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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Third Sunday Of Easter

April 19,
2026



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 2:14, 22b-28) Peter's testimony features prominently today, both in the first and the second reading. While Scripture chronicles the development of the early church, we also hear what it is that brings the early Christians together: the risen Christ who has won new life for us at great personal and "cosmic" cost. Peter's words recall God's unwavering power and faithfulness, revealed in the unique relationship between Father and Son.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 1:17-21) In recalling the inspired preaching of the early church through the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus, time collapses in human history. The Good News then is still Good News today. And so Peter's command – "live in reverent fear" – compels us to also claim our salvation in the blood of Jesus. This sermon is a summary of the saving effects of Christ's life, death and resurrection – the Paschal mystery that is at the heart of our faith.

Gospel: (Luke 24:13-35) This account by Luke of one of the resurrection appearances reflects deep eucharistic and liturgical movements that we still encounter in today's celebration of the Mass. Hearing the stranger open up the scriptures upon the Road to Emmaus, and then sharing table fellowship with the stranger opens the two travelers to insight and communion. By interpreting the Scriptures and breaking bread with the two disciples, Jesus reveals himself. Jesus still reveals himself to us in the celebration of the Eucharist. The "burning within us" described by the disciples attests to the validity of their experience, a revelation that turns the depressed disciples into courageous witnesses once again.

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

Q&A Session

With Fr. Mariusz

Fr. Marius Answers the Liturgical Questions from Parishioners



What Does the Easter Season Mean for Catholics Today?

The Easter season is the most important and joyful time in the Catholic Church's year. It begins on Easter and lasts for 50 days, ending with Pentecost. Rather than being just one day, Easter is an entire season—a kind of "extended celebration" of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At its heart, the Easter season is about new life. Catholics believe that through His resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death and opened the way to eternal life. That's not just a past event—it's something that shapes how we live right now. Easter tells us that no situation is beyond hope, no failure is final, and no darkness can overcome the light of Christ.

You'll notice the tone of the Church changes during this time. The word "Alleluia" returns after being absent during Lent. The liturgy feels brighter and more celebratory. The Paschal candle, a large and prominent symbol in the church, reminds us that Christ is alive and present among us.

But the Easter season isn't only about celebration—it's also about transformation. During the Easter Vigil, Catholics renew their baptismal promises. In a very real way, the Church invites us to reset—to let go of old habits, to turn away from sin, and to live more intentionally as followers of Christ. It's a time to ask: *What does it actually mean for me to live as someone who believes in the resurrection?*

Another key part of this season is the presence of the Holy Spirit. As we move toward Pentecost, we're reminded that God doesn't leave us on our own. The Holy Spirit strengthens, guides, and equips us to live out our faith in everyday life—at home, at work, and in our relationships.

In a modern world that often feels fast, uncertain, or even discouraging, the Easter season offers something deeply relevant: hope that lasts, meaning that goes beyond success or failure, and a reminder that life ultimately wins over death.

For Catholics today, Easter is not just something we remember—it's something we're called to live. Every day of this season is an invitation to carry the joy of the resurrection into ordinary life: in how we treat others, how we face challenges, and how we trust in God.

The message is simple, but powerful: Christ is risen—and that changes everything.

Fr. Marius



*"Make Christ more visible
then we ourselves."*

- Blessed Maria Karlowska



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?

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.**

SFDS GAME NIGHT

**TRY A GAME,
TEACH A GAME!**

Bring your fave boardgames, card games, and snacks for a fun time of gaming and fellowship.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



**BACK TO
FRIDAYS!**

6:00 PM

APRIL 24, 2026

MAY 22, 2026

JUNE 26, 2026



National Volunteer Week - Apr 19-25

This year, as we mark the Year of St. Francis, we are drawn again to a simple and challenging call: *serve one another humbly in love* (Galatians 5:13). St. Francis showed us that renewal

in the Church begins not with grand plans, but with small, faithful acts of love lived each day.

In our parishes, this is already happening. In quiet acts of service, in faithful presence, in generosity that often goes unseen, our volunteers help make Christ known. Through their willingness to serve where needed, they foster a spirit of welcome, reverence, and care that shapes the life of our communities.

To our Volunteers and Parish Ministers:

"*Serve one another humbly in love.*" (Galatians 5:13) Thank you for your steady and faithful witness. In a time when the Church is called to renewal and mission, your service becomes a concrete expression of the Gospel. You show us that the call of every baptized person is not distant or abstract, but lived here and now, in love freely given.



COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM



The **Christian Life Program (CLP)** is an integrated course to help couples, single men and women, widows and widowers to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with Christ.

SUNDAYS @ 1:00 PM BEGINNING APR. 12



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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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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 19

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

Monday, April 20

9:00 – 9:45 AM – **No Mass**
6:30 – 8:30 PM – Grief Share Program

Tuesday, April 21—St. Anselm

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

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23—St. George & St. Adalbert

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 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

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 25—St. Mark

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



SFDS Ministry Schedule April 25 & 26, 2026

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Catherine M.	Cliff & Bae	*****
<u>Lector</u>	Sharon & Susan	Jessieca & Liezel	Johnnie & Brandt
<u>Choir</u>	SFDS Community Choir	SFDS Community Choir	*****
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	Gerry M. & Family	N/A
<u>Share The Word</u>	N/A	Ann-Marie Diane	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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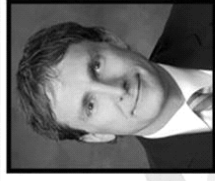
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