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HIGH RIVER • VULCAN, AB

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Pentecost



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit"

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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Pentecost Sunday



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 2:1-11) This event represents a major step in God's redemptive program, a time when the Holy Spirit would live permanently in individual believers. There is a sound like a violent wind coming from heaven and filling the house (2:2), tongues of fire rest on each person (2:3), and all are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in other languages (2:4). This powerful outpouring of God's personal presence attracts God-fearing Jews from many nations who hear the Spirit-filled Galileans speaking in their native language (2:5-11).

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) Public worship also involves how people use their gifts, the topic of chapters 12-14. Paul begins by discussing the nature of unity and diversity within the body in 12:1-31. The Corinthians first need to know that ministry that is truly from the Holy Spirit will confess and honor Jesus Christ as Lord (12:1-3). From the one Spirit, Lord, and God come a diversity of gifts, ministries, and workings or activities (12:4-6). Paul lists a few of the many gifts in 12:7-11 (e.g., message of wisdom, faith, healing, tongues), emphasizing that they all come from the one Spirit, who empowers each person as he sees fit.

Gospel: (John 14:15-16, 23b-26) John's Gospel has presented some, but not all, of Jesus's miraculous signs. If John had tried to record everything, "the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written" (21:25). But John wrote his Gospel so people might believe in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God and, as a result, experience life in his name (20:31). Thus, John has in mind not just the initial belief or conversion but the whole experience of the life that comes from a relationship with Jesus.



June 8,
2025

Art in heaven Children's Prayer

3-year-old Reese: Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."



Elder Abuse - It's Not Right

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Church Hall—Zoom Presentation through AHS

Information on:

- what are the different types of Elder Abuse,
 - how to identify Elder Abuse,
- how to personally and nonjudgmentally support persons experiencing elder abuse,
- what are local resources to support persons experiencing elder abuse.

Elder Abuse is often shrouded and secretive. The abuse is frequently perpetrated by close family or friends who are the major support system of the victim so the elder is reluctant to report the abuse due to the fear of losing this support.

All are welcome!



Take care, above all things,
not to insult God's boundless
loving kindness.

- St. Aloysius Gonzaga



1st Holy Communion Celebration

The 1st Holy Communion Celebration is on
June 8, 2025 with a special mass at 3:00 pm.
Please put our class in your prayers, as they
enter into this new journey in their life.

2025 Worship Conference

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Renewing the Heart of Liturgical Ministry

- 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.

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Celebrating our Power of One Award winner from Holy Spirit Academy!

Chelsea is honored as a support staff member whose outstanding commitment and dedication make a powerful impact on the school community every day.

Thank you, Chelsea, for all you do for HSA!

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June: Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

As we enter the month of June, the Church invites us into a deeper devotion to one of the most tender and profound symbols of our faith—the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This beautiful devotion reminds us that Christ’s love is not just an idea or an abstract theology—it is a personal, burning love, symbolized by His heart, pierced and poured out for us.

Why the Sacred Heart?

The image of the Sacred Heart shows Jesus with His heart exposed, surrounded by flames of love, encircled by a crown of thorns, and sometimes bearing a cross. This heart beats with divine mercy and human tenderness. It is a reminder that God became man not only to save us, but to love us deeply and personally.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart gained prominence through the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a 17th-century French nun. Jesus revealed to her His deep desire for humanity to respond to His love with love in return. He asked for a feast in honor of His Sacred Heart, now celebrated each year on the Friday after Corpus Christi—this year, on Friday, June 27, 2025.

A Month of Mercy and Reparation

June is not just a time for personal devotion, but also a time of reparation—making amends for the indifference, ingratitude, and offenses committed against the love of Christ. Whether through acts of charity, prayer, or Eucharistic adoration, we are called to console the Heart of Jesus.

Some simple ways to live this devotion in June:

- Pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Attend Mass on First Fridays, which are specially dedicated to the Sacred Heart
- Place an image of the Sacred Heart in your home

Offer small daily sacrifices or acts of love in union with His Heart

A Heart That Understands

In a world that often feels cold, divided, or burdened by suffering, the Sacred Heart stands as a fountain of comfort and hope. Jesus says to each of us: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest... for I am meek and humble of heart” (Matthew 11:28–29).

This June, let us draw near to that Heart—pierced yet beating with life—and discover again the boundless love of our Savior. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy .



The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: A History of Love and Devotion

Among the many beautiful prayers in the Catholic tradition, the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus holds a special place. This rich and moving prayer is not only a devotion but a powerful expression of the Church's love and trust in the Heart of Christ. But where did it come from, and how did it become part of Catholic life?

A Devotion Born from the Heart of Christ

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began to take shape in the Middle Ages, as mystics and saints reflected on the deep love of Jesus, symbolized by His pierced Heart. However, it truly blossomed in the 17th century, thanks to the revelations of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun in France. Between 1673 and 1675, Jesus appeared to her, revealing His Sacred Heart as a sign of His passionate love for humanity and His desire to be loved in return.

These revelations included the request for a feast in honor of His Sacred Heart and a call for reparation for sins against His love. Devotion to the Sacred Heart spread rapidly, and with it came prayers, hymns, and eventually, the Litany.

The Litany: A Prayer of Praise and Petition

The Litany of the Sacred Heart was approved for public recitation by Pope Leo XIII in 1899, the same year he consecrated the whole world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This was a powerful moment: the Church officially embraced the Sacred Heart as a source of hope, mercy, and strength for a weary world.

The litany itself contains 33 invocations, traditionally understood to represent the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Each line highlights a different attribute or aspect of Christ's Heart—His love, His mercy, His obedience, His justice, His desire for our salvation. Praying the litany becomes a meditation on who Jesus is, and an invitation to place our hearts in His care.

Here are just a few examples:

- Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.
- Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, have mercy on us.
- Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful, have mercy on us.

The repetition of “have mercy on us” is not just a plea—it’s an act of surrender to the One who never stops loving us.

A Litany for Our Times

In today's world—often marked by restlessness, division, and hurt—the Sacred Heart reminds us of a love that is constant, healing, and faithful. The Litany gives voice to our longing for that love. It reminds us that the Heart of Jesus is not far away—it is open, pierced for us, and still beating with compassion.

Praying the Litany Today

The Litany of the Sacred Heart is traditionally prayed:

- On First Fridays
- During Eucharistic Adoration
- In June, the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart
- As a family prayer for comfort, healing, or strength

You can find the full text in most Catholic prayer books, or on the Vatican's official website. It only takes a few minutes—but it brings us into deep communion with the very center of Jesus' love.

***“Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.”
Let this ancient litany be our modern anchor—a prayer we can return
to again and again, confident that His Heart never stops beating for us.***



**It was a great Game Night at SFDS on May 23rd!
Please join us for the next one on June 27th.**



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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!



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	Alejrindrino & 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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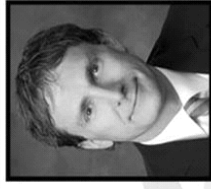


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