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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

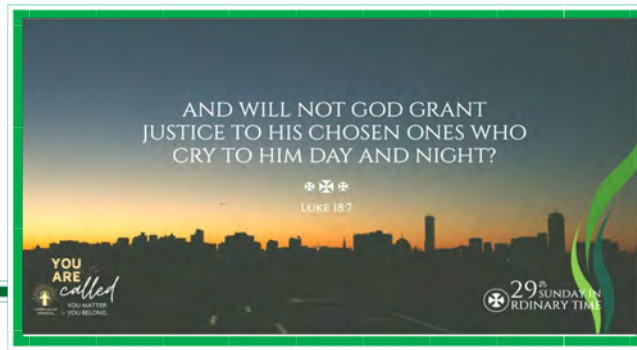
CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TOME



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 19, 2025

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Exodus 17:8-13) In this first reading Israel unexpectedly comes under attack by a raid from the Amalekites. The role of Moses in this passage consists of the powerful reality that whenever he puts up his hands, Israel succeeds, and whenever he lowers his hand, Israel fails and Amalekite advances. This account shows the power and need for prayer: it can be tiring to keep praying. Having the support of others in our prayer – as Moses has from Aaron and Hur – can help us to persevere. Another message in this passage is that as Israel is focused on the Promised Land, God continues to be at their side.

Second Reading: (2 Timothy 3:14, 4:2) In this week's second reading, God affirms Timothy, and urges him to persist in his mission. Timothy has gone through some hard times, while remaining close to God and persistent in prayer. As this week's Gospel also points out: we know not how, or when, or through whom God may affirm us, yet we can be assured that He will.

Gospel: (Luke 18: 1-8) This week's Gospel gives us a very simple message about prayer. First, to remain persistent, and secondly to expect results, although not necessarily the results we had hoped for.

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



Father and the CWL — A Holy Adventure

Every priest dreams of peace and quiet... until he meets the CWL. Then he realizes *quiet* is overrated.

They say the CWL is the backbone of the parish — and I agree. But sometimes it feels like they're also the brain, the hands, and the committee that tells the priest what he's forgotten this week!

Need a fundraiser? The CWL already has three planned. Need volunteers? They've got a sign-up sheet before I've finished my sentence. Need cookies? They've baked them, packaged them, and sold them—yesterday.

I've learned never to argue with the CWL. They have their own intelligence network. If I sneeze in the rectory, three ladies call to ask if I'm okay and if I'd like soup.

Some priests get nervous around the bishop. I get nervous around the CWL when I forget to mention them in the announcements.

But truth be told, the parish would fall apart without them. They keep the church running, the coffee flowing, and the priest humble.

So here's to the CWL — Heaven's special forces, armed with rosaries, recipes, and unstoppable determination. I'm not sure if I lead them or they lead me... but either way, I'm blessed to survive another year with them!
Fr. Marius



All Saints Mass

Please join us on Saturday,
Nov. 1, 2025 @ 9:00 am
for our **All Saints Mass**.
All are welcome!



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, November 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 (**November 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.

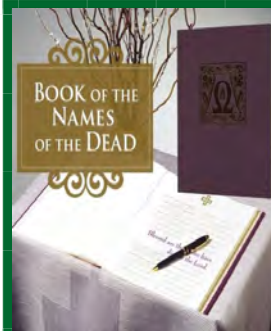
All are welcome!

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

Month of November

If you would like your loved ones name in the "**Book of the Names of the Dead**", please sign the book at the back of the church or call Nancy in the church office, at 403-652-2203 or email her at secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

Deadline is October 31, 2025



Online Giving



Parish Website





Celebrating 100 Years of CWL at St. Francis de Sales Parish!

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the **100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League at St. Francis de Sales Parish** — a century of faith, dedication, and loving service to God and His people. What an extraordinary milestone!

