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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
Sunday 5:00 pm - High River

CONFESSIONS

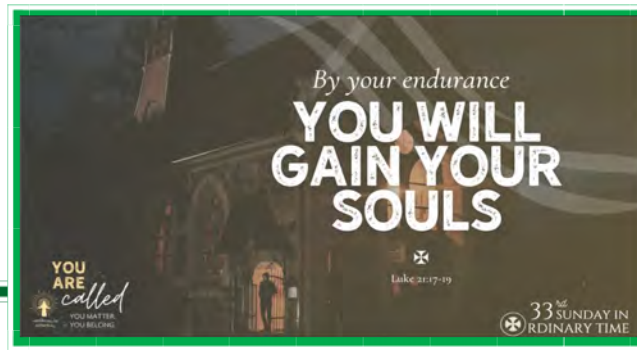
Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Malachi 4: 1-2) As we move towards the end of the Church year, the readings carry an edge to them. In this account from Malachi, the last of the prophetic writings in the Old Testament, we hear about two kinds of judgment. Every visitation from God to the beloved and chosen people – in this case the people of Israel – is a day of judgment and salvation, sifting the “arrogant and evildoers” from those “who revere my name.”

Second Reading: (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12) St. Paul, in his words to the Thessalonians, shows his displeasure with those who take a passive and almost fatalist approach to faith, as if that excused them from daily responsibilities of work and care. Whether rich or poor, every follower of Jesus is simply called to faithful living and working in joy and love, even when the “Day of the Lord” has come.

Gospel: (Luke 21: 5-19) Luke’s Gospel began in the Temple with Zechariah’s vision; the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple; the 12-year old Jesus was “lost” and found in the Temple; and now we find Jesus back in the Temple giving the disciples and the crowds his final teachings. Jesus’ words have an edge, creating healthy unease. During these last days of the Church year, as the dark of winter increases, Jesus’ words hold deep reminders of how to remain faithful until the end of time.

For more information about these reflections, please contact Kiply Lukan Yaworski, Diocese Communications, 306-659-5844 or kyaworski@rcdos.ca.

The Bedrock of Faith

Have you ever tried to make a prediction? Here are some predictions from the past. All from people who were trusted individuals:

Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, in 1943 said, "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

Popular Mechanics magazine in 1949 made this prediction: "Where a calculator on the ENIAC is equipped with 18,000 vacuum tubes and weighs 30 tons, computers in the future may have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and weigh only 1.5 tons."

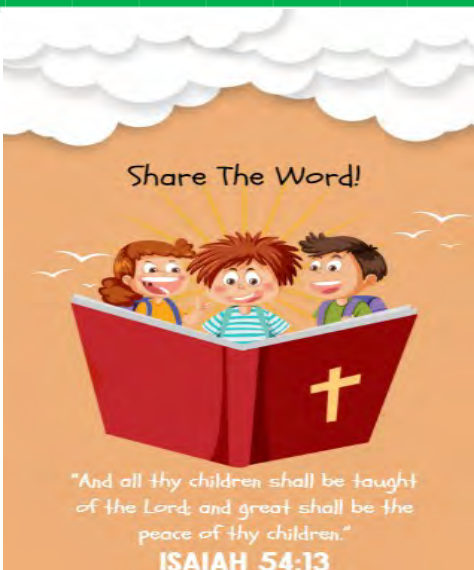
There was an inventor by the name of Lee DeForest. He claimed that "While theoretically and technically television may be feasible, commercially and financially it is an impossibility."

The Decca Recording Co. made a big mistake when they made this prediction: "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." That was their prediction in 1962 concerning a few lads from Liverpool. Their band was called the Beatles.

As the disciples walked out of the Temple in Jerusalem Jesus paused with his disciples, looked back at the Temple and predicted, "Do you see all these great buildings. Not one stone will be left on another." To the disciples this was bedrock. Nothing could bring down these walls. "Look, teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" they said to Jesus...



Sunday School Program Age Guidelines



Our Sunday School program is designed for children aged **3 to 6 years old**. This age range has been chosen because the materials and activities we prepare are most suitable for young children. Additionally, a wide age difference can make it difficult to engage older children, who may become bored with lessons aimed at younger ones.

