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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

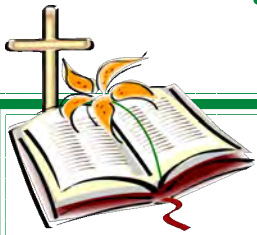
CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Exodus 22:21-27) The Torah or first five books of Moses are the most sacred part of the Hebrew Bible. The famous shema prayer is spoken twice a day: "Shema Yisrael—Listen O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" But it is not enough to just love God. Today's reading calls for care of others. Israel's laws are conditioned by a compassionate concern for the defenseless person, the alien, the poor, the widow, the orphan, because God is compassionate.

Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10) As a result of a "disturbance" in Thessalonica Paul and Silas had to leave, but they never left in spirit. This letter to the Thessalonian converts shows how concerned Paul was over their spiritual welfare, and how thankful Paul was over the way they embraced the truth. There was "affliction" at Thessalonica, and "joy" as well, for Paul and his fellow workers. So well have they imitated Christ and Paul that they themselves have become persons whom others should imitate.

Gospel: (Matthew 22-34-40) The Law of Moses contained 613 regulations, and in theory, all were to be observed with equal fervor. But religious teachers saw some as more important than others, some being "light" and some being "heavy". The lawyer who asked Jesus what he regarded as the greatest commandment wanted to know how the Torah (God's law) is to be put into practice in daily life. Jesus responds by removing the love of God and the love of neighbor from any list of religious laws and observances. He puts love of God and human love on the same plane, making them the background and texture of all teaching and behavior.

For more information about this reflection go to <https://rcdos.ca/our-faith/growing-in-your-catholic-faith/faith-resources/>



October 24,
2026

Love God....and Your Neighbour

Jesus tells us to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Loving God sounds easy enough. After all, God is a loving patient, forgiving and always ready to listen.

But loving our neighbour? That can be more challenging! Especially when our neighbour mows the lawn at 7:00 am on Saturday, parks in front of our driveway, or has a dog that apparently believes barking is a full-time ministry. And then there are the neighbours sitting next to us at Mass – the ones who sing loudly, slightly off-key, and somehow always find the last available parking spot!

Yet Jesus doesn't say, "Love your neighbour when they are nice, quiet and agree with you." **He simply says, "love your neighbour as yourself."**

Perhaps that's why God gave us neighbours. Not just to make life interesting, but to give us daily opportunities to practise patience, kindness, and forgiveness.

After all, loving God is easy when we're kneeling in church. The real test begins when we walk into real life!



NOVEMBER 2, 2026 ALL SOULS' DAY

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES



Candle Light Service for All Souls

Our Candle Mass celebration will take place on **Monday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00 pm**. This special Mass is dedicated to all the deceased from our parish and our families and friends. During the service, we will remember our departed loved ones through prayer and by lighting candles.

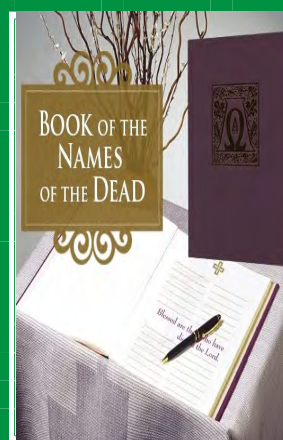
If you have a family member or friend who passed away in the past year (**November 2025 to present**) please let Nancy know and they will be added to the Candle Light Service. If their funeral was not here, **please bring in a picture**, with the details of **name, date of birth and date of death**.

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 church or call Nancy in the church office, at 403-652-2203 or email her at secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

Deadline is October 31, 2026





POPE LEO XIV: “I TRULY FELT YOUR SUPPORT!”

Pope Leo XIV has thanked Catholics around the world for their prayers and support during his recent surgery and stay in hospital.

Speaking to thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, the Holy Father expressed his gratitude. “I want to thank everyone who prayed for me in recent days. I truly felt your support. Thank you!”

The Pope also thanked the doctors, nurses, and medical staff at Rome's Gemelli Hospital for their care. He shared that his time in hospital helped him feel especially close to those who are sick, suffering, or struggling with their health.

Pope Leo spent five days in hospital following surgery to remove the lower part of his right lung after doctors discovered a small growth. He returned to the Vatican on October 17 and is now recovering well.

The Holy Father said he will gradually return to his regular duties, trusting in God's help and the continued prayers of the faithful.

During his message, Pope Leo also reminded everyone of World Mission Sunday and encouraged Catholics to continue sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world.

Let us continue to keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers, asking God to give him strength, good health, and wisdom as he leads our Church.



World Mission Day 2026: One in Christ, United in Mission

In his message for World Mission Day 2026, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that our Christian mission begins with being united in Christ. Jesus prayed that all his disciples might be one, so that the world may believe in him (John 17:21).

Our unity is not simply about getting along. It means placing Christ at the centre of our lives, building communities rooted in faith, forgiveness and mutual respect. Although we may have different gifts and traditions, we share one mission: to make Christ's love visible to the world.