For one hundred years, the women of our CWL have been a **pillar of our parish community**. Through **prayers, acts of charity, education, and community support**, they have strengthened our parish in countless ways. Their unwavering commitment reminds us all that **faith is best lived through action and service**.

As your parish priest, I must say it is hard to imagine **St. Francis de Sales Parish without the CWL**. From my perspective, the collaboration between clergy and this wonderful group of women has been a true blessing. Your generosity, dedication, and spirit of service make parish life richer, more joyful, and full of grace. I wish that every priest could be blessed with such a committed and loving community to work with!

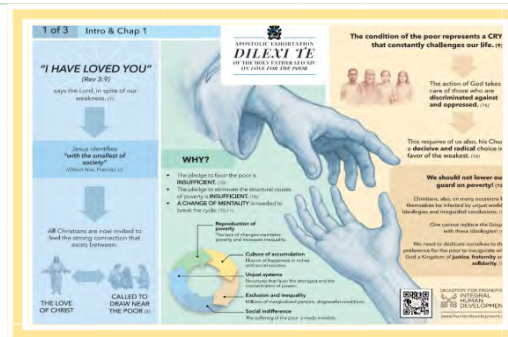
We give heartfelt **thanks and congratulations** to all members — past and present — for their dedication, prayers, and hard work. Your faith and love have left an enduring mark on our parish and inspired generations of parishioners.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone **this weekend**, let us also **pray for the continued growth and blessing of this vibrant ministry**, that it may keep guiding, uplifting, and serving our parish community for many more years.

Prayer of Gratitude and Blessing:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the faithful women of the Catholic Women's League at St. Francis de Sales Parish. Bless them abundantly for their prayers, their service, and their love. May they continue to be instruments of Your mercy, witnesses of Your Gospel, and a light of hope in our parish and community. Strengthen them in faith, courage, and joy as they continue their mission for generations to come. Amen.

Congratulations, CWL! Your century of dedication and love is a shining example for all of us. Let us celebrate with joy and gratitude.



Apostolic Exhortation "Dilexi te" of Pope Leo XIV

On October 9, 2025, Pope **Leo XIV** promulgated his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te* ("I Have Loved You"), a work begun by Pope Francis and now completed under Leo's own hand. The document is a powerful meditation on the **love of Christ for the poor** and on the Church's calling to stand in solidarity with the weakest. In it, the Holy Father invites all believers to see in the face of the poor the face of Christ, and to respond with compassion, justice, and mercy.

Pope Leo underscores that God's love is not abstract, but is revealed in caring for those who suffer: materially, socially, spiritually. He reminds us that poverty has many dimensions—lack of resources, exclusion, loss of dignity—and challenges us not to ignore these realities. The Church is called to be not just *for* the poor, but *with* them, walking alongside them, uplifting them, listening to them, and learning from them.

In the Exhortation, we also find reflections on education, migration, structural injustice, and the need for concrete action. The poor are not merely recipients of charity; as Pope Leo says, they are **"teachers of the Gospel."** To serve the poor is to encounter Christ Himself.

I encourage you wholeheartedly to **read and reflect** on *Dilexi te*. Let its message awaken in each of us a renewed commitment to love in action—through small daily gestures, advocacy, prayer, and generosity. May it deepen your compassion and inspire you to stand more courageously beside those in need.

You can access the full text here:

English version: *Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te (English)* — via the Vatican website ([Vatican](#))
French version: *Exhortation apostolique Dilexi te (Français)* — via the Vatican website ([Vatican](#))

Let us pray that our community may become ever more faithful to the call of Christ to love the poor, and that we may become living witnesses of his merciful heart.



Combined Parish Council & Finance Council Meeting

A combined meeting of the **Parish Council and Finance Council** will take place on **Tuesday, November 4, at 7:30 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.



