause you can't see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist."

Seeing is believing, right? But, "just 'cause you can't see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist."



The Feast of Divine Mercy

**Please join us
3:00-4:00 pm—**

Sunday Apr. 7

**Divine Mercy
Holy Hour –
at St. Francis de
Sales Parish**

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The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter (the Sunday following Easter Sunday). The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates the fact that even now, Jesus calls us to immerse ourselves in his mercy and love. This feast focuses on God's continuing merciful action throughout salvation history to this day! After his Resurrection, Jesus took great care to show his apostles his hands and side, pointing to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

The Feast of Divine Mercy Come experience the mercy and healing of our Lord. The Divine Mercy devotion has grown greatly in popularity. Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday when he canonized the Polish saint, Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000. St. Faustina's revelations put a great emphasis on this day as a "day of mercy". The familiar image of the Divine Mercy pictures two beams of light radiating from the heart of Christ, imaging the "water and blood" we hear about in 1 John 5:6. The Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed using rosary beads with special texts emphasizing the saving Passion of Christ.

BELIEVING



Through St. Faustina, the Merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the *Hour of Great Mercy*.

Although these means of receiving God's mercy are new in form, they all proclaim the timeless message of God's merciful love. They also draw us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucharist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him. As Jesus told St. Faustina:

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. (*Diary*, 367)

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



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Adoration

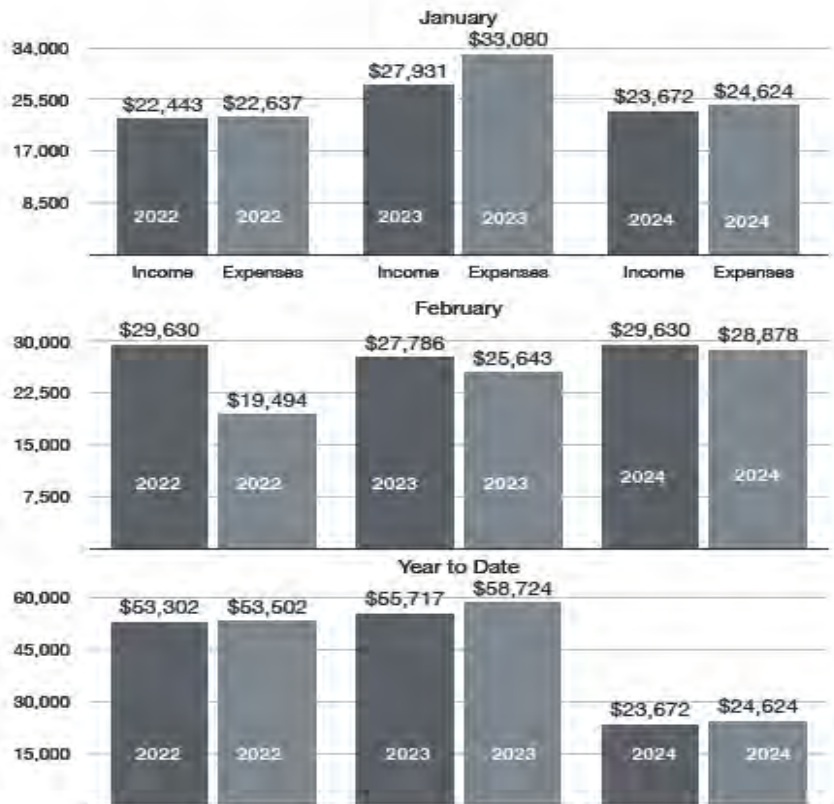
Please join us for our Adoration after the 9:00 am mass on Thursdays, **from 9:45 am—9:00pm.** If you would like to come for an assigned time, please contact Nancy in the office at **403-652-2203** or email her at francisdesales@shaw.ca
All are welcome!

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 Knights of Columbus 9521 April meeting will be on **Monday April 8, 2024, 7:00 pm** in the St. Francis de Sales Church hall.

All men are welcome!



The High River Pro Life meeting will be on **April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm** at St. Francis de Sales Church

All are welcome!



EASTER VIGIL

RCIA

2024



GOD IS GOOD





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 Christiamson † 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	7:00 pm	Robert Martin Christianson †
April 26	3:00 pm	Toni Lewis
April 27	10:00 am 8:00 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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