



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN

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Roman Catholic Parish
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face

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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

ALL SOULS' DAY



The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

November 2,
2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Luke 7:1) When St. Paul talked about the resurrection of the dead with the philosophers at Athens, many laughed and mocked him (Acts 17:32). The Gospel, he would later write, is “foolishness” to the wise of this world (1 Corinthians 1:18). Yet this week’s First Reading tells us that it is foolish to think that the souls of the just are dead.

Second Reading: (Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7) 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.

Gospel: (Luke 7: 11-17) Jesus’s compassion on a widow (7:11-17) further illustrates his concern for the poor. By losing her only son (7:12), she would be deprived of her last means of support. The town of Nain was approximately six miles south of Nazareth. Not only is Jesus able to heal someone who is near death (7:14), but he also is able to resuscitate the dead by pronouncing the word, which provides the basis for his reply to John the Baptist (7:22).

All Hallows Eve

This past Halloween, I opened the rectory door to a chorus of “Trick or treat!” The kids were ready for candy, but I couldn’t resist a little pastoral reminder:

“Do you know Halloween comes from *All Hallows’ Eve* — the night before All Saints’ Day?”

The looks on their faces were priceless. One little voice said: “So... we still get candy, right, Father?”

Of course, I handed out the chocolate — after all, even saints would have appreciated a treat now and then! Later, as I found myself sneaking a few leftover pieces, I realized: whether it’s All Hallows’ Eve or a regular Friday, a little sweetness can make life a bit holier... and a lot more fun.

Stay safe, enjoy the treats, and maybe say a quick prayer — you never know when a chocolate bar might be part of God’s plan.

Candle Light Service for All Souls

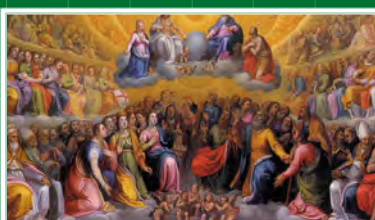


As November approaches, a time when we pray for all the faithful departed, I would like to bring your attention to a small update regarding our Candle Mass.

Since the Feast of All Souls falls on a Saturday this year, our Candle Mass celebration will take place on **Monday, Nov. 3rd at 7:00 pm**. This special Mass is dedicated to all the deceased from our parish and our families, and during the service, we will remember our departed loved ones through prayer and by lighting candles. If you have a family member or friend who passed away in the past year (**Nov. 2024 to present**) please let Nancy know and they will be added to the Candle Light Service. If their funeral was not here, please bring in a picture, with the details of **name, date of birth and date of death**.

There will also be a reception afterwards in the church hall. All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please call Nancy in the parish office at 403-652-2203 or email at secreary@francisdesaleshighriver.com



All Saints & All Souls Day

This year, All Souls Day falls on a Sunday and replaces the usual Sunday Mass.

- Saturday evening Mass on **November 1** celebrates **All Saints Day** and fulfills your Sunday obligation.
- Sunday Mass on **November 2** follows the special All Souls Day prayers (Gloria and Creed are not said).
- Readings and vestment colors (white, violet, or black) are chosen for remembering all the faithful departed.

Let’s pray together for our loved ones who have passed.

Celebrating ALL HALLOWS’ EVE



Online Giving



Parish Website



Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.

JEREMIAH 1:5



MEMORIAL LITURGY

FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH

PRESIDER: BISHOP WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN

WHEN

Tuesday,
Nov. 18, 2025
at 7 pm

WHERE

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
219 18 Ave SW
Calgary, AB

When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. Join Bishop McGrattan in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child.

TO ATTEND

PLEASE REGISTER AT
MISCARRIAGELITURGY.CA



CWL Membership Renewal/Drive

St. Francis de Sales CWL will begin their 2026 Membership Renewal/Drive before and after Masses beginning on Saturday October 25th, and will be running each weekend through till November 23rd.

Membership fees this year are **\$40.00** and payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer (sfscwl25@gmail.com). Those interested in becoming a CWL Member are most welcome and can register at this time. A CWL member is always available to answer any of your questions.

Come and enjoy where friendships and life long memories are made.



Combined Parish Council & Finance Council Meeting

A combined meeting of the **Parish Council** and **Finance Council** will take place on **Tuesday, November 4, at PM**, immediately following the evening Mass.

This meeting is **very important**, as we will be discussing **key matters affecting our parish**. Your presence and input are highly valued. If you are interested in joining either the **Parish Council** or the **Financial Council**, please contact **Fr. Mariusz (403) 992.2313**

We encourage all members to attend.

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! Fun was had by all at the October Game Night!





