



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN



Roman Catholic Parish
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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fifth Sunday Of Easter

May 18,
2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 14:21b-27) The team returns to Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, Perga, Attalia, and finally back to Syrian Antioch. They remind the disciples that following Jesus often involves hardships, and they encourage them to remain true to the faith (14:22). In addition, they appoint elders in each church and entrust them to the Lord (14:23). They finally return to Antioch where they were originally commissioned. They gather the church and report “all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles” (14:27). They remained in Antioch a long time with the disciples (14:28).

Second Reading: (Revelation 21:1-5a) John describes the vision of the eternal state briefly in 21:1–8 and more thoroughly in 21:9–22:5. He sees a “new heaven and new earth” without any sea (a symbol of evil), along with the arrival of the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, prepared as a beautiful bride (21:1–2). The city and bride are symbols of God’s people among whom he will live for eternity. This fulfills God’s promise to live with his people and take away their pain and suffering (21:3–4). God is making all things new, completing his work, remaining in control, and providing the water of life (21:5–6). The overcomers will inherit God and his eternal blessings.

Gospel: (John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35) Both Jesus and the Father will be glorified by what will soon happen (13:31–32). Meanwhile, Jesus prepares the disciples for his going away by giving them a new command: “Love one another . . . as I have loved you” (13:33–34). Although loving one another is not new, Jesus’s own love for us becomes the model and standard of our love. Also, this love among believers will announce to all that we are followers of Jesus (13:35).



Obituary –Correction

It is with great sadness we announce that one of our longtime St. Andrew’s Parish parishioners, Allan Louis Fath, passed away peacefully on May 7/25

A private family Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday May 24 at 11 AM at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church, Vulcan, Alberta.
(apologies to the family for the error)

Love doesn’t need to be perfect

At St. Bumblebee’s Parish, where the hymnals were frayed but the faith was strong, there was a shy usher named Bert who took “love one another” to heart—perhaps too literally. Bert, a lanky fellow with a nervous smile, believed his job wasn’t just to hand out bulletins but to make everyone feel like family. His method? Compliments. Endless, earnest, and occasionally awkward compliments.

One Sunday, the parish announced a “Kindness Challenge” for the bulletin, urging everyone to show love through small acts of kindness. Bert saw this as his Olympic moment. Armed with a mental list of praises, he stationed himself at the church doors, ready to shower love on every soul who entered.

First came Mrs. Callahan, the organist, who’d heard every joke about her loud playing. Bert, beaming, said, “Mrs. Callahan, your music makes the angels jealous!” She blinked, then giggled, nearly dropping her sheet music. Next was grumpy Mr. Doyle, who muttered about everything from the weather to the pew cushions. Bert declared, “Mr. Doyle, your voice is like thunder—commands respect!” Mr. Doyle’s scowl faltered, and he mumbled, “Well, ain’t that somethin’,” before shuffling inside.

Things got funnier when the youth group arrived. Teenager Sarah, self-conscious about her braces, got, “Sarah, your smile’s brighter than the stained glass!” She blushed but grinned wider than ever. Little Joey, notorious for sneaking candy into Mass, heard, “Joey, you’re so generous sharing those sweets!” Joey, caught with a lollipop, whispered, “Uh, want one, Bert?” and bolted.

The pièce de résistance came when Father Tim, adjusting his vestments, walked in. Bert, now on a roll, blurted, “Father, you preach like Jesus at a potluck—everyone’s fed and happy!” The whole vestibule erupted in laughter, and Father Tim, wiping tears of mirth, said, “Bert, you’re a treasure, but let’s not overfeed the flock!”

By Mass’s end, the parish was buzzing. People were kinder, smiling more, even helping clean up after coffee hour. Bert’s compliments, quirky as they were, had sparked a chain reaction of love and laughter. The bulletin dubbed him “The Kindness King,” and folks still tease him about Father Tim’s “potluck preaching.” Bert just smiles, ready with another compliment, proving love doesn’t need to be perfect—just heartfelt and a little hilarious.

KINDNESS
IS
Contagious

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

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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!

St. Francis de Sales 2025 Offering Envelopes

Just a reminder that the 2025 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the church hall. If you do not have an assigned envelope #, but would like one, Please contact Nancy in the church office by phone, **603-652-2203** or email secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

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High River, AB

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☐ Having a visit from the pastor?
☐ Joining our church?

How did you hear about us?

St. Andrew's Parish Mystery Envelope

Can the owner of **Envelope #29**, from 2024 please call Nancy in the church office at 403-652-2203.

