



# 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

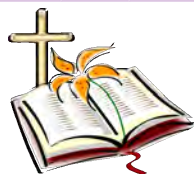
Monday – Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

## EASTER SUNDAY



# Easter Sunday

March 31,  
2024



## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (Acts 10:34a, 37-43) What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see [Deuteronomy 21:22-23](#)), to His rising from the dead.

**Second Reading:** (Colossians 3:1-4) We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

**Gospel:** (John 20:1-18) We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."  
<https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections-for-more-info>.

## Easter without a Cross

In a certain church marketing newsletter, called the Church's Advertising Network, a campaign has been developed to attract people to church during the season of Easter. In this public relations campaign, it is suggested that the cross be removed from the altar. According to the author, a survey has revealed that the cross is one of those symbols that the new generation of churchgoers considered too "churchy." One pastor interviewed for the campaign gave his wholehearted endorsement. "We are going to attempt to concentrate on the resurrection, and not the death of Jesus."

Easter without the cross. Rather an interesting thought. Is it possible to have resurrection without crucifixion? No. It distorts the entire gospel if crucifixion is separated from resurrection. The road to the empty tomb will forever pass by a cross. The one who is raised from the dead is none other than the crucified Christ. Easter without a cross is a hoax.

# THE CROSS



## Easter Wishes

*Easter is the most significant and joyous celebration in the Christian faith. It commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, which is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. According to St. Paul, if Christ had not risen from the dead, our faith would have been in vain, and our efforts on earth would have been meaningless. The resurrection of Jesus is the reason why everything that is good, beautiful, noble, and marked by love in our lives will last forever.*

*As we celebrate this auspicious occasion, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you, dear parishioners and guests. May the joy of Easter illuminate your daily life, and may goodness, truth, love, harmony, and kindness always resurrect in your families, workplaces, and daily relationships.*

*May the Risen Lord bless you and your families with good health, strength, and grace to overcome the difficulties of everyday life. May everything that is good in nature flourish in your personal, professional, married, and family life.*

*May the splendor of the Empty Sepulchre of Our Lord remind you that nothing ends at the tomb. Everything begins! It is a symbol of hope and new beginnings, a reminder that death has been conquered, and new life has emerged. May it restore serenity and hope that, ultimately, good will always triumph over evil, truth will always triumph over lies, and love will always triumph over hate.*

*I wish you a happy and healthy Easter filled with love and kindness. Alleluia!*

Fr. Marius Sztuk, SDS

Deacon Larry Driver



**The Feast of Divine Mercy**  
— the Sunday after Easter

Please join us **3:00-4:00 pm**— Divine Mercy  
Holy Hour —at St. Francis de Sales Parish  
**On April 7, 2024.**

All are welcome!



## Church Office Hours for Easter

The Church Office will be closed for the Easter Holiday,  
**Fri. Mar. 29—Mon. Apr. 1.**

Regular office hours will resume  
**Tuesday, April 2, at 9:00 am.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:francisdesales@shaw.ca)  
**All are welcome!**

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

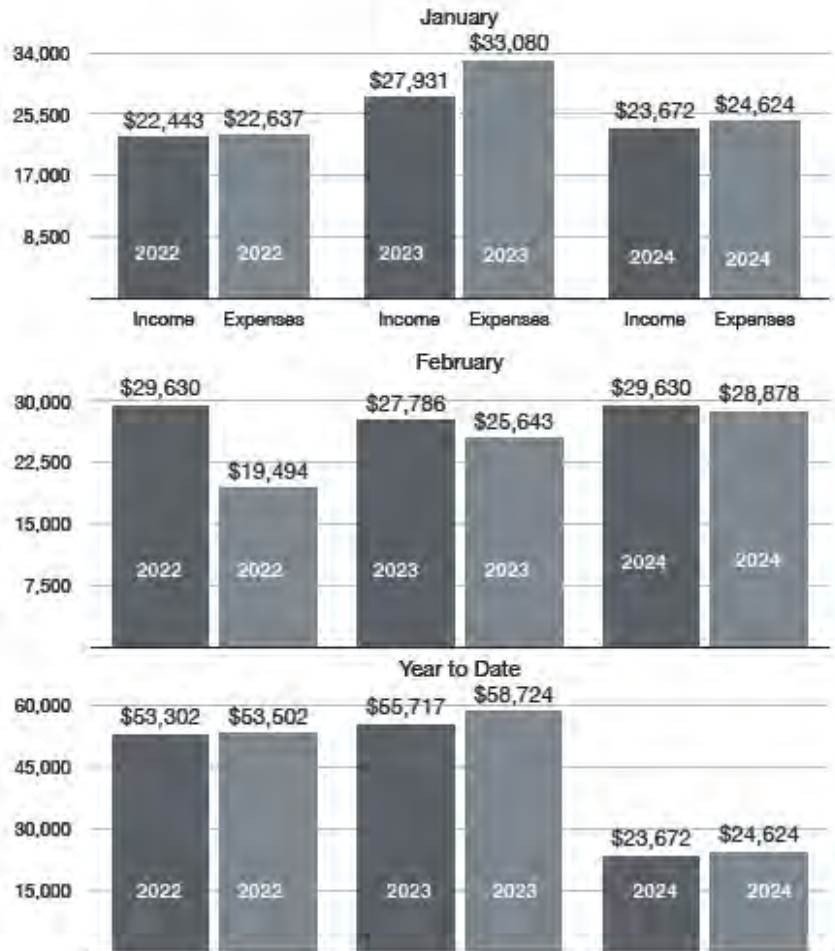
January			
	2022	2023	2024
Income	22,442.90	27,931.28	23,671.66
Expenses	22,637.17	33,080.49	24,624.19
Net Income (Loss)	-194.27	-5149.21	-952.23

February			
	2022	2023	2024
Income	29,630.30	27,785.95	29,630.80
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





**CWL Retreat**

Here is Agnes Bedard, one of our guest speakers, speaking to the CWL ladies at the Women's Lenten Retreat, held on Saturday, March 23rd, sharing her stories, sites and sightings of Mary throughout and around the world.



**St. Francis de Sales CWL  
Easter Basket Sales**

**Easter Basket Raffle**

The winners of the Easter baskets are as follows:

**Children's baskets:**

Luella Wojcik who gifted her basket to Sharon Fraser  
Reiss Miller

**Adult baskets:**

Dale Howard  
Jonathan Barton

**A total of \$1,158.30 was raised. This money will be donated to Narrow Road Home and Pro-Life equally.**

*Congratulations to all of the winners. To everyone who purchased tickets, a huge thank you for making this raffle such a success. It is through your generosity that our Catholic Women's League is able to support various groups in our community.*

**Susan Horn, President  
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Women's League**



Linette Soldan, Executive Director of Rowan House Society, receives a cheque from Susan Horn, St Francis de Sales CWL President.





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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