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Happy Father's Day.

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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 MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



The Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity

June 15,
2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Proverbs 8:22-31) A new section commences by associating wisdom not with earthly rulers (as in 8:15-16) but with Yahweh, the Creator of the universe (8:22). This section then proceeds to describe wisdom's ancient origin and earliest activities. Although God is the subject of all verbs in verses 22-29, wisdom's close association with him is emphasized repeatedly.

Second Reading: (Romans 5:1-5) After the blessing of justification for sinners (3:21-31), and after the blessing of the Gentiles' becoming members of God's new covenant people (4:1-25), Paul mentions in 5:1-2a another consequence of the revelation of God's saving righteousness through Jesus Christ: peace with God. The godless and disobedient sinners of 1:18-3:30 have been granted peace with God, as they have come to faith in God and in his work of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: (John 16:12-15) The disciples continue to grieve at the news of Jesus's departure (16:5-6). He comforts them with a reminder that his leaving means the Holy Spirit will come to them (16:7). The Spirit will continue Christ's work by convicting the world with regard to sin, righteousness, and judgment (16:8-11). The disciples can't absorb all Jesus wants to tell them now, but when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide them into all truth (16:12-13). The Spirit will glorify Jesus by reminding the disciples of his teachings and preparing them for the future (16:13-15).



They say a **good father is like a sturdy Wi-Fi signal**—you don't always see him, but when he's not around, *everything stops working!*

And as for marriage, one dad put it this way:
“Marriage teaches you loyalty, patience, forgiveness... and how to skillfully nod while pretending to be right!”

To all the dads who love deeply, laugh often, and lead their families with faith and humility—**we salute you!**



SAVE THE DATE!

We will be having the **Parish Picnic** on
June 29th after the 11:00 am Mass.

Location: St. Francis de Sales Church

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and Beverages will be provided!
Please bring your favourite **Salad** or **Dessert**,
as well as **Lawn Chairs** if you would like to eat outside.



Happy Father's Day!

On this special day, we extend our heartfelt wishes and deepest gratitude to all the fathers in our parish community.

Thank you for your strength, your wisdom, and your unwavering love. Whether you are a father by birth, adoption, spiritual guidance, or example, your presence is a powerful reflection of God's own fatherly care for each of us.

May St. Joseph, the humble and faithful guardian of the Holy Family, be your inspiration and companion. And may God bless you abundantly with joy, peace, and grace in your vocation as a father.

Happy Father's Day! You are a true gift to our parish and to the Church.

With prayer and appreciation,
Your Parish Community



Please join us for the next Game Night at SFDS on June 27th, 6:30 pm



Please bring back your filled bottles by Father's Day. Thanks!

Your change
changes lives



Your generosity supports real families facing real challenges! By filling a bottle, you're joining a community of generous people, coming together to bring hope to young families in our community. The bottles added together provide support for today and impact for generations.

Participating is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1

Put your cash, coins, or a cheque in the bottle, or donate online.

2

Bring your bottle back on Father's Day (June 15th).

3

Sign up for our newsletter and keep us in your prayers.

Other Ways to Give:

- Donate online <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mainsprings/>
- E-transfer to accounting@mainsprings.com
- Send a cheque payable to Mainsprings
- Scan our QR code

*Donations \$25 or more will be issued a donation receipt.

Donate Today!



Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support Association is planning to raise an estimated amount of \$500,000 this year on fundraising campaigns. It will cost our organization an estimated \$90,000 to date this. The money raised will go to help support programs. For further information, please contact Dennis Kether at 403-269-3110. Our address is 205, 925 - 7 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1A5.

Games Wanted

Decluttering? Donate your old board & card games to the Parish Game Library. Drop off at the Parish Office.

NOTE: Multiples of the same game may be used in activities to raise funds for other games & supplies.
Thank you for your consideration!



Help Needed!

SFDS CWL will be Celebrating **100 Years on October 18, 2025**, and are looking for donations of medium size Rose Bowls for their table decorations.

If you are cleaning out your cupboards and have 1 or 2 that you don't use anymore, please consider donating them to our CWL Ladies!





The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: History and Traditions in the Catholic Church

The **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**, commonly known as **Trinity Sunday**, is a unique celebration in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. Unlike most feasts that commemorate events in the life of Jesus, Mary, or the saints, Trinity Sunday is a theological feast—honoring **God's very nature**: one God in **three divine Persons**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Historical Origins

The roots of Trinity Sunday go back to the early centuries of Christianity. The doctrine of the Trinity was formally articulated in the **early ecumenical councils**, such as **Nicaea (325)** and **Constantinople (381)**, to defend the faith against heresies like Arianism, which denied the full divinity of Christ. These councils defined the belief in one God in three co-equal Persons—an essential mystery of Christian faith.

