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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

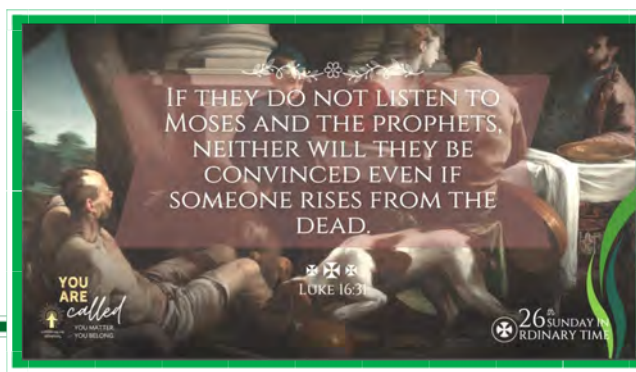
Monday – Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Amos 6:1a, 4-7) The prophet Amos has a one-track mind, and that is to remind the people that the law of Moses requires love of neighbour, help those in need, and care for the orphan and widow. Ignoring this requirement is an outright rejection of God's most holy law, and thus leads to removing oneself from the sacred covenant with God. Amos indicts anyone who pampers him/herself at the expense of others, threatening that these shall be the first to suffer the pain of exile in the next life.

Second Reading: (1 Timothy 6:11-16) The letters to Timothy were composed at a time when itinerant preachers like Paul were replaced by more stable and permanent leadership in the Christian communities. Timothy is encouraged to remain true to "the good confession" just as Jesus was true before Pontius Pilate. Timothy is urged to lead by example and not fall prey to the cynicism that compromises the sacrament of faith, baptism.

Gospel: (Luke 16: 19-31) In this parable Jesus once again turns what we to often see as global values upside down to show us how to look at society with gospel eyes. This story is really that of two poor men. Lazarus who has lived out a life of undeserved tormented suffering is not an individual that we would desire to be like. Yet the "rich man" who seemingly has everything has obviously lost all contact with God, his fellow people, and is so blinded by distractions that he neglects the concerns of Lazarus after pleading for help, while the rich man who is imprisoned by the sin of pride is much to proud to beg for help until it is too late.

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

The Holy Guardian Angels – The Busiest Workers in Heaven

October 2 is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. We often picture them serenely floating with harps, but the truth is... for some of us, our guardian angels probably deserve *overtime pay!*

- For children, guardian angels are busy keeping scraped knees from becoming broken bones.
- For teenagers learning to drive, their angels are working double shifts. (Seatbelts are heaven's invention too!)
- For parents, their angels often whisper, "Breathe... patience... it will be okay..."
- And for priests? Well, let's just say their guardian angels are *never* bored.

The beauty of this feast is knowing that God loves us so much, He assigned each of us a personal "spiritual bodyguard." They don't take vacations, don't need coffee breaks, and never complain—though a few probably put in for early retirement requests when they saw who they'd be assigned to!

So this week, let's say a prayer of thanks for our guardian angels. And maybe, just maybe, try to make their work a little easier... though where's the fun in that?

Holy Guardian Angels—pray for us (and thank you for not quitting the job)!



The office will be closed **Tuesday, September 30, 2025** for the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

Regular Office hours will resume on **Wednesday, Oct. 1 2025 @ 9:00 am.**



SFDS Children's Choir

All children are welcome to join our Children's Choir. This wonderful choir leads the 11:00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month during the school year.



Practices are the Wednesday before, at 4:30pm at SFDS with the first practice **Wednesday, October 1st.**

For questions, please reach out to Annah Baldwin (ahbanana2@gmail.com).

Online Giving



Parish Website





Notes on the 100 years of the Catholic Women's League in High River

In 1941 the High River Council consisted of 17 members. Monthly meetings were held during the day. Shortly thereafter the ladies were asked to contribute on a council basis a \$1.00 per member towards the Canadian War Effort as the National CWL executive had agreed to support the war effort with a pledge of \$25,000.00 from the membership.

Tickets for our 100th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday October 18th are on sale after each Mass (\$5.00 each).



Invitation to Bible Study

Dear Parishioners,

We invite all those interested in exploring the Holy Scriptures to join our parish Bible Study! For several years, we have been meeting to discover the beauty and wisdom of God's Word together, and this year is no exception.

In the coming weeks, we will begin studying the **Gospel of St. Luke**. Meetings will take place every **Wednesday, starting October 1st, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at our parish.**

You don't need to be an expert to participate – our Bible Study is open to everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the Scriptures and share reflections in a friendly atmosphere.

