



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sixth Sunday Of Easter



May 25,
2025

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29) The occasion was some men from Judea coming to Antioch and teaching that gentiles must be circumcised in order to be saved (15:1). Paul and Barnabas sharply disagreed with these legalists, and the church appoints them to go to Jerusalem and discuss the issue with the apostles and elders (15:2). They arrive and report all God has done through them to bring salvation to the gentiles (15:3-4). They debate the issue in 15:5-21; believers belonging to the party of the Pharisees argue that gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses (15:5), and Peter, James, Paul, and Barnabas argue that gentiles should not be burdened with either (15:6-21).

Second Reading: (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) The angel now gives John a more detailed look at the bride-city in 21:9-27. God's plan all along has been to live among his multicultural people in all his glory (21:9-14). The city is shaped like a cube, reflecting the dimensions of the holy place of God's presence in the temple (21:15-17). But this city that is beautiful beyond words contains no temple "because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple" (21:18-22). God's glory replaces the sun and moon as the source of light (21:23).

Gospel: (John 14:23-29) Jesus leaves his disciples with peace (14:27-31), an unwavering assurance that God is in control and that they are rightly related to the Father through the Son. The world cannot offer such peace. As a result, the disciples have no reason to despair or to let fear rule their lives (14:27). Jesus says again he is returning to the Father. His leaving is part of God's plan and does not signal a victory for Satan in any way (14:30-31). For this reason, the disciples' faith should actually grow stronger because of Jesus's departure (14:28-29).

Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed! May 1, 2025

Dear Young People,

With great joy and pride, we congratulate each of you who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on May 1st. This is a sacred milestone in your journey of faith — a deepening of your relationship with Christ and the Church, and a call to live more fully in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit — wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord — may guide and strengthen you each day as you continue to grow in love, faith, and service.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to your parents, sponsors, and teachers. Your support, example, and guidance have helped prepare these young men and women for this important step. Your faith and dedication are a true blessing to our parish and to the Church.

Always remember that you are a vital part of our parish family. We are here to support you, pray for you, and walk with you as you live out your calling as courageous and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations once again! May the Spirit who has sealed you in Confirmation continue to bless and inspire you all the days of your life.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Marius

Congratulations!



Help Us

We want to hear from you!

Please take a few moments to fill out our **Parish Survey** and share your thoughts on how we can make our parish even better. Your input will help us serve our community more faithfully and effectively.

Thank you for being a valued part of our parish family!



Mass Cancelled

The **9:00 am** mass on **Monday, May 26** is cancelled, as Fr. Marius will be at a funeral

Funeral Mass

There will be a Funeral Mass for Patricia Alice Keats, a long time parishioner of St. Francis de Sales on **June 28th at 12:00 pm.**



"You have shown me a spark of your pure and simple love, and it has kindled in my heart a flame that devours me."

- St. Catherine of Genoa



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.

St. Bonaventure Parish

1600 Acadia Drive SE Calgary, AB

Friday's Workshop: *Receiving the infusion of the Holy Spirit.*

Saturday's Workshops: *Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge,
Resting in the Spirit & Intro to Healing.*

Registration online: <https://forms.gle/tgFiZWZJArR89oYq6>

Registration: Email: calgarylivein@telus.net or Val @ 403-808-7081

Cost: Love Offering

Saturday refreshments and lunch provided

Presented by: Our Lady of Assumption Prayer Community (Lethbridge)

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

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WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17

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

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S
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6:30PM | OPENING PRAISE & WORSHIP
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7:30PM | CORPORATE PRAYER FOR HEALING & TESTIMONIES
8:30PM | INDIVIDUAL PRAYER MINISTRY

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Pancake Breakfast!

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after the 11:00 am Mass.

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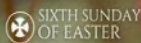
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*Let the peoples
praise you, O God;*

LET ALL THE PEOPLES
PRAISE YOU.

PSALM 67



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.

**The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary –
A Journey of Joy and Service
Feast Day: May 31st**

A Meeting Filled with Grace

After hearing from the angel Gabriel that she would bear the Son of God, Mary sets out “with haste” to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is also expecting a child. This encounter — recorded in Luke 1:39–56 — is filled with the joy of God’s presence. When Mary greets Elizabeth, the unborn John the Baptist leaps for joy, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaims Mary “blessed among women.”

This is the first public recognition of Jesus Christ, still hidden in Mary’s womb — and it comes from two humble women, not from priests or kings.

Mary: A Model of Charity

Mary’s journey was not short or easy, especially for a newly pregnant woman. But love urges her forward. Her visit is not for her own sake, but to help Elizabeth — to serve, encourage, and rejoice with her. In Mary, we see what it means to live out our faith: not only in prayer and belief, but in action, service, and compassion. She reminds us to ask: Whom can I visit? Who needs encouragement today?

Quote for Reflection

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour...” — Luke 1:46-47 (The Magnificat)

A Feast with Deep Meaning

The Feast of the Visitation invites us to reflect on these key truths: - God works through the humble and faithful. - Every life, even in the womb, is precious and capable of encountering God. - True discipleship leads us to serve, not to sit still. - Joy is contagious when Christ is present.

Living the Visitation Today

Let us follow Mary’s example: go out in love, bring Christ to others, and recognize His presence even in the quiet and unexpected moments. In doing so, we live the spirit of the Visitation — not just on May 31st, but every day.

Prayer

Mary, bearer of Christ and servant of love, help us to carry Jesus into the lives of others. Teach us to go with haste toward those in need, and to rejoice in God’s faithful presence in every circumstance. Amen



Confirmation
May 1, 2025



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

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

Saint Francis de Sales
High River, AB

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Thank You for joining us today.

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Address _____
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☐ Learning more about our ministry?
☐ Having a visit from the pastor?
☐ Joining our church?

How did you hear about us?

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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Sunday Offering

Did you know we now take Donations electronically! **You have the following options: Direct Debit, Visa, Master Card.** We also have **E-transfer set up.** The email address is donation@francisdesaleshighriver.com

If you are interested in switching over to one of these payment methods, please call Nancy in the church office at 403-652-2203 or email her at secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

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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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!

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



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.





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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