The # was not recorded so it is unknown who it belongs to. It was used **Easter weekend** of this year, but the date on the envelope is **May 5, 2024**

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Rosaries for 1st Communion for Sale

There are some 1st Communion Rosaries for sale, as well as regular Rosaries 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 secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com



St. Francis de Sales Special Envelope Days

New Year's Day	January 01, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	February 09, 2025
Together in Action	April 06, 2025
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	April 18, 2025
Easter	April 20, 2025
Good Shepherd Sunday	May 11, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	May 18, 2025
The Pope's Pastoral Works	May 25, 2025
Together in Action	June 01, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	June 08, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	August 10, 2025
Together in Action	September 07, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	September 14, 2025
World Mission Sunday	October 19, 2025
Catholic Education Sunday	November 02, 2025
Together in Action	November 09, 2025
SFDS Helping Hands	November 16, 2025
Holy Childhood Sunday	December 14, 2025
Christmas	December 25, 2025

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*"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."
~ St. Francis of Assisi*



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.





EMBRACING THE POWER & PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

DATES: Friday, June 13, 2025, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, 2025, 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, 2025, Mass available 9:00 a.m.

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Taste And See, That The Lord Is Good. Psalm 34

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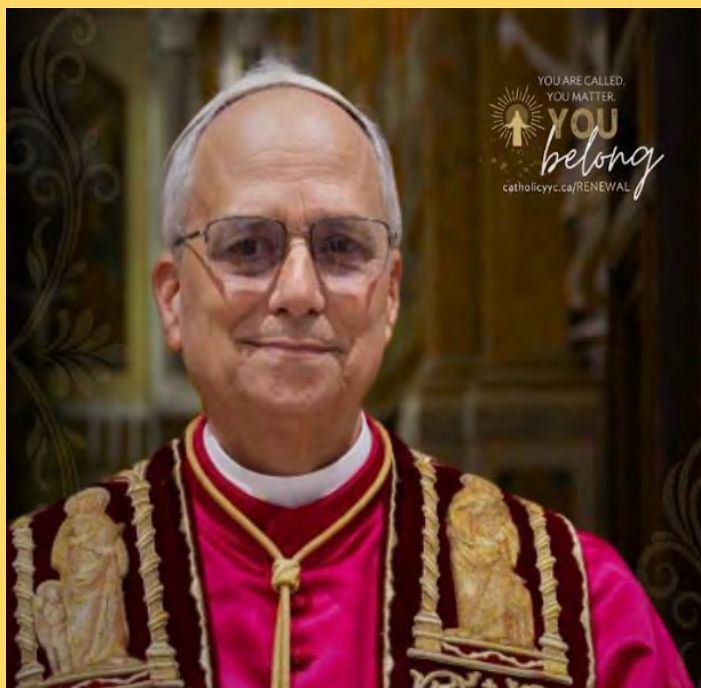
JESUS PROMISED, "THESE SIGNS WILL
ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE...THEY
WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY
WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17

JESUS CHRIST
IS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN. LET
US ENTRUST OUR HEARTS &
BODIES TO HIM.

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S
SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

6:30PM | OPENING PRAISE & WORSHIP
7:00PM | GOSPEL HEALING PRESENTATION
7:30PM | CORPORATE PRAYER FOR HEALING & TESTIMONIES
8:30PM | INDIVIDUAL PRAYER MINISTRY

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Mass of Thanksgiving

for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Wednesday,
May 21, 2025 at 5 pm
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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 raise this. The money raised will go to board-approved programs. For further information, please contact Dennis Keiber at 403-269-3110. Our address is 205, 325 - 7 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1A5.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 1– 31, 2025

May 1	9:15 am	Alex Richards
May 2	9:15 am	Pope Francis †
May 3	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Larry & Therese Driver Our Parish
May 4	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Tom Rosell † Peter Thome †
May 5	9:00 am	Meyers/Walters Families †
May 6	7:00 pm	Alijandrino & Milagras Floresca †
May 7	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
May 8	9:15 am	Al & Agnes Downs †
May 9	9:15 am	McKinley & Corazon Baylado †
May 10	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Michael Floresca † George & Antonina Sztuk †
May 11	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Doug Mowat †
May 12	9:00 am	Tarcesio & Fe Crisilda Pongasi †
May 13	7:00 pm	Bessie Amores †
May 14	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	SFDS Pastoral Care Team SFDS CWL Sisters
May 15	9:15 am	Tony & Adeline Mayer †
May 16	9:15 am	Grant & Vivianne Fraser
May 17	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Stuart Curzon † Brijdo Mejia & Delfina †
May 18	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Nancy Barton
May 19	9:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
May 20	7:00 pm	Baxter Family
May 21	3:15 pm—(Seasons) 6:00 pm	Fr. Philip Le SFDS Helping Hands Teams
May 22	9:15 am	Wendell & Noelle Hoffart
May 23	9:15 am	Lloyd Richardson †
May 24	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Stuart Curzon † Darlene Gillis †
May 25	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish
May 26	9:00 am	Felix & Carmen Amores †
May 27	7:00 pm	Stuart Curzon †
May 28	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Barbara Charette Stuart Curzon †
May 29	9:15 am	Stuart Curzon †
May 30	9:15 am	Alejandrino & Milagras Floresca †
May 31	9:00 am 5:00 pm	John Lupyckukz † Pam Curzon



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