Praying for the Dead – An Act of Love and Faith

In the Catholic Church, praying for the souls of the departed is one of the most beautiful and profound expressions of our faith. It is an act rooted in both love and hope — love for those who have gone before us, and hope in the mercy of God who desires that all be saved.

From the earliest days of Christianity, believers have offered prayers and Masses for the deceased. The Scriptures remind us that “it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins” (2 Maccabees 12:46). We believe that death does not end our relationship with our loved ones; rather, it transforms it. Though they have passed from this life, our prayers can still assist them on their journey toward full communion with God in heaven.

The Church teaches that some souls, though destined for heaven, undergo purification in purgatory. Our prayers, sacrifices, and especially the **celebration of the Holy Mass** can help them in this process. **Offering a Mass intention for the repose of the soul of a loved one is the greatest gift we can give to those who have died.** No flowers, no words, and no earthly tribute can equal the spiritual power of the Holy Eucharist — the sacrifice of Christ Himself — offered for their eternal peace.

Every time we offer a prayer — even a simple “*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*” — we perform a spiritual work of mercy. November, the month dedicated to the Holy Souls, is a special time to remember and pray for the departed. However, our prayers should not be limited to one season. Each Mass intention, each visit to the cemetery, and each Rosary offered for the deceased is a reminder that love is stronger than death.

Let us continue to pray for our deceased family members, friends, and all souls who have no one to pray for them. In doing so, we live out our faith in the Communion of Saints — the unbroken bond that unites the Church on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

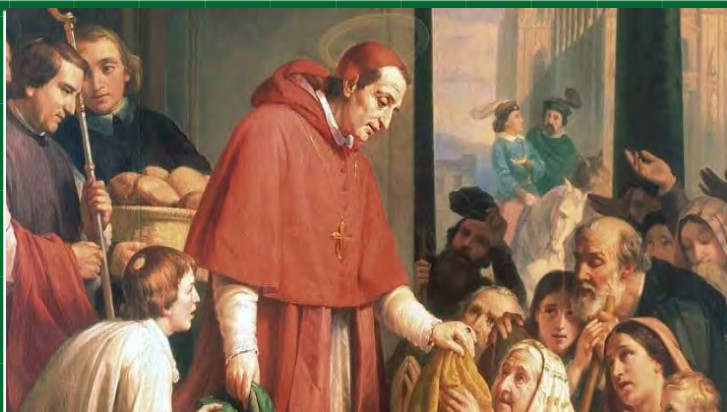
Honoring the Saints and Praying for the Departed

November is a special month in the life of the Church—a time when we lift our hearts in gratitude and prayer for those who have gone before us. On **All Saints’ Day (November 1)**, we celebrate the countless men and women who now share in the joy of God’s presence. These saints, known and unknown, are a reminder that holiness is possible for each of us, and that life in Christ extends beyond this world.

The very next day, **All Souls’ Day (November 2)**, invites us to turn our prayers to all the faithful departed. In remembering those who have died, we acknowledge a profound truth: we are all part of God’s family, united across time and eternity. Our prayers, Masses, and acts of love help the souls of the departed on their journey toward God’s fullness of life.

In our parish, it is a cherished tradition to offer a **special Mass for all those who have died in the past year**. Since this year November 2 falls on a Sunday, this Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm**. I warmly invite everyone to join us, to pray for our beloved dead, and to reflect on the hope that Christ’s victory over death brings to all who believe.

Let us come together in prayer and remembrance, trusting in God’s mercy and celebrating the gift of eternal life.



Saint Charles Borromeo

This week, we remember **St. Charles Borromeo**, a holy bishop and reformer of the Catholic Church, whose life continues to inspire clergy and laity alike. Born in 1538 into a noble Milanese family, Charles dedicated his life to God from an early age. Despite being closely connected to influential circles, he chose the path of humility, service, and pastoral care.

Appointed Archbishop of Milan at a young age, St. Charles became a key figure in implementing the reforms of the **Council of Trent**, striving to renew the Church during a time of great challenge. He focused on the education of priests, establishing seminaries, and ensuring that the faithful received sound teaching of the faith.

