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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm - High River
Sunday 8:00 am - Vulcan
Sunday 11:00 am - High River
Sunday 5:00 pm - High River

CONFESSIONS

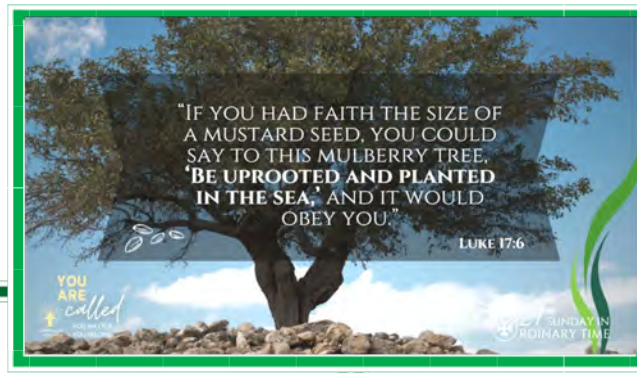
Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4) Habakkuk's cry echoes in each of our hearts sooner or later. It is one thing to describe the ills of the world in platitudes of faith, it is quite another to draw on faith for strength and courage when real, personal and senseless hardship hits us. Often even the strongest among us can be reduced to rubble. God's answer is clear: "The vision will not disappoint; it if delays, wait for it." Habakkuk, writing in a time of destruction and turmoil around 600 BC, urges growing a deep faith in good times so that it will be our source of strength in bad times.

Second Reading: (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14) If there was ever an apt description of the life of a faith-filled Christian, it's in these words from Paul to Timothy. Poor Timothy is in over his head: persecution from outside, challenges to his authority from inside, the spread of false teachings, and subsequently his own self-doubt. In his efforts to counsel Timothy in his leadership position in the church, Paul recalls the laying on of hands by which Timothy was given qualities of strength, boldness, love, wisdom and self-discipline. All good leadership qualities that result in shepherding without imposing.

Gospel: (Luke 17: 5-10) Jesus makes it clear here that more faith is not better, but rather the depth of faith is what determines its power. At times we blame our weakness and doubt for insufficient faith. Jesus invites us to trust the faith we have. In the second part of this gospel, Jesus simply points out that doing the right thing should never be used to congratulate ourselves, but it should simply remain a natural consequence of trusting in God.

For more information about these reflections, please contact Kiply Lukan Yaworski, Diocese Communications, 306-659-5844 or kyaworski@rcdos.ca.

Father Marius is Off to Study!

Dear Parishioners,

Just a quick heads-up: I will be away from **Monday afternoon, October 7, through Thursday evening, October 9**, attending our annual **Diocesan Study Days**. Yes, it's that time of year when all active priests are expected to put on their thinking caps and pretend we have it all figured out!

Because of this, **there will be no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday** (October 7-9). I know—don't worry, I'll try not to miss you too much. Think of it as a short spiritual vacation... for me... and a little extra quiet time for you.

I promise to return on Thursday evening, hopefully wiser, slightly more enlightened, and ready to celebrate Mass again with you.

Thank you for your understanding, and please pray that the "study" part doesn't involve too many long meetings!

— Father Marius

October: Honoring Mary and the Rosary in the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Dear Parishioners,

October holds a special place in the life of the Church, as it is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This tradition reminds us of the beauty and power of prayer, especially the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother. In this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are invited to deepen our faith, embrace hope, and draw closer to God through Mary's guidance.

The Rosary is more than a set of prayers; it is a meditation on the life of Christ, seen through the eyes of Mary. Each decade allows us to reflect on the joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries, bringing us closer to the heart of Jesus. For centuries, the Church has encouraged the faithful to pray the Rosary as a way of seeking peace, strength, and guidance in our daily lives.

Our Parish Challenge

This October, we invite every member of our parish to take part in a special Rosary challenge:

- **Option 1:** Pray at least **one decade of the Rosary daily**.
- **Option 2:** Pray the **entire Rosary** each day and offer it for your personal intentions, our parish, and the world.

