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Prayer for Vocations

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fourth Sunday Of Easter



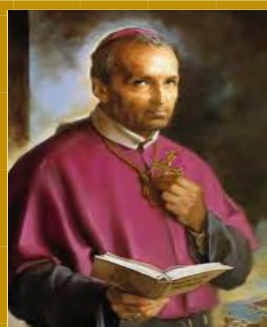
Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 2:14a, 36b-41) The rhythm of readings in this Easter season remains the same every Sunday: Acts, Peter and the Gospel of John (with one exception last week – the Road to Emmaus Gospel from Luke). The church stresses this season as a time to reconnect with our fragile but forceful beginnings. In this section, the conclusion of Peter's sermon on Pentecost, we see and hear how Peter invites the crowd to repent and be baptized, similar to Jesus' own ministry. The crowd is "cut to the heart," indicating that they have grasped the meaning of Peter's message about the crucified and risen Jesus.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 2:20b-25) Peter sets out a theology of suffering, with the main message being patient endurance. This endurance is integral to the Christian understanding of the suffering of Christ Jesus himself, one whose suffering echoes the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53 from which Peter's quote in verse 22 is taken. God's gift to all people, past-present-future, is that in Christ, God bore the problem of our sin himself, and we no longer have to be slave to sin – rather, we are redeemed in Christ, a redemption which we claim and celebrate in Baptism.

Gospel: (John 10:1-10) Every year this Fourth Sunday of Easter is "Good Shepherd Sunday." While Peter in Acts speaks of this salvation being for "all who the Lord calls," in his letter he speaks of patient endurance as that to which "you have been called." Here, in John's gospel, Jesus speaks about calling "his own sheep by name and leading them out." There is something unique about Jesus' voice that calls, something that finds resonance deep in our heart.

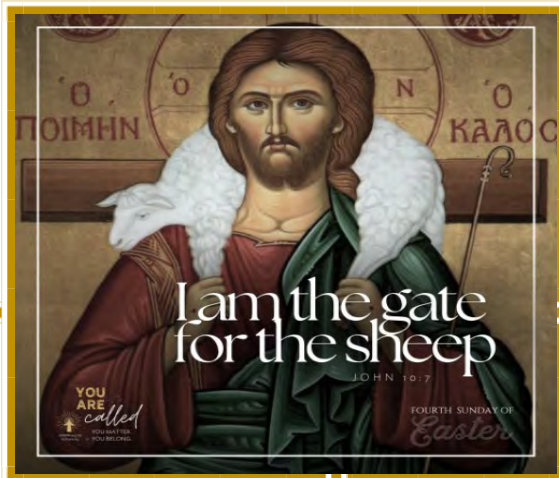
For more information about these reflections, please contact Kiply Lukan Yaworski, Diocese Communications, 306-659-5844 or kyaworski@rcdos.ca.



"It is not necessary to acquire riches nor to obtain dignities, nor to gain a great name. The only thing necessary is to love God."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

April 26, 2026



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Listening for God's Call in Our Lives

Every year, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter—also known as Good Shepherd Sunday—the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is a special moment when we are invited to reflect more deeply on the meaning of vocation and to pray that many will respond generously to God's call.

A vocation is more than just a career or life choice. It is a call from God—a personal invitation to live our lives in a way that reflects His love and serves others. For some, this call leads to the priesthood or religious life. For others, it is lived out in marriage, family life, or dedicated service within the Church and society. Every vocation is important, and every calling is rooted in love.

In today's world, where there are many distractions and competing voices, it can be difficult to hear God's call. That is why prayer is so essential. The World Day of Prayer for Vocations reminds us that vocations are born in prayer, nurtured in community, and sustained by faith.

As a Church, we have a responsibility to create an environment where vocations can grow. This begins in our families, where faith is first taught and lived. It continues in our parishes, where young people should feel encouraged, supported, and inspired to ask: "What does God want from my life?"

