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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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21,
2024



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Jonah 3: 1-5, 10) And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have "something greater than Jonah" ([Matthew 12:41](#)).

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

Gospel: (Mark 1:14-20) By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see [Luke 9:31](#)). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see [John 1:12-13](#); [Matthew 12:46-50](#)).

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

COLOR BLIND

How would you describe a color to someone who had been blind since birth? What can you say about "blue" or "red" or "green" to someone who has no concept of color, of bright, light, or dark?

Well, you would almost have to use examples from the sense the blind person did have - touch, scent, sound, taste.

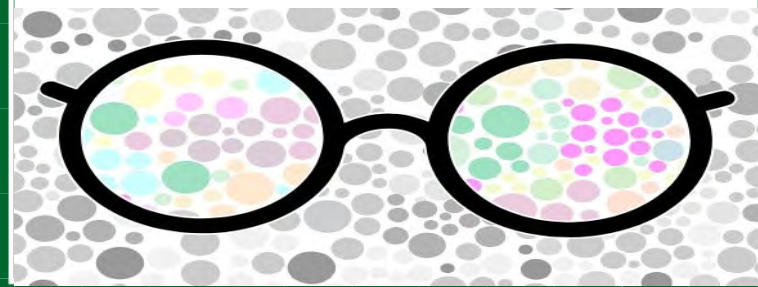
Blue is "cold" compared to a "hot" red.

Green is smooth and sweet, while yellow is sharp and pungent.

Purple has the depth of a bruise.

Orange may not rhyme with anything, but it feels like the sun on your face on a warm day.

Explaining the impossible to the unknowing describes much of the mission and message of Jesus.



St. Francis de Sales

Circle of Prayer - Prayer Chain 2024



The new list for the
Prayer Circle is now
ready for pick up in the
church hall.

Palms

We are collecting the palms for last year to burn for this year's Ash Wednesday. If you would like, please bring them in by Feb 7, 2024. You can bring them to the church office.

If you have any questions, please call or email Nancy in the church office at 403-652-2203 or francisdesales@shaw.ca



Photo By: Roberto Castillo



"Let us therefore give ourselves to God with a great desire to being to live thus, and beg him to destroy in us the life of the world of sin and to establish his life within us."

—St. John Eudes



Concerning the hell:

1. It's a matter of faith, so not everything can be logically understood.
2. It's a matter of faith in Jesus It is He who speaks many times about the condemned forever (**see. np. Mt 7:21-23; 25,41-46; Luke 16,19-31; John 3:17-18**).
3. It's a matter of faith to the Church, which has spoken itself on this subject many times (**por. KKK1033-1037**).
4. The theory that hell does not exist is the most murderers, pedophiles and abusers of all kinds. No need to repent anymore, just don't let yourself be caught.
5. If hell can't be reconciled with the love of God, then the absence of hell can't also be reconciled with love, because love never compels anyone. Even up to the sky.
6. If God allows hell on earth, why wouldn't He allow hell in the afterlife?
7. The existence of hell does not depend on our will and our opinions.
8. Just because we don't understand something doesn't mean it won't happen.
9. God wants everyone to be saved and everyone who has the spirit of God in them would like as many people as possible to go to heaven.
10. We die, we will see.



The Consecrated Life, deeply rooted in the example and teaching of Christ the Lord, is a gift of God the Father to his Church through the Holy Spirit.

—St. John Paul II: *Vita Consecrata* 1

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE IN OUR DIOCESE

O God our Father, Lord of the harvest, we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit to stir up the grace of Consecrated life vocations in the hearts of many within our parish community. Grant them the willingness and generosity to place their lives completely in Your hands as Religious priests, brothers and sisters, and consecrated virgins. Help us to support them by our own fidelity to Your call to holiness through prayer and Christian service. When You desire that members of our family and friends follow Your Son in this way, grant us the wisdom, love, and insight to support and encourage them to listen to Your voice and follow You without delay.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

World Day for Consecrated Life - Feb 2

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2024, and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments to consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Preparing for a Happy Death ...and the Life to Come

A course for compassionate Catholics, caregivers,
and people who are dying

FACILITATOR TRAINING

Online via Zoom

Tuesdays, January 23-March 5 | 7:00-8:30 pm

This 6-module course builds on the *Horizons of Hope* course offered by two Archdiocese of Edmonton parishes in spring 2023. In response to feedback from participants, the expanded course includes new content and practical tools to engage Catholics in the ancient practice of preparing for a happy death and the life to come.

Can you help present this course in your parish? Want to find out? Join us to experience the full course...and learn how to facilitate it along the way!

To register or for more information:
Contact Alana at alaperle@telus.net or 780-446-9009

St Francis de Sales will be hosting a 6 module online course on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, from January 23 - March 05, 2024 in the church hall.

"Preparing for a Happy Death and the Life to Come" offers the opportunity to think about our own wishes and to talk about them with our loved ones. It also offers practical tools to plan for seen and unforeseen circumstances. Finally, it can help us to find hope in our Catholic faith, and choose to live well until the end of our natural lives.