To support this devotion, we will gather to pray the Rosary **every day, 30 minutes before Mass**. Come and join your fellow parishioners in this beautiful act of faith and hope. Together, we can make October a month of prayer, reflection, and renewal, trusting in Mary's intercession as we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope.

Let us take up this challenge and allow the Rosary to bring hope, peace, and joy into our hearts and homes.

In Christ and Mary,
Fr. Marius



Online Giving



Parish Website





Notes on the 100 years of the Catholic Women's League in High River

In the 1970's the High River Council consisted of 35 members. Monthly meetings were held during the evening. Members were very active in the Pro-life movement. Letters were written to the then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, thanking him for his positive approach to disarmament. Members were present at political forums asking candidates – what legal protection they would offer for the unborn child?

Members participated in the World Day of Prayer and took an active part in organizing the event in High River. They sponsored effective parenting courses and lead bible studies. The Council provided furnishings, bedding and dishes for the immigrants from Vietnam. In the 1980's the council sent mass cards and spiritual bouquets to the elderly and the sick. Membership rose to 45 members.

In the early 1990's the Council sponsored Seniors Christmas dinners, a Valentine couples dinner, Shrove Tuesdays and Marriage Encounter Courses.

To hear more history on our Council, join us for our 100th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday October 18th, tickets are on sale after each Mass (\$5.00 each).



Invitation to Bible Study

Dear Parishioners,

We invite all those interested in exploring the Holy Scriptures to join our parish Bible Study! For several years, we have been meeting to discover the beauty and wisdom of God's Word together, and this year is no exception.

In the coming weeks, we will begin studying the **Gospel of St. Luke**. Meetings will take place every **Wednesday, starting October 1st, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at our parish.**

You don't need to be an expert to participate – our Bible Study is open to everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the Scriptures and share reflections in a friendly atmosphere.

**We warmly invite you!
See you on Wednesday!**

Calgary Live-In Retreat Society



Prayer Breakfast



QR Code

October 18th, 2025

At St. Bonaventure Parish

1600 Acadia Dr SE, Calgary

9:45 am to 12 pm (after 9:00 mass)

Breakfast, Praise and Worship



Guest Speaker:

Amanda Achtman

Founder of Dying to Meet You, a project to prevent euthanasia and encourage hope.

From Burden to Gift: Leading a Meaningful Life Until Your Last Breath

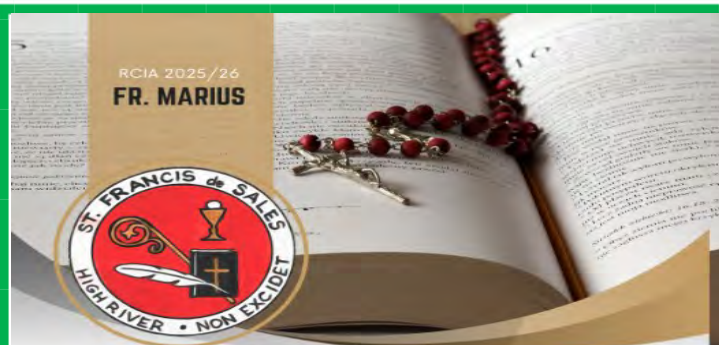
"I don't want to be a burden." Maybe you've heard someone say it.

Come explore what it means to lead a meaningful life until your last breath and how to make the mindset shift from burden to gift!

Everyone Welcome, Bring Friends

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Register: with QR code or call Louise at 403-988-3049



Invitation to RCIA Program

Dear Friends,

We warmly invite all those interested in exploring the Catholic faith to join our parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program! For many years, our parish has offered this journey of faith for those seeking to learn more about Catholicism, whether you are considering baptism, confirmation, or simply want to deepen your understanding of the faith.

This week, we will begin our RCIA sessions, diving into the foundations of Catholic teachings, spirituality, and community life. Meetings will be held **every Thursday, starting September 25, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at our parish.**

No prior knowledge or experience is required – our RCIA program is open to everyone, from those just beginning their faith journey to those looking to grow closer to God in a welcoming and supportive environment.