The Holy Father reminds us that every baptized person has a role in proclaiming the Gospel. We participate in this mission through prayer, acts of charity, our daily witness and support for missionaries, especially those serving the poorest and most vulnerable.

As Pope Leo XIV emphasizes, unity is not uniformity; it is the coming together of our different gifts for the same purpose. May we grow closer to Christ, love one another more deeply and become joyful witnesses of God's love in our families, parish and community.

This World Mission Day, let us remember that every prayer, every act of kindness and every gift can help bring Christ's love to the world.



Pastoral Care Ministry

HIGH RIVER

OCTOBER 2026



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FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETINGS



OCTOBER 17 & 24, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 PM
PARISH HALL | ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

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CWL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



ST FRANCIS DE SALES CWL WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HIGH RIVER FOOD BANK BEGINNING ON **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026**, AND RUNNING THROUGH TO **DECEMBER 9TH, 2026**.

ALL NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS (CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, CANNED TUNA, SALMON, HAM, CHICKEN, BEANS, PASTA, DRY GOODS, PASTA SAUCES, TOILETRIES, ETC. ARE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED AND CAN BE DROPPED OFF ANYTIME IN THE CHURCH HALL BEGINNING **NOVEMBER 1ST**.

'WHATSOEVER YOU DO TO THE LEAST OF MY PEOPLE, THAT YOU DO UNTO ME' MATTHEW 25:40





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.**

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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!

SFDS Ministry Schedule—Oct. 31 & Nov. 01, 2026

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Cullen's & Richie's	Dennis & Carol	N/A
<u>Lector</u>	Ann-Marie/Donna	Don/Geraldine	Toni/Joanne
<u>Choir</u>	SFDS Community Choir	Children's Choir	N/A
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	Dennis & Carol	N/A

AN OINTING OF THE SICK

If you have been admitted to any of the following hospitals in Calgary and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you may contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Center.

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Serving the following hospitals

- Alberta Children's Hospital
- Foothills Hospital
- Peter Lougheed Hospital
- Rockyview General Hospital
- South Health Campus

YOU ARE CALLED.
YOU MATTER.
YOU BELONG.



October 24 – Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Saint Anthony Mary Claret (born Antoni Maria Claret) 23 December 1807 – 24 October 1870) was a Spanish Catholic prelate and missionary who served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba and was the confessor of Queen Isabella II.

He founded the congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, commonly called the Claretians. In addition to the Claretians, which in the early 21st century had over 450 houses and 3100 members, with missions in five continents, Claret founded or drew up the rules of several communities of religious sisters. Claret is the patron saint of weavers

October 28 - Saint Simon and Saint Jude

Today, the Church honors Saints Simon and Jude, two of the Twelve Apostles chosen by our Lord. They were two of the first bishops through whom our Lord established His Church and from whom every bishop, priest, and deacon is a spiritual descendant.

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Saint Jude is most famously recognized as the patron saint of hopeless causes, desperate situations, and impossible cases. When people feel entirely helpless, alone, or at a complete dead-end in life, they traditionally turn to St. Jude for comfort and intercession.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. Saint Simon the Apostle is the patronsaint of saw workers, tanners, and woodworkers. His patronage is linked to traditional accounts of his martyrdom, which state that he was sawed in half for his faith.

Mass Intentions for October 1– 31, 2026

October 1	9:15 am	John Hoffart & Family †
October 2	9:15 am	Ella Fung †
October 3	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Mary Campbell † Our Parish
October 4	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Gerry McAuley † Jonathon & Family Rena Morrison
October 5	9:00 am	Patsy Bane
October 6	7:00 pm	Bruce Soch †
October 7	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
October 8	9:15 am	John Hoffart & Family †
October 9	9:15 am	Marcel Brossart
October 10	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Terry Van Wezel † Frank Charette †
October 11	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Our Parish Romeo & Rosalina Jalos-jos †
October 12	9:00 am	Anne Hemerling †
October 13	7:00 pm	Jonathon & Family
October 14	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	"Ad Intentionem Dantis" SFDS CWL Sisters
October 15	9:15 am	Rena Morrison
October 16	9:15 am	John Gall †
October 17	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Edie Izyk † T.J
October 18	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Joan MacDougall † Jonathon & Family Our Parish
October 19	9:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
October 20	7:00 pm	Mike & Sue Amatto
October 21	3:15 pm—(Seasons) 6:00 pm	"Ad Intentionem Dantis" Ruth Martinez †
October 22	9:15 am	Frank Charette †
October 23	9:15 am	Jerry, Raylene Rosell & Family
October 24	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Judy McLaughlin Our Parish
October 25	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Gerry McAuley † George & Mary-Ann Dearing Jovito Zerna Jr. †
October 26	9:00 am	Dominic Collucci †
October 27	7:00 pm	Adelina Collucci †
October 28	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	"Ad Intentionem Dantis" Theresa Marra †
October 29	9:15 am	Kathy Setka †
October 30	9:15 am	Michael Ryan †
October 31	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Theresa Schipanni † Glenda Goudie †



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