**We warmly invite you!
See you on Wednesday!**



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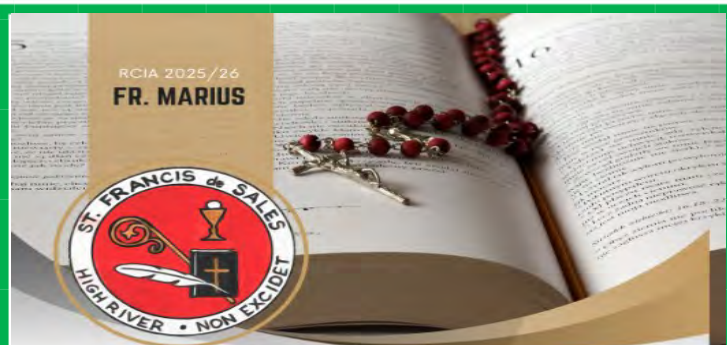
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DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE DELICIOUS TASTING APPLES AND AT THE SAME TIME SUPPORTING A MOST IMPORTANT CAUSE - LIFE!



Invitation to RCIA Program

Dear Friends,

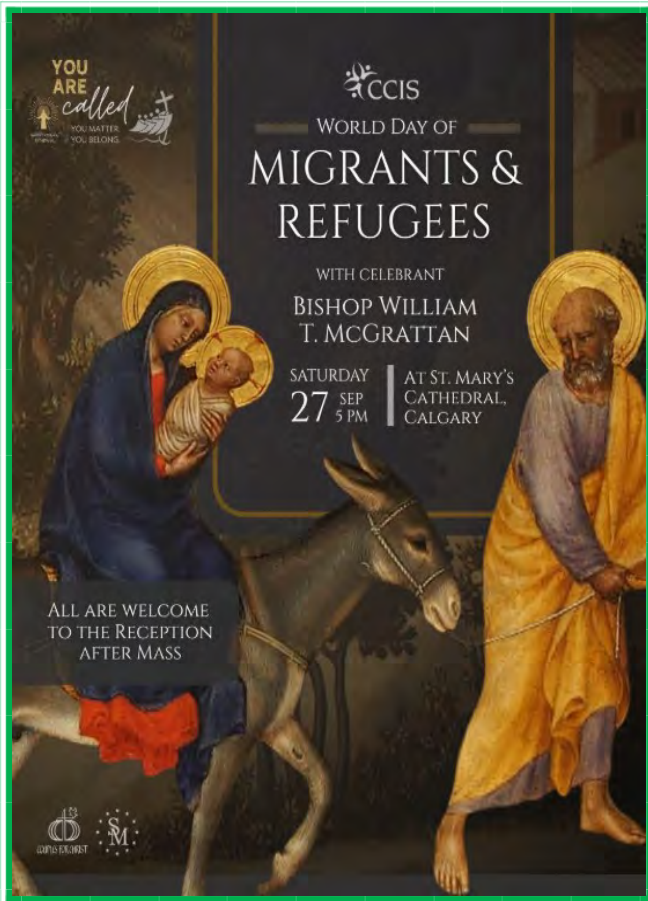
We warmly invite all those interested in exploring the Catholic faith to join our parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program! For many years, our parish has offered this journey of faith for those seeking to learn more about Catholicism, whether you are considering baptism, confirmation, or simply want to deepen your understanding of the faith.

This week, we will begin our RCIA sessions, diving into the foundations of Catholic teachings, spirituality, and community life. Meetings will be held **every Thursday, starting September 25, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at our parish.**

No prior knowledge or experience is required – our RCIA program is open to everyone, from those just beginning their faith journey to those looking to grow closer to God in a welcoming and supportive environment.