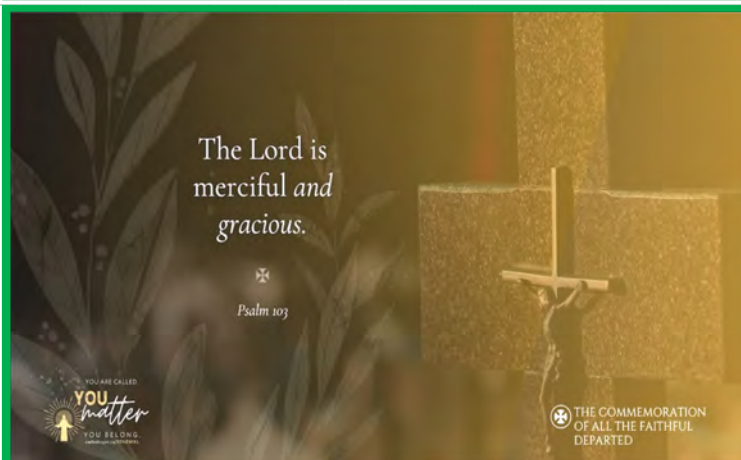
St. Charles was also renowned for his tireless care for the poor and sick. During the plague in Milan, he personally ministered to the afflicted, embodying the true spirit of a shepherd who lays down his life for his flock.

Today, St. Charles Borromeo reminds us of the importance of **holiness, pastoral zeal, and care for the vulnerable**. His life challenges us to live our faith actively, supporting our parish community, and being attentive to the needs of others.

We honor him as a model of dedication, reminding ourselves that true leadership in the Church is rooted in service, humility, and unwavering faith.

Feast Day: November 4

Let us pray for the intercession of St. Charles Borromeo, asking God to strengthen bishops, priests, and all who serve the Church with wisdom and charity.



The Diocese of Calgary cordially invites you and your family to the Solemn Consecration of

LAURETTA DEARING

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by the Most Reverend
William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary,
on the Memorial of the Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY
21
NOVEMBER
2025

MASS BEGINS AT 7 PM
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
219 18 Avenue SW, Calgary
Followed by a reception

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YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG

Join Bishop McGrattan for the Mass of Solemn Consecration of **Lauretta Dearing** to the **Order of Consecrated Virgins Living in the World**, a vocation of women who dedicate their lives wholly to Christ through prayer and service.
All are welcome.

Liturgical Environment Ministry Workshop

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Renewing the Heart of Liturgical Ministry

Considerations for Ornamentation in the Seasons of Advent & Christmas

Advent and Christmas call for distinct visual expressions. Explore how the proper ornamentation of church spaces can more deeply draw the People of God into the Mystery we celebrate.

With Fr. Wilbert Chin Jon + Team

WHEN
THURSDAY
13
NOVEMBER
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

WHERE
ONLINE
VIA TEAMS MEETING
MEETING ID: 281 805 557 824 9
PASSCODE: UM7HJ97A

YOU ARE called
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JOIN THE MEETING



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 2

- **9:00 – 10:00 AM** – Mass (Vulcan)
- **11:00 – 12:00 PM** – Mass (High River)
- **12:00 – 12:30 PM** – Sunday School Teacher Meeting
- **4:00 – 5:00 PM** – Confessions
- **5:00 – 6:00 PM** – Mass

Monday, November 3

- **8:00 – 9:00 AM** – Confession
- **8:30 – 9:00 AM** – Rosary
- **9:00 – 9:45 AM** – Mass
- **11:00 – 12:00 AM** – Funeral Mass - Vincent Treadgold
- **7:00 – 8:30 PM** – Mass for the dead.

Tuesday, November 4 – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO BISHOP - MEMORIAL

- **9:30 – 10:30 AM** – Mass at NDC - Grade 7
- **6:00 – 7:00 PM** – Confessions
- **7:00 – 7:45 PM** – Mass
- **7:45 – 9:00 PM** – A combined meeting of the Parish Council and Financial Council

Wednesday, November 5

- **10:30 – 11:30 AM** – Parish Renewal Team Meeting
- **1:00 – 3:00 PM** – Grief Sharing
- **3:15 – 3:45 PM** – Liturgy at Seasons
- **4:00 – 4:30 PM** – Liturgy at Hospital
- **5:00 – 6:00 PM** – Confession
- **6:00 – 6:45 PM** – Mass
- **6:45 – 8:00 PM** – CWL Executive Meeting
- **7:00 – 8:30 PM** – Bible Study

Thursday, November 6

- **8:00 – 9:15 AM** – Confession
- **9:15 – 10:00 AM** – Mass with Grade 8 NDC
- **10:00 – 9:00 PM** – Adoration and Benediction
- **7:00 – 8:30 PM** – RCIA

Friday, November 7

- **8:00 – 8:45 AM** – Mass for Staff at HSA School
- **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)
- **2:00 – 2:45 PM** – Mass for Staff at NDC School

Saturday, November 8

- **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
- **6:00 – 7:00 PM** – 1st Reconciliation Meeting #4

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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