



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN



Roman Catholic Parish
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB

22 JUNE 2025



"All ate and were filled".

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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

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY



The Solemnity Of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



June 22,
2025

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Genesis 18-20) Abram was one of those heroic persons of the Bible who would put his own life on the line to help save others. After Abram rescued Lot and retrieved the stolen spoils, King Melchizedek of Salem did something he didn't have to do. He gave thanks to Abram by blessing him and by blessing the most high God who made the rescue possible.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) Paul provides a summary of the essential Christian tradition related to the Lord's Supper. Consequently, the Corinthians need to make some changes. Whoever participates in the Lord's Supper "in an unworthy manner," that is, by indulging his or her own needs and ignoring the needs of fellow believers, will be guilty of sinning against the Lord (11:27). This calls for spiritual sensitivity to the "body of the Lord" so as to avoid God's judgment (11:28-32). When they gather, the believers should wait for others before beginning the meal (11:33).

Gospel: (Luke 9:11b-17) The disciples know the people need to eat, and Jesus challenges them to provide the food. Looking only to their own resources to solve the problem, they balk at the cost of providing food. Then Jesus miraculously feeds more than five thousand people from one sack lunch, using the disciples to organize the people, distribute the food, and

PRAYING FOR MORE MIRACLES

Last Sunday we had a lot of folks absent from the church because of sickness and other reasons. But we prayed for the sick ones at home and I want to share with you what I saw when I rode around town Sunday afternoon...I saw Hazekiah, who had been deathly sick that very morning, had roused up and was riding down the highway with his fishing poles. A miracle!

Then there was Roberta's brother-in-law. She had requested prayer for him that morning because he might have to have an operation on his back. Well, prayer works because at two o'clock I saw him at the driving range hitting golf balls...But what made me really happy was to see so many shut-ins out riding and enjoying the world. Fran's Pa, who can't stand crowds (and don't attend church for that reason) was headed for the jockey lot.

Tony's Mom, who was too weak to get out of the house, was uptown window shopping. Omega's older sister, who can't come to church on account of her kidneys, stood in line two hours to get into the picture show.

Yep, it really thrilled my heart to see what I saw. I ought to have a packed house next Sunday with all my folks being healed and shut-ins set free. I just hope they don't overdo themselves next Sunday and have a relapse.

Yours for more miracles,
Pastor

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29 JUNE 2025

PARISH PICNIC

We invite all parishioners to come together for fun, and fellowship at our Annual Parish Picnic here at the Church!

What to Expect?

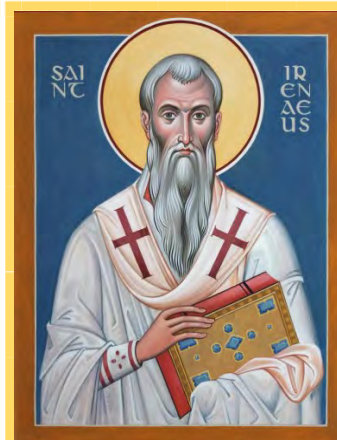
- ✓ GRILLED HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS BEVERAGES

What to Bring?

- ✓ SALAD OR DESSERT

There will be picnic tables and chairs. If you prefer to sit on the lawn, feel free to bring a blanket, lawn chair, your favorite outdoor games, and a SMILE! We will provide the rest!

29 JUNE 2025 - AFTER 11:00 MASS



If, then, you are God's workmanship, await the hand of your Maker, which creates everything in due time; in due time as far as you are concerned, whose creation is being carried out.

-St. Irenaeus

Congratulations



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025



Congratulations and Blessings from The Parish



The Feast of Corpus Christi: Celebrating the Real Presence of Christ

Each year, the Church joyfully celebrates the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, more commonly known as **Corpus Christi**. This feast, rich in theological meaning and tradition, is a public proclamation of our faith in the **real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist**—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Historical Origins

The Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted in the **13th century**, thanks to the efforts of **St. Juliana of Liège**, a Belgian nun who had a deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Through mystical visions, she felt called to promote a special feast dedicated solely to the Eucharist. With the support of theologians and clergy, her request eventually reached **Pope Urban IV**. In **1264**, Pope Urban IV established Corpus Christi as a universal feast with the papal bull *Transiturus de hoc mundo*. He also commissioned the great theologian **St. Thomas Aquinas** to compose the prayers and hymns for the feast, many of which—such as *Pange Lingua* and *Tantum Ergo*—are still sung in Eucharistic processions and Benediction today.