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

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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, October 19—

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

Monday, October 20—**ST. HEDWIG/ST. MARGARET Mary Alacoque**

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass
- 7:00—9:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, October 21

- 6:00 – 7:00 PM - Confession
- 6:30 – 7:00 PM Rosary
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM – Daily Mass

Wednesday, October 22 - **ST. JOHN PAUL II/DEDICATION OF CONSECRATED CHURCHES**

- 1:00 – 3:00 PM - Grief Sharing
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM – Mass at the Manor (Fr. Marius)
- 3:15—3:45 PM—Liturgy at Seasons HR (Pastoral Care Team)
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM – Liturgy at High River Hospital (Ann Weston)
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM – Confession
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM - Rosary
- 6:00 – 6:45 PM - Mass
- 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Bible Study

Thursday, October 23— **ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO**

- 8:15 – 9:15 AM - Confession
- 8:45 – 9:15 AM - Rosary
- 9:15 – 10:00 AM - Mass
- 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM – Adoration and Benediction
- 7:00 – 8:30 PM – RCIA

Friday, October 24 - **ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET**

- 8:15 – 9:15 AM - Confession
- 8:45 – 9:15 AM Rosary
- 9:15 – 10:00 AM – Daily Mass
- 12:00—2:00 PM—Funeral Mass for Dan Dormer

Saturday, October 25

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confessions
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM – Daily Mass
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confessions
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM – Vigil Mass
- 6:00—7:00 PM—1st Reconciliation Class #3

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.**



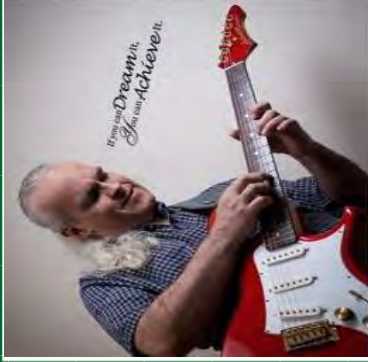
If you are in the hospital, and are **Roman Catholic**, please insure you or a family member contacts Nancy in the Church Office at 403- 652-2203. This will ensure that you will be visited by the Priest or Pastoral Care Team.



MASS INTENTIONS

October 1– 31, 2025

October 1	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
October 2	9:15 am	Wendell & Noelle Hoffart
October 3	9:15 am	Eduardo Bartiana †
October 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lisbeth Arat † Maureen Kivineen†
October 5	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrews CWL Sisters Rou Lady rose Jundez† Carolyn Kuziw †
October 6	9:00 am	John McIsaac †
October 7	7:00 pm	Mary Campbell
October 8	4:00pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	John Dexter Garcia † SFDS CWL Sisters
October 9	9:15 am	Gerald McInnis †
October 10	9:15 am	Patti Keats †
October 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Seraphion & Mercedes Magalso † Our Parish
October 12	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Bryan Johnson † Carolyn Kuziw †
October 13	9:00 am	Abigael Pantig †
October 14	7:00 pm	Toni Lewis †
October 15	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Fr. Terry Connolly George Toro †
October 16	9:15 am	Otto Paulgaard †
October 17	9:15 am	Felipe Tagaloquin †
October 18	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Gilles & Monique Tremblay Eileen Clancy †
October 19	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
October 20	9:00 am	Jessica Doian
October 21	7:00 pm	John Gall †
October 22	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Fr. Valentine Suum Loqueta Sepe †
October 23	9:15 am	Jerry & Raylene Rosell & Family
October 24	9:15 am	Judy McLaughlin
October 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Toni Lewis † Florrie O'Brien †
October 26	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Leonard Lauzon † Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
October 27	9:00 am	Mike & Holly Smith
October 28	7:00 pm	Bryan Johnson †
October 29	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Fr. Vijaya Bathineni Pat Farrell †
October 30	9:15 am	Michael Ryan †
October 31	9:15 am	Bill Ward †



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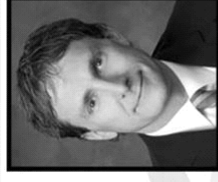
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