



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew 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

THE RESURACTION OF THE LORD



Easter Sunday

April 20,
2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 10:34a, 37-43) When Peter arrives, he enters Cornelius's house, although it is unlawful for Jews to associate with gentiles. The two men share the visions the Lord has given them (10:24-33). Peter then begins to speak to the people (10:34-43). He knows now God does not show favoritism, but accepts people from every nation who fear him and do what is right. He explains how God has revealed himself in Jesus of Nazareth, how the Jewish leaders crucified him, how God raised him from the dead, and how he appeared to many of his disciples. Peter and the other disciples were appointed as witnesses to proclaim that "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (10:43).

Second Reading: (Colossians 3:1-4) After condemning the false teaching, Paul reminds the Colossians about their new life in Christ. Colossians 3:1-4 serves as the theological foundation for the more practical instructions that follow. Because they have participated with Christ in his death and resurrection, and since their past, present, and future have been determined by Christ, they should focus on these heavenly realities (3:1-4). When their thinking changes, so will their behavior. In 3:5-11, Paul warns them to "put to death" and "rid themselves" of evil thoughts and actions. In 3:12-17, he exhorts them to put on Christlike virtues such as compassion, humility, patience, forgiveness, gratitude, worship, and love. Everything in life (both words and actions) should be done in a way that honors Christ.

Gospel: (John 20:1-18) All the Gospels record that the first witnesses to Jesus's resurrection were women. In John 20:1-2, Mary Magdalene, likely accompanied by other women, discovers that the tomb is empty and runs to tell Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. In John 20:3-9, we learn that Peter and John immediately run to the tomb. John arrives first but only looks in, while Peter barges right into the tomb upon arrival. They discover grave clothes but no body. At this point John "saw and believed," although the disciples still did not fully understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead (20:8-9).

After The Resurrection

There's a story told of a town which put together its own Good Friday processional. The man chosen to portray Jesus was a burly truck driver. He was far from "meek and mild!" Still, he wore the clothing of Jesus, put the crown of thorns upon his head and dragged a rugged, wooden cross. Another man played the Roman centurion. He also got into his part. As the truck driver Jesus walked by, the centurion jeered him, mocked him, struck him and even spat in his face. This was more than the truck driver playing Jesus could stand! He turned to the man portraying the centurion and vowed angrily, "I'll be back to deal with you after the Resurrection!"



**SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED**

Office Hours for Easter

The Church Office will be closed
for the Easter Holiday,
Fri. April. 18—Mon. Apr. 21.

Regular office hours will resume
Tuesday, April 22, at 9:00 am.



**The Feast of Divine Mercy
the Sunday after Easter**
Please join us **3:00-4:00 pm**
for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour –
at St. Francis de Sales Parish
On April 27, 2025.
All are welcome!



Holy Octave Week
The masses through the
Holy Octave Week will be at
the regular times of the
weekday masses.
All are welcome!



*Let us revive at least among ourselves
the true spirit of cordiality and love
which formed the glory and the beatitude
of the first Christians.*

- St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Adoration Cancelled

There will be **no Adoration** on Thursday,
May 1, 2025, as we will be preparing for
the **Confirmation Celebration** that is at 6:00 pm.

Regular Adoration will resume on Thursday,
May 8, 2025 at 9:45 am to 9:00 pm.



ALLELUJA Christ is Risen

He is truly risen!



✝ Easter Message 2025

From Fr. Marius

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With joyful hearts, we proclaim the greatest truth of our faith: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! His Resurrection is not only a victory over death — it is the source of our hope, our peace, and our new life in Him.

Our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum — from Holy Thursday to Good Friday, and through the radiant Easter Vigil — was deeply moving and filled with grace. We walked together with Christ in His Passion and rejoiced in His triumph over the grave.