Children preparing for **First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion** should remain in the church with the congregation. This allows them to grow in understanding and prepare for **full participation in the Eucharist**.

We hope this explanation helps everyone understand why our Sunday School team has established these guidelines.

Online Giving



Parish Website





Remembrance Day Service in High River

Pictured here are St. Francis de Sales CWL Faith Chair Gloria Smorang and Past President Susan Horn placing the CWL wreath at the Remembrance Day Service held at the High River Legion Branch 71 on **Tuesday, November 11**. Deacon Larry Driver also pictured here placed a wreath for the Knights of Columbus.



CWL Membership Renewal/Drive

Just a reminder that the last day to renew your 2026 CWL Membership is **Sunday, November 23, 2025**. Method of payment (\$40.00) can be cash, cheque or e-transfer (sfscwl25@gmail.com).

Collection of membership fees is before and after Masses in the church hall. **Come and enjoy where friendships and life long memories are made.**



CWL Food Drive For The High River Food Bank



Beginning Saturday, **November 15th, 2025**, the collection of non perishable food items for the High River Food Bank will begin.

This Food Drive will continue until **Wednesday, December 10th** when the food items will be delivered to the Food Bank. Non perishable food items can be dropped off anytime in the church hall and placed on the table with the red table cloths.

***"Whatsoever You Do To The Least Of
My Brothers , That You Do Unto Me"***

Matthew 25:40



CWL Christmas Bake Sale



It's that time of year once again when St. Francis de Sales CWL will be having their annual Christmas Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, **November 29th, 2025** beginning at **1:00 in the church hall**.

All those who are making baked goods for this event, please have them to the church hall Nov. 29th by 10:00 am to be priced

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, a sweet or two, have a visit with a friend and purchase Christmas baking.

We look forward to seeing many of you and this wonderful Christmas event. Bring a friend!
"Merry Christmas"!



SFDS Family Game Night

Please join us at the next SFDS Family Game Night on **November 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm**. **Pizza will be provided, please bring snacks, and your own beverage. Bring your favourite game!**





The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Feast Day: November 21*

This week, the Church celebrates the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a feast that honors Mary's early life and her dedication to God. According to tradition, Mary was presented by her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne, at the Temple in Jerusalem when she was a young child. There, she was consecrated to God's service, growing in wisdom, grace, and holiness.

Although the Bible does not describe this event directly, the account is found in early Christian writings and has been cherished by the Church for centuries. The feast reminds us of Mary's unique role in salvation history and her complete openness to God's will. From the very beginning, Mary's life was marked by faithfulness, prayer, and a heart dedicated to God—a model for all Christians.

As we reflect on this feast, we are invited to consider our own dedication to God. Like Mary, we are called to offer our lives in love and service. This presentation is not only about Mary's story but also about our journey of growing closer to God, trusting in His plans, and preparing our hearts to be faithful instruments of His grace.

On this day, we celebrate not only Mary but also the promise that God calls each of us to holiness from the very beginning. May her example inspire us to live lives of faith, hope, and love.



World Day of the Poor – November 16, 2025

Each year, on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the *World Day of the Poor*. This special day was instituted by Pope Francis in 2017 to remind us that, as followers of Christ, we are called to live out His love in concrete ways, especially toward those who are most in need.

Pope Francis encourages Christian communities to "become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need." This day is not only a time for reflection but also an invitation to action. It challenges us to look beyond our own comforts and consider how we can reach out with compassion, generosity, and solidarity.

In our parish, the World Day of the Poor is an opportunity to reflect on the many forms of poverty around us—material, spiritual, and emotional. It calls us to serve with humility and love, whether through volunteering, offering a listening ear, or simply showing kindness to those who feel overlooked or forgotten.

Let us take this day as a reminder that Christ's love is expressed through our actions. By helping the poor, we are not only assisting those in need but also encountering Christ Himself in our brothers and sisters.

As a parish, let us pray for all who suffer from poverty, and let us open our hearts and hands to be instruments of God's mercy and compassion in our community.