Although the belief was central from the beginning, the feast itself was not established until later. In the **Middle Ages**, devotion to the Trinity began to flourish more explicitly. The feast was first celebrated locally in monasteries, particularly in the Frankish regions. **St. Thomas Becket** is known to have celebrated it in Canterbury as early as the 12th century.

In **1334**, **Pope John XXII** officially inserted the feast into the **universal calendar** of the Roman Church, assigning it to the **first Sunday after Pentecost**. This placement reflects a theological progression in the liturgical year: after celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Church turns its focus to the fullness of God's inner life.

Liturgical Significance

Trinity Sunday brings to conclusion the celebrations of **salvation history** that stretch from Advent through Easter and Pentecost. It is a moment to pause and contemplate the God who has revealed Himself to us as a **communion of love**—Father, Son, and Spirit.

The liturgy emphasizes the majesty and mystery of God. The **prayers and readings** highlight God's triune nature, particularly using texts like:

- **Matthew 28:19** – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
- **2 Corinthians 13:13** – “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”

The **Preface of the Mass** on this day is beautifully crafted to praise the mystery of the Trinity: “We praise you with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; three Persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God.”

Devotions and Traditions

Though Trinity Sunday is not associated with widespread popular devotions like some Marian feasts, there are traditional ways in which the faithful honor the Trinity:

- **The Sign of the Cross** is perhaps the most universal and frequent Trinitarian prayer, tracing the Cross over oneself while invoking the Trinity.
- The **Glory Be (Gloria Patri)** is a short, ancient doxology that encapsulates the mystery of the Trinity in daily prayer.
- Some parishes and religious communities celebrate the day with **processions** or **special hymns**, such as *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* or *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*.

Trinity Sunday is also an important day for **theological reflection**, often prompting homilies that explore the relational nature of God and the invitation for Christians to live in loving communion, reflecting the divine image.

A Feast That Shapes Identity

More than an abstract doctrine, the mystery of the Trinity shapes the **entire Christian life**. Christians are baptized in the name of the Trinity, pray to the Trinity, and live in the grace and communion offered by the Trinity. As **St. Augustine** once said, “You see the Trinity if you see love.”

The **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** is a call to enter more deeply into the divine mystery—not merely to understand, but to **worship**, to **live**, and to **love** in the image of the Triune God.

*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”*

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Hello! My name is Madeline McCallum, and I am a parishioner here at St. Francis De Sales! This past year, I volunteered as a NET missionary in the states. NET ministries is a Catholic missionary organization that sends out adults ages 18-28 out around the country in teams of 8-10 to put on Catholic retreats for middle school and high school students. This past year, my team alone traveled to 27 states, held 138 retreats, and impacted over 6700 youth!

This past year has been so fruitful for me, and I have been able to grow as a person, and also in my relationship with God. Not only have I changed, but I have seen the lives of teens change everyday through these ministries. Through much prayer and discernment, I have decided to go back to NET for another year of mission work! I am so excited to be back and serve the church in this way.

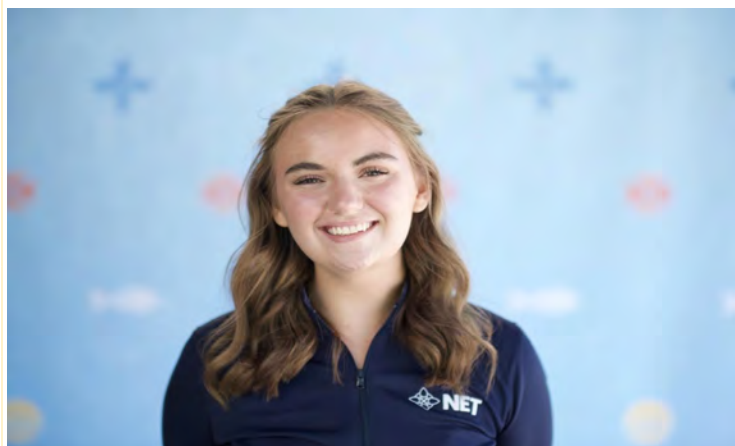
As a NET Missionary, I am responsible for forming a team of ministry partners who will support the work of NET Ministries with monthly or one-time gifts totaling to a minimum of \$9,500-11,000. This support helps offset expenses for my training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. With the blessing of Fr. Marius, I am asking you to partner with me this year to help me reach this minimum funding goal. I will try to be at the back of the church taking any donations. If you would like to donate through cheques, it would be best to write them out to me. You can also donate online at www.netusa.org/supportamissionary and select **Madeline McCallum** in the team member box. Be sure to select the 2025-2026 NET year at the top of the NET page.

