



# 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  
Sunday 5:00 pm - High River

## CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

## JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



# Christ The King Sunday



November 23,  
2025

## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (2 Samuel 5: 1-3) In the first book of Samuel (1 Sam. 16:1-13) we learned that God freely – and unexpectedly – chose David the shepherd boy to rule over Israel. But God's "private" election to such leadership is not sufficient. It was necessary that "all the tribes of Israel came to David" and recognized in him their new king, thus freely acknowledging God's election. That is what we hear in today's reading.

**Second Reading:** (Colossians 1.12-20) After establishing why the community should render thanks, the letter to the Colossians offers a long summary of Christ's primacy over everything. Verse 20 indicates that Christ is all these things because of his vulnerability on the cross through which his saving work is accomplished.

**Gospel:** (Luke 23: 35-43) God's own Son, hanging on a tree with the inscription "King of the Jews" does not produce automatic faith/assent. Two groups are at the foot of the cross: those who recognize Jesus as King, and those who oppose and taunt him. We find both believers and opponents hanging next to and standing below the cross. This scene is a summary of Luke's entire Gospel: Jesus offers salvation and reaches out to those who ask, and who recognize their need for redemption. Thus, even though Jesus' kingship exists on a cosmic level, it is an established fact: in this life only our assent in faith reveals that kingship.

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

## Christ the King... and Coffee

On Christ the King Sunday, Father Paul was determined to make his homily inspiring. He began: "Jesus is the King of the Universe!" Just then, the church coffee maker gurgled loudly in the back, sounding suspiciously like a royal trumpet.

Father Paul paused, looked toward the back, and said, "Ah yes, even the coffee is ready to honor our King!"

Later, during the final blessing, little Sarah tugged her mom's sleeve and whispered, "Do you think Jesus drinks coffee too?" The mom whispered back, "Only decaf... He's already heavenly enough!"

By the end of Mass, everyone was smiling, reminded that Christ the King reigns over everything... even our morning coffee mishaps.



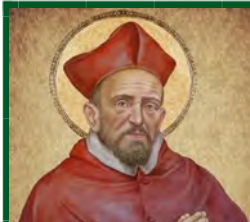
## Sunday School Program Age Guidelines



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.**



*Love is a marvellous and heavenly thing. It never tires and never thinks that it has done enough.*

*-St. Robert Bellarmine*

## Online Giving



## Parish Website





### The results of the K of C Council 9521 Grey Cup Pools:

Thanks to such great support from SFDS, we were able to sell two sheets of Grey Cup Squares (Orange and Green) for this year's Grey Cup held on November 16, 2025. With the profit from this pool, we are supporting the Sisters of the Precious Blood Convent in Calgary.

#### POOL WINNERS:

##### ORANGE POOL

|                 |                 |                                       |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Rick Amatto     | <b>\$25.00</b>  | 1st Quarter Orange Pool               |
| Joe Yuzik       | <b>\$25.00</b>  | 3rd Quarter Score Orange Pool         |
| Linda George    | <b>\$50.00</b>  | Reverse Final Orange Pool             |
| Alice Sanregret | <b>\$150.00</b> | Half time and Final Score Orange Pool |

##### GREEN POOL

|                     |                 |                                  |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Joyce Barton        | <b>\$75.00</b>  | 1st Quarter and Reverse Final GP |
| Deacon Larry Driver | <b>\$25.00</b>  | 3rd Quarter Score Green Pool     |
| Dale Howard         | <b>\$150.00</b> | Half time and Final Score GP     |

**Thank you to all of you for your support.**

Gerry McCallum  
K of C 9521 Grand Knight



### 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 (sfscw125@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.

**Due to a church scheduling conflict the CWL Christmas Bake Sale has been moved from Saturday, November 29th to **Saturday December 6th** beginning at 1:00 - 4:30 pm.**

A memo to all CWL Members has been sent out reminding those of this change.

**All those who are making baked goods for this event, please have them to the church hall Dec. 6th 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!**





## **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year*

This Sunday, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, which also marks the **last Sunday in Ordinary Time** in the liturgical calendar. This feast calls us to reflect on the kingship of Christ—not as a ruler of power and domination, but as a King of love, mercy, and justice. Jesus reigns in the hearts of all who follow Him, guiding us with compassion and inviting us to live lives of service, faithfulness, and integrity.

The readings for today remind us that Christ's kingdom is different from the kingdoms of this world. It is a kingdom of truth, love, and self-giving. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that He came not to be served, but to serve, and to bring hope to the poor, comfort to the suffering, and salvation to all who believe. As we celebrate the end of the liturgical year, this solemnity challenges us to examine our own lives: Do we acknowledge Christ as the King of our hearts? Are we willing to live according to His example of love, mercy, and humility?