This Easter was made even more special as we welcomed one person into full communion with the Catholic Church and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with two others. Their “yes” to Christ is a sign of the Spirit alive and at work in our midst. May their faith continue to grow and inspire us all.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful:

- To our liturgical ministers, lectors, altar servers, and extraordinary ministers
- To our musicians and choir, who filled our liturgies with praise
- To those who prepared and decorated our church so beautifully
- And most especially, to every person and every family who came to celebrate with us

To all families in our parish — thank you for bringing your children, your prayers, and your faith into our shared worship. Your love, your presence, and your commitment to living the Gospel truly strengthen the heart of our community. May your homes be filled with the joy and peace of the Risen Christ.

As we continue our journey through this Easter Season, let us be people of the Resurrection — sharing Christ's light with all we meet.

Wishing you and your family a blessed, joyful, and peace-filled Easter!

With every prayer and blessing,

Fr. Marius

Couples for Christ is inviting you to a
Christian Life Program
St Francis de Sales Church Hall,
Sunday Apr 27 & May 4 at 1:00pm



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IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY

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INDULGENCES

Plenary Indulgence

Obtain the grace of a Plenary Indulgence for yourself or a departed loved one by making a pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral or the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies under the following conditions:

- 1 Strive to be free from sin
Even from venial sins
- 2 Receive Sacramental Confession
This can be received 20 days before or after the pilgrimage.
- Receive the Holy Communion
It is ideal that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day of the pilgrimage.
- Pray the Pope's Intentions

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Yarn Donations



If you have any yarn you are not using, our parishioner Shirley is looking for donations so she can knit more toques for Kids in Ukraine and Christmas Child Shoebox.

Yarn donations can be dropped off at the church for Shirley to pick up. If you have any questions, please call the church office for more information—403-652-2203

Rosaries for Sale



There are Rosaries for sale in our Gift Shop in the Church Hall. They are made by one of our parishioners, Rhona-Mae Arca. 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 francisdesales@shaw.ca

CWL Easter Basket Raffle



The CWL would like to thank all those who contributed and participated in making the Easter Basket Raffle a success. Such a beautiful selection of items. A total of \$1330.00 was collected.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Adult Basket
Judy Mc Laughlin.
Liezl Salido.
Deacon Larry Driver.

Children's Basket
Denise Lavoie
Mary Byers
Nancy Barton

SFDS GAMES NIGHT



TRY A GAME, TEACH A GAME!

Bring your fave boardgames, cardgames, and snacks for a fun time of gaming and fellowship.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

6:00 PM

APRIL 25, 2025

MAY 23, 2025

JUNE 27, 2025

SFDS HALL

MASS INTENTIONS

April 1– 30, 2025

April 1	7:00 pm	James & Helen Leible †
April 2	6 :00 pm	Bereavement Mass
April 3	9:15 am	Stuart Curzon †
April 4	9:15 am	John & Kay Hoffart †
April 5	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lillian Schmidt † Grazyn Sak†
April 6	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our parish Michael Ryan †
April 7	9:00 am	Deidre & Steve Abma & Family
April 8	7:00 pm	George Curzon
April 9	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Sr. Loretta Rice CSJ SFDS CWL Sisters
April 10	9:15 am	Marge & Mike Heap †
April 11	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
April 12	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Colin Budd † Theresa Fallows †
April 13	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish
April 14	9:00 am	Alison Richards †
April 15	7:00 pm	Peggy Klein †
April 16	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Sr. Teresa Rice CSJ Josephine Owens †
April 17	9:15 am	*****
April 18	9:15 am	*****
April 19	9:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish †
April 20	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Margaret Ryan † Nonito & Pina Pascual †
April 21	9:00 am	Mitchell Curzon
April 22	7:00 pm	Norman Fallows
April 23	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Corin Benjamin Ann Marie Stokes †
April 24	9:15 am	Darlene Gillis†
April 25	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
April 26	9:00 am 5:00 pm	John Hughes Lloyd Richardson †
April 27	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Doug Mowat †
April 28	9:00 am	Fr. Mariusz Sztuk
April 29	7:00 pm	Ken MacKenzie †
April 30	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Bill Ward † Sam Abma



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