Fr Mariusz, in every funeral homily, says that we must "practice dying". He means that we need to prepare for the challenges that are certain to come with dying before they arrive and overwhelm us; that faith-based education around dying and death will help to allay the fear we and our families feel when looking at the reality of dying and death; that building resources through our faith will help to support us in this imminent journey.

If you wish to take this course in the comfort of your own home, this course is also available online through Zoom and group discussion is facilitated through "breakout rooms".

Contact Alana LaPerle at alaperle@telus.net 780-446-9009 (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park) with questions and to register.

Peace, Joy and love,
Luella

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Greeting Cards, Christmas Cards & Stamps!

Not sure what to do with your stack of greeting cards? Did you know the Diocesan Mission Council collects used and unused greeting cards for donation for their card making program, which supports Overseas missions, as well they collect used stamps.

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

Welcome
 Thank You for joining us today.

Name _____
 Address _____
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Are you interested in:
 Learning more about our ministry? _____
 Having a visit from the pastor? _____
 Joining our church? _____

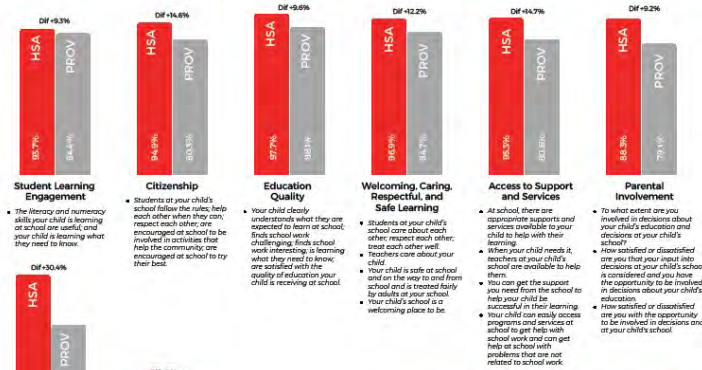
How did you hear about us? _____

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	Green	May 12, 2024
St. Francis de Sales Helping Hands	Blue	June 02, 2024
Together in Action	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

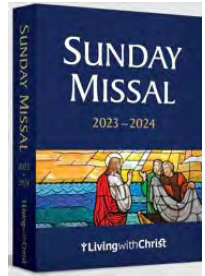
- Our stakeholders showcase a strong commitment to Catholic Education and faith that is our foundation: "gathered in the Faith, sent to love and serve."

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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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!

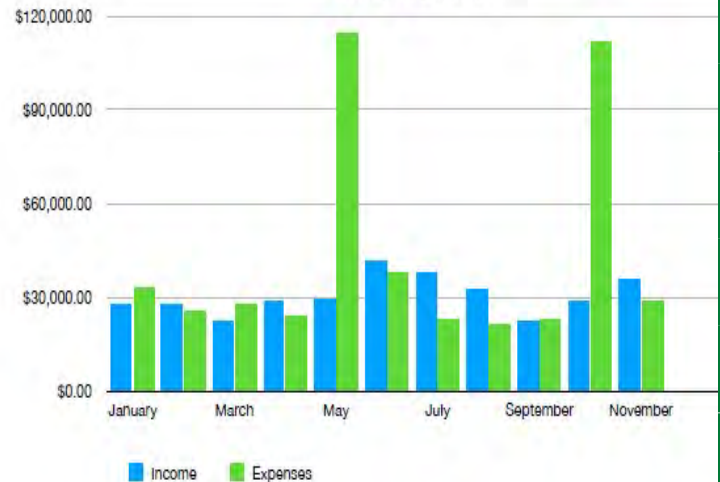
SFDS Financial Report January – November 2023

Monthly Financial Report

Summary by Category

Category	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$27,931.28	\$33,080.49	(\$5,149.21)
February	\$27,785.95	\$26,643.40	\$2,142.55
March	\$22,363.90	\$27,738.07	(\$5,374.17)
April	\$29,208.75	\$24,034.67	\$5,174.08
May	\$29,681.00	\$114,563.36	(\$84,872.36)
June	\$41,907.62	\$37,658.43	\$4,249.19
July	\$38,156.05	\$22,963.11	\$15,192.94
August	\$32,085.74	\$21,218.91	\$10,866.83
September	\$22,473.10	\$22,692.55	(\$219.45)
October	\$29,110.60	111,727.93	(\$82,617.33)
November	\$35,395.13	\$29,171.91	\$6,223.22
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$336,099.12	470482.83	-134383.71

Income vs. Expenses



SFDS HELPING HANDS

Report for the months of October–December 2023

The St. Francis de Sales Ministry has helped a total number of **14** people for the months of October to December 2023. We paid out a total of **\$7156.89** for bills, rent, or mortgages, as well we gave a total of **\$425.00** in fuel cards, and **\$2425.00** in grocery cards. We were also gifted **\$1500.00** in grocery cards from St. Vincent de Paul in Okotoks, and have given out **\$300.00** of that so far.

The total assistance we have given so far is **\$10,306.89**

It is rewarding to be able to assist these people who are genuinely struggling. The help we give is so appreciated. We try to listen and give help as much as we can as quickly as possible.



A huge **Thank You** to all those who have made a donation to this rewarding ministry.

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi



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.





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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