Eucharistic Processions

One of the most beloved traditions of Corpus Christi is the **Eucharistic procession**. In this solemn ritual, the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the streets in a monstrance, accompanied by clergy, altar servers, and the faithful. This procession is not only an act of worship but a public witness to the central mystery of



our faith: that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

In many cultures, these processions are adorned with flower petals, banners, music, and stops at temporary altars or "stations" for prayer and adoration. In some places, the streets are beautifully decorated with floral carpets—a vibrant testimony to the community's love for the Eucharist.

A Feast of Faith and Unity

Corpus Christi reminds us of the Eucharist's vital role in the life of the Church. As the "**source and summit**" of our Christian life (Lumen Gentium 11), the Eucharist unites us with Christ and with one another. It nourishes us spiritually and calls us to be the Body of Christ in the world—living lives of charity, mercy, and justice.

Celebrating Today

Whether through attending Holy Mass, joining a Eucharistic procession, or spending time in Adoration, Corpus Christi invites us to renew our love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us take this opportunity to deepen our faith, give thanks for the gift of the Holy Sacrament, and joyfully proclaim:

**"O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment Thine!"**





The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Each year, on **June 24th**, the Church joyfully celebrates the **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**—one of only three birthdays commemorated in the liturgical calendar, along with those of Jesus and Mary. This feast holds deep theological and cultural significance, and in the Canadian context, it carries special resonance.

A Prophet's Birth

John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, was set apart by God even before his birth. His miraculous conception to the elderly Zechariah and Elizabeth, his leaping in the womb at the presence of the unborn Christ, and his mission of preparing the way for the Lord mark him as a pivotal figure in salvation history. His birth is celebrated six months before Christmas, as he was the one to proclaim, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

A Feast Rooted in Light

In the Northern Hemisphere, the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist occurs just after the **summer solstice**, the longest day of the year. From a symbolic standpoint, the days gradually begin to shorten afterward—reflecting John’s humility and his role of decreasing so that Christ might shine more brightly. His feast is thus a celebration of light, both natural and spiritual.

A Canadian Celebration

In **Canada**, June 24th is more than a liturgical observance—it is also **Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day**, a public holiday in the province of **Quebec** and a cultural celebration for **French-speaking Canadians** across the country. Originally established as a feast day by French colonists, it has evolved into a vibrant expression of **faith, heritage, and identity**. In the early days of New France, Masses, processions, and bonfires were common ways to mark the day, and many parishes across Quebec are still dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

The symbolism of John as a voice in the wilderness resonates deeply in Canadian history. He is a saint who speaks to both the spiritual pioneers who brought the Gospel to this land and to those today striving to live the Gospel in a diverse and sometimes secular society. His call to repentance, renewal, and preparation for the Lord remains a challenge and a hope for our nation.

A Voice for Today

As Canadians, the feast of Saint John the Baptist invites us to reflect on our **Christian witness**. Are we preparing the way for Christ in our homes, communities, and country? Do we have the courage to speak truth with love, as John did—even when it costs us?

May the voice of John the Baptist echo anew in the Canadian Church: calling us to conversion, to joy, and to readiness for Christ’s coming. As the summer unfolds, may we carry his message into our lives: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight” (Luke 3:4).





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



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August 18-22

AUG 18-22 TWO DAILY MASSES, CONFESSION, ADORATION, DEVOTIONS, AND FORMATION WITH INSPIRING TALKS

MON, AUG 18 CROSS OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE IN CANMORE (2 PM); MASS (4 PM); MARIAN CONCERT (7 PM)

FRI, AUG 22 QUEENSHIP OF MARY MASS WITH BISHOP (7 PM) WITH APOSTOLIC BLESSING; CORONATION & RECEPTION

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)

August 15-18

AUG 15-17 WEEKEND IN BANFF (MASS, HIKES, BBQ, ADORATION, REFLECTIONS);

MON, AUG 18 YOUNG ADULTS CROSS OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE FROM BANFF TO CANMORE (MORNING)

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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!



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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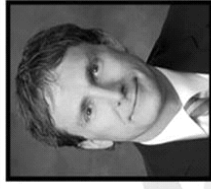


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