**We look forward to walking this journey with you!
Join us this Wednesday!**

RCIA TEAM



World Day of Migrants and Refugees – September 28, 2025

On **September 28**, the Church celebrates the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**, a day dedicated to prayer, reflection, and action for all those who have been forced to leave their homes in search of safety, peace, and a better future. This year, the celebration also highlights the deep connection between **hope, migration, and mission**, as emphasized by **Pope Leo XIV** in his message for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The modern world faces many challenges that drive migration: wars, violence, injustice, economic inequalities, and climate crises. Millions of men, women, and children are displaced from their homes, often risking their lives along the way. Yet, even in the midst of hardship, migrants and refugees become **messengers of hope**, showing remarkable courage, resilience, and faith. Like the Israelites who wandered in the desert trusting in God's guidance, they demonstrate that hope and trust in God can light the path even in the darkest times.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that migrants are not only recipients of care—they also have a **responsibility to contribute positively** to the communities and countries that welcome them, helping build mutual respect, trust, and shared prosperity. Likewise, host communities are called to recognize migrants as brothers and sisters, valuing their gifts, supporting their integration, and fostering a spirit of solidarity and hospitality. Through this mutual exchange, both migrants and local communities grow in faith, hope, and human dignity.

The presence of migrants can also **revitalize parish life**, bring spiritual energy, and promote dialogue between cultures and religions. They remind the Church of its **pilgrim nature**, journeying toward the heavenly homeland, sustained by the theological virtue of hope. Their daily witness encourages all of us to live more fully our own faith and to see Christ in every stranger we meet.

How we can respond:

- Pray for migrants and refugees, asking God to sustain their hope and courage.
- Welcome newcomers with friendship and support, helping them feel at home.
- Volunteer or donate to local initiatives that assist migrants in practical and spiritual ways.
- Advocate for policies and actions that respect human dignity, protect the vulnerable, and promote justice.

As Jesus teaches in Matthew 25:35, *"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* On this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, let us open our hearts and minds in prayer, service, and solidarity, showing Christ's love to those seeking refuge, hope, and a new beginning. Together, we can help build communities of faith, hope, and compassion that reflect the Kingdom of God.



Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels – September 29

On September 29, the Church celebrates the feast of the Archangels: **St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael**. These three heavenly messengers are mentioned in Scripture and remind us of God's constant care and presence in our lives.

St. Michael is known as the protector, the one who leads the heavenly armies against the forces of evil. His name means *"Who is like God?"* (a battle cry reminding us of God's power). He is the patron saint of police officers, soldiers, and all who defend truth and justice.

St. Gabriel is the messenger of God's great news. His name means *"Strength of God."* It was Gabriel who appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation, announcing that she would bear the Son of God. He is the patron saint of all who proclaim the Good News—especially teachers, catechists, and those working in communications.

St. Raphael is the angel of healing. His name means *"God heals."* We meet him in the Book of Tobit, where he accompanies young Tobiah on his journey, healing his father's blindness and protecting him along the way. Raphael is the patron saint of travelers, the sick, and those seeking healing of body and spirit.

Together, these Archangels remind us that God sends His messengers to protect, guide, and heal His people. Their feast is an invitation to trust more deeply in God's providence and to call upon the Archangels in our daily lives.

Let us pray: *St. Michael, defend us in battle. St. Gabriel, bring us God's word. St. Raphael, heal us in our needs. Holy Archangels, watch over us and lead us closer to God.*

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."



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!**

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.

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



THIS WEEK AT SFDS

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, Sept. 28	8:00 – 9:00 AM	Mass - Vulcan
	11:00 – 12:00 AM	Mass - High River
	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Confessions
	5:00 – 6:00 PM	Mass - High River
Monday, Sept. 29	8:00 – 9:00 AM	Confessions
	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Daily Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 30	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Confessions
	7:00 – 7:45 PM	Daily Mass
Wednesday, Oct. 1	1:00 – 2:30 AM	Grief Shairing Meeting
	3:15 - 3:45 PM	Liturgy at Seasons (Deacon Larry)
	4:00 - 4:30 PM	Liturgy at HR Hospital (Deacon Larry)
	5:00 – 6:00 PM	Confessions
	6:00 – 6:45 PM	Daily Mass
Thursday, Oct. 2	6:45 – 8:00 PM	Bible Study
	8:00 – 9:15 AM	Confessions
	9:15 – 10:00 AM	Daily Mass
	10:00 - 9:00 PM	Adoration and Benediction
	6:45 - 8:30 PM	RCIA
Friday, Oct. 3	8:00 – 9:15 AM	Confessions
	9:15 – 10:00 AM	Daily Mass
	9:00 - 11:30 AM	TOPS Group - East Hall
Saturday, Oct. 4	8:00 – 9:00 AM	Confessions
	9:00 - 9:30 AM	Daily Mass
	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Confessions
	5:00 – 6:00 PM	Vigil Mass

*"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."
~ St. Francis of Assisi*



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

September 1– 30, 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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