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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

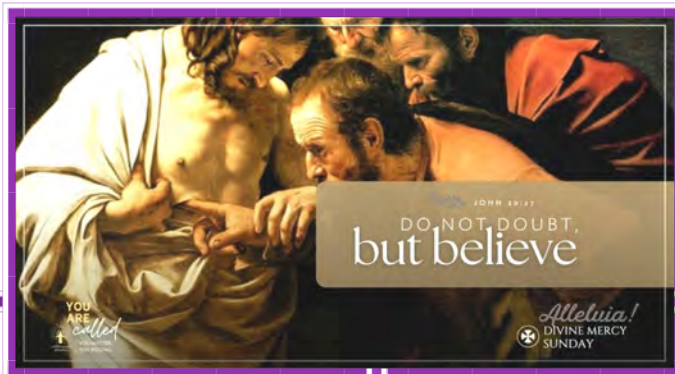
CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Second Sunday Of Easter



April 5,
2026

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 2:42-47) During these fifty days of Easter, the first reading will come from the Acts of the Apostles. Hearing about the growth of the early Christian community tells us that any community that claims faith in the risen Jesus is characterized by some fundamental elements: teaching or catechesis, the breaking of the bread, the baptizing of “many,” and reaching out to the less fortunate. These elements are still part of a Christian community.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 1:3-9) In the afterglow of the baptism of the elect at the Easter vigil, it is good to be reminded that every baptism of a new member is as much a new birth for the faith community as it is of the newly baptized. The church is “reborn” every time it adds a new member. It is in this context that we consider Peter’s first sermon, which unpacks for us the rationale of the trials and sufferings to be endured as the gold tested by fire.

Gospel: (John 20:19-31) We might find it difficult to believe that faith was no easier for the first disciples than it is for us today over 2,000 years later. John describes a community united not by faith, but by fear. Ever since Jesus first said “Peace be with you,” we have continued to need those reassuring words to combat our own fears. This phrase is still part of our liturgy for this reason. Thomas reminds us that doubt is not the enemy of faith, but fear is. He also illustrates our human need for touch, for physical encounter a need met profoundly in the celebration of our sacraments.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

If you think your sins are too big, wait until you see God’s Mercy! 😊 Today we remember that Divine Mercy reaches everyone – the serious, the forgetful, and those who sometimes “forget” their prayers... or their car keys. 😊

Come to church, smile, and feel that God’s heart is bigger than our to-do lists and everyday excuses. ❤️

Submitted by Fr. Mariusz

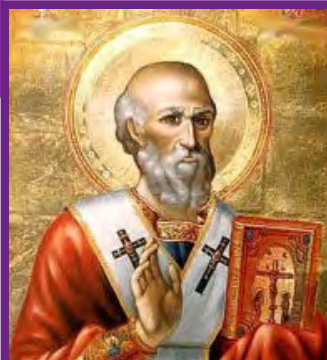


Share The Word/ Soup & Bun Donations

A huge Thank You to all that donated to Soup & Bun during lent. The funds donated have gone towards our Share the Word Program.

We collected **\$825.60!**

Greatly Appreciated!



“The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the ultimate proof of God’s power to redeem and transform all things.”

- St Athanasius

Holy Octave Week

The masses through the Holy Octave Week will be at the regular times of the weekday masses.
All are welcome!





You Are Not Alone – Grief Sharing Support Group

A Christ-centered path to healing after loss

Grief is one of the most profound and painful experiences of the human heart. The loss of a spouse, family member, or close friend can shake the very foundation of our lives, leaving us with sorrow, confusion, and deep loneliness. In these moments, we may ask, “Where is God in my pain?”

If you are walking through the valley of grief, we invite you to take a step toward healing in the loving presence of Christ and the support of a faith-filled community. Beginning on **April 13**, our parish will host a **Grief Sharing** program, grounded in Christian compassion and understanding. The video sessions will take place **every Monday Evening from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**.

- **April 13** – Is This Normal?
- **April 20** – Your Grief Journey
- **April 27** – Loneliness & Sadness
- **May 4** – Self-Care
- **May 11** – Fearful & Overwhelmed
- **May 18** – Anger and Regrets
- **May 25** – Grief & Your Household/Friendship
- **June 1** – Questions for God. Stuck in Grief.
- **June 8** – Hope & Resilience. What Do I Live For Now?



Grief Sharing is more than just a support group – it is a spiritual journey. Through Scripture, prayer, group discussion, and gentle guidance, we seek to discover the hope and comfort that only God can provide. Together, we will reflect on the healing promises of Christ, who said, “*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted*” (Matthew 5:4).

This group is a safe and welcoming space where you can speak freely about your loss, listen to the stories of others, and begin to experience God’s peace, even in the midst of sorrow.