This feast is also a reminder that all creation belongs to Him. Every person, every moment, and every decision in our lives can be offered to His loving care. By recognizing Jesus as the King of the Universe, we are invited to participate in building His kingdom here on earth—a kingdom marked by peace, justice, compassion, and charity. It is a kingdom where the last are first, and the meek are blessed.

As we honor Christ the King today, we also look forward to **next Sunday**, when the Church begins a **new liturgical year** with the **First Sunday of Advent**. Advent is a season of hope and preparation, a time to reflect on Christ's coming into our world and our lives. Just as Christ reigns in love and humility, we are invited to enter this new year with hearts open to His grace, ready to live more faithfully and to share His light with others.

### **Practical Reflection:**

How can we acknowledge Christ as King in our daily lives? It can begin with simple acts of love and service—reaching out to a neighbor in need, showing patience to family members, or offering time and talents to our parish and community. By putting Christ first in our decisions, words, and actions, we allow His kingship to guide us. Living under His reign is not about power, but about love, humility, and making the world around us a reflection of His kingdom.

Let us celebrate this solemnity with gratitude, joy, and renewed commitment, acknowledging Jesus Christ as our King, our Lord, and the center of our lives.



## Obituary for Mr. Victor Alphonse Zelinski

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Victor Alphonse Zelinski. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who passed away peacefully on November 16, 2025 at the age of 81 years old. His beloved wife of 60 years was by his side throughout his illness and held his hand as God took him to his eternal resting place.

Victor was born on a small Saskatchewan farm and was the youngest of a large family of 13 children. When his parents Peter and Barabar Zelinski retired, they moved to Wynyard, Saskatchewan with his two brothers Leo and Eddie where the boys graduated from High School.

Victor took one year of Normal School (teacher's college) and was hired as the sole teacher at Levant school, a one room school house near Wynyard, for students grades 1-9. Victor was only 18. After one year, Victor attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon where he completed a B.A in history. It is here that he reconnected with his High School sweet heart, Bernice Wasylenko, and on September 11, 1965 they were married and remained devoted to each other for the next 60 years.

During his university years he joined the folk singing group "The Troubadours Three". They toured the prairies, gaining popularity with crowds singing cover tunes and original songs. They achieved some popularity but family life obligations called to each member of the group. His connection to music remained a lifelong celebration as most people will remember Vic with a guitar in his hand, singing with a beautiful melodic voice. Music and his wife were his 2 greatest loves.

In 1966, Victor took a teaching position with Calgary Catholic School District where he taught High School Social Studies, primarily at Bishop Carroll High School. He later became a curriculum supervisor until his retirement in 1999. Victor completed a Masters of Education and went on to a Doctorate degree. Victor was an author and well-read person, who engaged intellectually on a variety of platforms and topics throughout his life.

Vic and Bernice spent 20 wonderful years as snow birds as well as traveling to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, Mexico and many US destinations. They loved their home in High River with its small-town convenience, close nit network of excellent friends and close proximity to their children and grandchildren in Calgary.

Victor is survived by his loving wife Bernice. His three children Jason (Debra), Deana (Ken) and Jamie. Along with their Grandchildren Emma, Keaton and Janaya.

Victor left this world a better place than when he entered it. Building strong friendships, beautiful music and a loving family to carry forward his memory. He will be deeply missed. The family is grateful for the out pouring of kindness and support during this time of loss.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (206 9 Ave SW, High River, AB, T1V 1A4) on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. with reception to follow. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed via Victor's tribute page at [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com).



## SUNDAY MISSAL

2025 – 2026



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## 2026 Missals

The **Sunday Missals** are now available in the church hall.

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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](mailto: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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The email address is  
[donation@francisdesaleshighriver.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com)  
**All are welcome!**



## THIS WEEK AT SFDS

### **Sunday, November 23—CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**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 24—ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS—MEMORIAL**

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

### **Tuesday, November 25**

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

### **Wednesday, November 26**

**10:30 – 11:15 AM** – Mass at NDC School  
**3:30 – 3:15 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

### **Thursday, November 27**

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

### **Friday, November 28**

**8:45 - 9:15 AM** – Confession  
**8:45 – 9:15 AM** – Rosary  
**9:15 – 10:00 AM** – Mass (Grade 3)  
**9:00 – 11:30 AM** – TOPS Group (East Hall)

### **Saturday, November 29**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM** – Confession  
**8:30 – 9:00 AM** – Rosary  
**9:00 – 9:30 AM** – Daily Mass  
**11:00–12:00 PM** – Funeral Mass for Vic tor Zelinsky  
**4:00 – 5:00 PM** – Confession  
**5:00 – 6:00 PM** – Vigil Mass  
**6:00–7:00 PM** – 1st Reconciliation Class #5

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



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