**We look forward to walking this journey with you!
Join us this Wednesday!**

RCIA TEAM



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 fr-marius@francisdesaleshighriver.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."

- Pope Saint John Paul II



Sunday Offering

Did you know we now take Donations electronically! **You have the following options: Direct Debit, Visa, M/C.** 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 all Nancy in the church office at **403-652-2203** or email her at secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com



Adoration

Please join us for Adoration after the 9:00 am Mass on Thursdays. **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 secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com **All are welcome!**



THIS WEEK AT SFDS

Sunday, October 5

- 9:00 – 10:00 AM – Mass (Vulcan)
- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mass (High River)
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confessions
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Mass (High River)

Monday, October 6

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Rosary
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass

Tuesday, October 7 – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY (M)
No Mass (Fr. Marius gone for Study Days)

Wednesday, October 8

- 1:30 – 3:30 PM – Grief Sharing
- 3:15 – 3:45 PM – Liturgy Seasons HR (Deacon Larry)
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM – Liturgy at HR Hospital (Deacon Larry)
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM – CWL General Meeting No Mass
(Fr. Marius gone for Study Days)

Thursday, October 9

- No Mass (Fr. Marius gone for Study Days)
- 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM – Adoration and Benediction
- 7:00 – 8:30 PM – RCIA

Friday, October 10

- 8:15 – 9:15 AM – Confession
- 8:45 – 9:15 AM Rosary
- 9:15 – 10:00 AM – Daily Mass
9:00 – 11:30 AM – TOPS Group (East Hall)

Saturday, October 11

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confessions
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM – Daily Mass
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confessions
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Vigil Mass

SFDS Gift Shop

Have you checked out our Gift Shop Showcase?

We have Rosaries for sale, as well as Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation gifts.

If you are interested in buying one, please see Nancy in the church office during office hours, or call her at 403-652-2203, or email at secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

St. Francis de Sales 2026 Offering Envelopes

If you are interested in Offering Envelopes for 2026, please contact Nancy in the church office by phone, **403-652-2203** or email secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

**Please Note: we have other options for Sunday Offerings which are :
Direct Debit, Visa, M/C. and E-transfer.**



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

October 1– 31, 2025

October 1	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
October 2	9:15 am	Wendell & Noelle Hoffart
October 3	9:15 am	Eduardo Bartiana †
October 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lisbeth Arat † Maureen Kivineen†
October 5	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrews CWL Sisters Rou Lady rose Jundez† Carolyn Kuziw †
October 6	9:00 am	John McIsaac †
October 7	7:00 pm	Mary Campbell
October 8	4:00pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	John Dexter Garcia † SFDS CWL Sisters
October 9	9:15 am	Gerald McInnis †
October 10	9:15 am	Patti Keats †
October 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Seraphion & Mercedes Magalso † Our Parish
October 12	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Bryan Johnson † Carolyn Kuziw †
October 13	9:00 am	Abigael Pantig †
October 14	7:00 pm	Toni Lewis †
October 15	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Fr. Terry Connolly George Toro †
October 16	9:15 am	Otto Paulgaard †
October 17	9:15 am	Felipe Tagaloquin †
October 18	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Gilles & Monique Tremblay Eileen Clancy †
October 19	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
October 20	9:00 am	Jessica Doian
October 21	7:00 pm	John Gall †
October 22	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Fr. Valentine Suum Loqueta Sepe †
October 23	9:15 am	Jerry & Raylene Rosell & Family
October 24	9:15 am	Judy McLaughlin
October 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Toni Lewis † Florrie O'Brien †
October 26	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Leonard Lauzon † Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
October 27	9:00 am	Mike & Holly Smith
October 28	7:00 pm	Bryan Johnson †
October 29	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Fr. Vijaya Bathineni Pat Farrell †
October 30	9:15 am	Michael Ryan †
October 31	9:15 am	Bill Ward †



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