If you feel called to take part in this ministry of healing, please contact the **parish office** at: (secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com) or speak directly with **Sharon** (Sharon Wallace sewallace74@gmail.com) who will be facilitating the program.

*Remember, grief shared in faith is never carried alone.
Christ walks with you – and so do we.*



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Knights of Columbus meeting
Monday April 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm
at SFDS in the church hall.

**All Knights in good standing are
encouraged to attend.**

SEVEN CONVENTS IN ONE DAY

YOUNG WOMEN'S NUN RUN

SAT, APR 25 **Saturday, April 25, 2026** **Register >>>**
Starts 9 am at or email
150 Providence Blvd SE, Calgary sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca

Young Women: Visit seven convents in one day and meet women living their vocation with joy and purpose. A unique opportunity for young women to encounter religious life firsthand and hear their stories. When: **Sat, Apr 25 at 9 am - starts at 150 Providence Blvd. SE, Calgary.**

Speak, Lord

YOUR SERVANT
IS LISTENING

MAY 31 **TRINITY SUNDAY** | **10 AM TO 4:30 PM (11 AM MASS)**
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, CALGARY

Speakers
KEYNOTES
Fr. Brian Duggan
Michelle Diment
Bishop William T. McGrattan
Our MCs: Fr. Santiago Torres and Francesca Ambrosino

PANELISTS
Sr. Katrina Le, SDM
Br. Aldin Canobas, OFM
Fr. Nathan Siray
Sergio & Mary Plazas

Register
CATHOLICYC.CA/vocationsrally

FREE ADMISSION, MASS, TALKS, PANEL DISCUSSION, COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH, INTERACTIVE BOOTHS, Q&A

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The Importance of Divine Mercy Sunday

As your parish priest, I would like to share a few thoughts on the profound significance of **Divine Mercy Sunday**, which we will celebrate this year on **Sunday, April 12**, at 3:00 PM with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy is at the heart of God's love for each one of us. Through the revelations given to **St. Faustina Kowalska**, we are reminded that no sin is too great for God's forgiveness, and that His mercy is always available to heal, comfort, and renew us. In today's world, where so many feel lost, discouraged, or burdened by guilt, this message of mercy is not only relevant—it is essential.

Our celebration is a special opportunity to encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, to meditate on His infinite mercy, and to open our hearts to the grace He offers. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayed with trust, is a powerful reminder that Jesus Himself invites us: *"Jesus, I trust in You."*

For our parish, Divine Mercy Sunday is a moment to unite as a community in prayer and love, to support one another spiritually, and to bring God's mercy into our daily lives. I invite all of you – young and old – to join us, to experience God's healing touch, and to share His mercy with others.

Let us pray that through this devotion, our hearts will be strengthened, our faith renewed, and our lives transformed by the boundless love of God.

With blessings in Christ,
Fr. Marius

Q&A Session

With Fr. Mariusz

**Fr. Marius Answers the
Liturgical Questions
from Parishioners**



Why is that big candle next to the altar?

One of the most beautiful symbols of our **Easter celebration** is the **Easter Candle**, also called the **Paschal Candle**. This large, decorated candle is first lit during the **Easter Vigil**, representing the **Risen Christ, the Light of the World**.

The tradition of the Easter Candle dates back to the **4th century**, when early Christians in Rome and Constantinople would light a large candle during the Easter Vigil to symbolize the victory of Christ over darkness and death. Over time, it became a central part of the Church's liturgy, with symbols such as the **cross, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year** to remind us that Christ is present **from the beginning to the end of time**.

The flame of the Paschal Candle is more than decoration – it reminds us that Jesus brings **hope, life, and salvation**. After the Easter Vigil, the candle is lit during **baptisms and funerals**, symbolizing that Christ's light guides us through the beginning and end of life.

This Easter, as we see the Paschal Candle shining in our church, let it remind us to carry Christ's light into our hearts, our homes, and our parish community.

With Easter blessings,
Fr. Marius





Saint Kateri Tekakwitha – “The Lily of the Mohawks”

This month on 17 of April, we will celebrate an extraordinary saint whose life is a shining example of perseverance in faith and love for God – **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**.

She was born in 1656 in the Mohawk village of present-day New York, in a family of Native Americans. Her childhood was difficult

– she lost her parents at a young age and suffered partial blindness and facial scarring from an illness. Despite these challenges, Kateri learned about Christianity through Jesuit missionaries and eventually received baptism, dedicating her life entirely to God.

Saint Kateri is remembered for her deep prayer life, humility, and devotion to serving others. She lived in simplicity, cared for the sick and needy, and avoided all forms of violence. Her spiritual life was marked by perseverance and love – she was a true witness of the Gospel among her people.