None of this ministry would be possible without the financial support of you. Know that your yes to supporting me is truly changing the lives of youth who are so desperate to know Jesus. This year, I have witnessed youth coming into the retreat not believing in God, and leaving with a fire for the faith, wanting to know more about the Catholic church. For a quick example, there was a youth in Austin, Texas that had said all day that he did not believe in God or that there was a God. At the end of the retreat, during the prayer time of the retreat, he got up and knelt in front of the monstrance in adoration for an entire hour. He left that retreat believing in God and wanting to know more about the Catholic faith. This is the change that your support is going towards. This change is not possible without the support of you. Your yes to donate is more impactful than you know.

I am very grateful for the support I've received from the parishioners of this parish. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you remain in mine.

Sincerely,

Madeline McCallum



2025 Worship Conference

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- Keynote talks will explore the liturgy as a living encounter with the Paschal Mystery, principles of liturgical renewal, and leadership in service of the Body of Christ.
- Participants can choose workshops tailored to their current liturgical ministry.
- Workshops will cover theological and historical foundations, diocesan guidelines, and best practices.
- Emphasis on deepening a spirituality of holiness through active ministry.

SAVE
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OCTOBER
3-4, 2025

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Congratulations

Congratulations to four amazing leaders who were honoured at the Council for School Leadership Distinguished Leadership Awards Gala in Calgary!

The Distinguished Leadership Award was presented to (left to right) Tara Lyn Westlake, vice principal, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy, Canmore; Darren Dornstauber, vice principal of Holy Trinity Academy in Okotoks; Rebecca Enright, vice principal of Notre Dame Collegiate, High River; and Cindy Freimark, principal of Christ The King Academy, Brooks. Each were recognized for their inspiring leadership and commitment to Catholic education!



Grade 3 students beautifully led the Living Rosary, sharing their faith and prayer with all of us!



Congratulations to CTR's Division Above and Beyond Award,

Abbie Park, St. Mary's School
Pat Wiens, St. Joseph's Collegiate
Rebecca Freeman, St. John Paul II Collegiate
Robyn Romaniuk, St. Francis of Assisi Academy
Angela Jusseaume, St. Anthony's School
Lauren Zulyniak, Sacred Heart Academy
Michelle Moore, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy
Corrine Chisholm, Notre Dame Collegiate
Crystal Lepp, Holy Trinity Academy
Belinda Ziehl, Holy Spirit Academy
Christian Mercado, Holy Family Academy
Jason Burns, Holy Cross Collegiate
Susan Rasmussen, École Good Shepherd School
Jeff Haines, Christ the King Academy
Curtis Carrier, The Centre for Learning@HOME



MASS INTENTIONS

June 1– 30, 2025

June 1	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Wade Hamer †
June 2	9:00 am	Isabella Lupychukz & Family
June 3	7:00 pm	Michele Schaefer †
June 4	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
June 5	9:15 am	Fred & Anna Myers †
June 6	9:15 am	Lynn Schaefer
June 7	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Wade Hamer † Our Parish
June 8	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk † Cecilia Bleile †
June 9	9:00 am	Felix & Carmen Amores †
June 10	7:00 pm	Dominador & Angelina Jalosjos †
June 11	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Bessie Amores † SFDS CWL Sisters
June 12	9:15 am	Morgan Curzon
June 13	9:15 am	Betty Farrell †
June 14	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Sophie Grazyna Sak †
June 15	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Karen Barton
June 16	9:00 am	Candace Curzon
June 17	7:00 pm	Robert Robinson †
June 18	3:15 pm—(Seasons) 6:00 pm	Felix & Carmen Amores † Jean Teebay †
June 19	9:15 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
June 20	9:15 am	Dominador & Angelina Jalosjos †
June 21	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Michael Amatto Ann-Marie Stokes †
June 22	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Darlene Gillis †
June 23	9:00 am	Felix & Carmen Amores †
June 24	7:00 pm	Joe & Pat Curzon
June 25	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Barbara Charette Theresa Fallows †
June 26	9:15 am	Alejandrino & Milagras Floresca †
June 27	9:15 am	John & Pat Palahicky †
June 28	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lloyd & Mary Hostland † Francisco Mulato †
June 29	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish
June 30	9:00 am	Theresa Fallows †



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