***"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me."—
Matthew 25:35***



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Lord has put into
the soul of men and
women."*

-St. Gianna Beretta
Molla

The Lord is coming
to judge the peoples
with equity



Psalms 98

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ARE
called
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG

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on the Memorial of the Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY

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NOVEMBER

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Followed by a reception



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- Dec 2, 3 & 4 - 10 am to 3 pm
- Dec 9 & 10 - 1 pm to 6 pm



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

Did you know we now take Donations electronically! **You have the following options: Direct Debit, Visa, M/C.** 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 all Nancy in the church office at **403-652-2203** or email her at secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com



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!



THIS WEEK AT SFDS

Sunday, November 16—XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 – 10:00 AM – Mass (Vulcan)
11:00 – 12:00 PM – Mass (High River)
4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confessions
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Mass

Monday, November 17—ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS—MEMORIAL

8:00 - 9:00 AM – Confession
8:30 – 9:00 AM – Rosary
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass

Tuesday, November 18

6:00 – 7:00 PM – Confessions
7:00 – 7:45 PM – Mass

Wednesday, November 19

10:30 – 11:15 AM – Mass at NDC School
1:00 – 3:00 PM – Grief Sharing
3:15 – 3:45 PM – Mass at Seasons
4:00 – 4:30 PM – Liturgy at Hospital
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Confession
6:00 – 6:45 PM – Mass
7:00–8:30 PM – Bible Study
7:00 – 8:30 PM – KofC 4th Degree Meeting

Thursday, November 20

8:00 – 9:15 AM – Confession
9:15 – 10:00 AM – Mass
10:00 – 9:00 PM – Adoration and Benediction
12:30–3:00 PM – Deanery Meeting
7:00 – 8:30 PM – RCIA

Friday, November 21—THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—MEMORIAL

8:45 - 9:15 AM – Confession
8:45 – 9:15 AM – Rosary
9:15 – 10:00 AM – Mass
9:00 – 11:30 AM – TOPS Group (East Hall)

Saturday, November 22—ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR—MEMORIAL

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
8:30 – 9:00 AM – Rosary
9:00 – 9:30 AM – Daily Mass
4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confession
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Vigil Mass

SFDS Gift Shop

Have you checked out our Gift Shop Showcase?

We have Rosaries for sale, as well as Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation gifts.

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 2026 Offering Envelopes

*If you are interested in Offering Envelopes for 2026, please contact Nancy in the church office by phone, **403-652-2203** or email secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com*

**Please Note: we have other options for Sunday Offerings which are :
Direct Debit, Visa, M/C. and E-transfer.**



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

November 1– 30,

November 1	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Kevin, Hilary & Family Our Parish
November 2	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Alan Fath † Don & Heather Baldwin Carolyn Kuziw †
November 3	9:00 am	Lynn Schaefer & Family
November 4	7:00 pm	Michelle Schaefer †
November 5	6:00 pm	Lynn John Marshall †
November 6	9:15 am	Tony & Adeline Mayer & Family †
November 7	9:15 am	Barbara Zimmer
November 8	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Annah Baldwin James Walton †
November 9	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
November 10	9:00 am	Josephine Owens †
November 11	7:00 pm	Terry Van Wezel †
November 12	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Gerard Farrell † SFDS CWL Sisters
November 13	9:15 am	Carolyn Trueman
November 14	9:15 am	Carmelina MacKenzie †
November 15	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Terry Van Wezel † Charles Hughes
November 16	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Theresa Fallows † Carolyn Kuziw †
November 17	9:00 am	Stuart Curzon †
November 18	7:00 pm	Van Wezel Family †
November 19	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Jaqueline Sanguampong †
November 20	9:15 am	Jerome Schmitz †
November 21	9:15 am	David Kenneth Pearce †
November 22	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Alexander McMillan Our Parish
November 23	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Anne Pavka † Sydney Barton † Carolyn Kuziw †
November 24	9:00 am	Mavis Hills
November 25	7:00 pm	Dominador & Angelina Jalosjos †
November 26	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Bessie Amores † Theresa Fallows †
November 27	9:15 am	Bob & Janette Tyminski †
November 28	9:15 am	Wade Hamer †
November 29	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bill Ward † Sheila Rosell
November 30	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish John Wesley Curzon Carolyn Kuziw †



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