She died at the age of 24 in 1680, and the Church canonized her in 2012, making her the first Native American saint. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the patroness of Native Americans, the sick and suffering, and young people learning to live their faith.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Today

Although she lived over 300 years ago, her life still speaks to us today. In a world full of rush, social media, and pressure to look a certain way, Kateri reminds us that true beauty lies in the heart and in our relationship with God. Her commitment to service and care for others inspires us to practice daily acts of kindness – toward family, neighbors, and those in need.

Saint Kateri also teaches us perseverance in faith despite challenges or rejection. In today’s world, where it is easy to feel discouraged or compare ourselves to others, her life shows that living according to Christian values is always worthwhile, even if the world around us seems to overlook them.

We encourage all parishioners to pray for perseverance in faith and a spirit of service to others, asking Saint Kateri Tekakwitha to intercede for us in our daily lives.



Winners of the Children’s Baskets

Catherine Mills
Corinne Pothier
Donna Abramson
Isabelle Parent
Sean Milan

Winners of the Adult Baskets

Valerie Schey
Delores Part
Paul Chisolm
Marlene Powell

Thank you to everyone who contributed in making the raffle a resounding success, and **Thank You** to everyone who purchased tickets!



EASTER
SEASON
2026: APR 5
- MAY 24

Small Steps of Faith at Home

1. Prayer

Prayer: Learn the *Regina Caeli* and pray it at 6pm every day this Easter

2. Sacraments

As a family, go to confession on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday (Apr 12) to receive the grace of God’s mercy.

3. Celebrate

Every Sunday this Easter, consider getting a treat after Mass as a family. Consider making this a yearly tradition!

Kids Corner:

Activities for Easter:

- Make a stained glass cross to tape to a window
- Colour and assemble this Resurrection set with cardstock and toilet rolls. Place it on your family’s altar and leave fresh flowers by it during the Easter season
- Colour this page of the Resurrection
- Make a Pascal Candle at home to light at dinner for the Easter Season

Divine Mercy



Learn how to pray the chaplet and more about this devotion



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, April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday - St. Martin I

9:00 – 10:00 AM – Mass (Vulcan)
11:00 – 12:00 AM – Mass (High River)
1:00 – 2:45 PM – Couples For Christ
4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confessions
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Mass

Monday, April 13

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass
7:00 – 9:00 PM – K of C Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

3:15 – 3:45 PM – Mass at Seasons HR
4:00 – 4:30 PM – Liturgy at HR Hospital
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Confession
6:00 – 6:45 PM – Mass

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:45 – 9:15 AM – Confession
8:45 – 9:15 AM – Rosary
9:00 – 11:30 AM – TOPS Group Meeting
9:15 – 10:00 AM – Mass—Grade 5

Saturday, April 18—Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin

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
6:00 – 7:00 PM – 1st Communion Class #4



SFDS Ministry Schedule **April 18 & 19, 2026**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Al G.	Offie & Lena	*****
<u>Lector</u>	Donna & Ann-Marie	Geraldine & Don	Brandt & Rosemarie
<u>Choir</u>	Rob & Nancy's Group	Rob & Nancy's Group	*****
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>Share The Word</u>	N/A	Charina, Janelle, Bridget	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.

403-231-9505

Serving the following hospitals

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



MASS INTENTIONS

April 1– 30, 2026

April 1	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
April 2	9:15 am	No Mass
April 3	*****	No Mass
April 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Blessing of the Food Easter Vigil
April 5	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Brijido Mejia † Carolyn Kuziw †
April 6	9:00 am	James & Catherine Baylado†
April 7	7:00 pm	Joaquin & Prescilla Amores †
April 8	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Helen Westmoreland † SFDS CWL Sisters
April 9	9:15 am	Felimon & Diana Pajam †
April 10	9:15 am	Helen Leible †
April 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Gilles Trembley † Ann-Marie Stokes †
April 12	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew CWL Sisters Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
April 13	9:00 am	No Mass
April 14	7:00 pm	Diane McKay †
April 15	3:15 pm (Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Fr. Mariusz Francisco Mulato †
April 16	9:15 am	Josephine Owens †
April 17	9:15 am	Ter Hamer †
April 18	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Juliana Toro † Our Parish
April 19	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Boguita Andruszkiewicz † Carolyn Kuziw †
April 20	9:00 am	No Mass
April 21	7:00 pm	Darlene Gillis †
April 22	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Esther Magosse † Norman Fallows
April 23	9:15 am	Steve & Deidre Abma & Family
April 24	9:15 am	Sophie D'sa
April 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Suzanne Baxter Lillian Schmidt †
April 26	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Julaine Hamer Carolyn Kuziw †
April 27	9:00 am	No Mass
April 28	7:00 pm	Greg Rosell
April 29	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Esther Magosse † Tom Rosell
April 30	9:15 am	Kari Amlin



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