On this day, we also remember with gratitude those priests and religious who have served in our parish over the years. We ask for your prayers for those who baptized us, heard our confessions, witnessed our marriages, and those who have gone before us into eternal life. May the Lord reward them for their faithful service and grant them His peace.

Let us take this opportunity to pray especially for young people, that they may have the courage to listen and the generosity to respond. Let us pray for priests and religious, that they may remain faithful and joyful in their calling. And let us ask ourselves: how is God calling me today?

Because in the end, the question of vocation is not just for a few—it is for all of us.





We are inviting you to be a part of our Flower Fundraiser once again this spring! As usual, there is a great selection of new hanging baskets and potted annuals to choose from.
We will receive a commission of 25% of the total sales!

Here are the instructions for our group. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me. Supplies are limited, plants are in high demand, and this platform is open to other groups as well, so **for best selection, order early!**

The password will be activated and the website will be open for **orders starting on Wednesday April 22nd** and will remain open until May 17th. Do not submit any orders after this date - our group code will be closed at that point and you will not be able to link to our group.

Please read through all of the instructions below.
The most important step is the GROUP CODE.

Please ensure that you understand the instructions before proceeding. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

Instructions:

- Click or copy the link to find your way to the Greenhouse Effects website: www.greenhouseeffects.ca
- Click "Shop" and find the Fundraising Program.
- Click "Shop Now" and enter **Guest Password: GE126** This will give you access to the online store for ordering.

There are 36 unique Hanging Basket mixes and 75 individually potted plants for you to choose from.

- Once you have made your selections, continue to your Cart. This is where you will enter your **GROUP CODE: Francis26** in the promo code box.

*** This is very important. The purpose of the code is to link your purchase to our group. The code does not provide any further discount. However, please ensure you complete this step! Thank you!**

- From here you can proceed to Payment. You will go through the usual steps for an online purchase, and be asked for your **GROUP CODE** once more.
- Once you submit your payment you are all ready to go!

Your order will be processed and delivered to St. Francis Church, High River, **for pickup on May 20th, 2026.**

Happy shopping!



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- In Year 1 of the Multiply the Hope Matching Campaign:
- \$4 million matched for parish loans
 - \$3 million matched for repairs and maintenance

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Multiply the Hope continues through the end of 2027, and even though the initial response has been strong, \$4.9M in matching funds remains available for parishes across the Diocese. Bishop McGrattan has encouraged each parish to take part in this once-in-a-generation initiative by fully embracing the campaign.

Learn more: www.catholicyyc.ca/multiplythehope



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers who love to do gardening to help maintain our flower beds. The weeds seem to multiply!!

If you are interested, please talk to Therese Driver or contact the church office at 403-652-2203





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



THIS WEEK AT SFDS

Sunday, April 26 - Our Lady of Good Counsel

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

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28—St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

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

Wednesday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

3:15– 3:45 PM— Liturgy 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 30—St. Marie of the Incarnation

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, May 01—St. Pius V

8:00 - 8:00 AM— HSA Staff Mass
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 4

Saturday, May 02—St. Athanasius

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
5:00–6:00 PM— Mass



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!



SFDS Ministry Schedule **May 2 & 3, 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 & Ritchie's	Dennis & Carol	*****
<u>Lector</u>	Lana & Dale	Holy Spirit Academy	Johnnie & Brandt
<u>Choir</u>	SFDS Community Choir	Children's Choir	*****
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	Mark M. & Family	N/A
<u>Share The Word</u>	N/A	Fr. Mariusz—Children's Homily	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**

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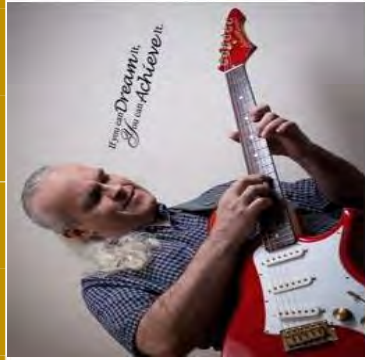
- Alberta Children's Hospital
- Foothills Hospital
- Peter Lougheed Hospital
- Rockyview General Hospital
- South Health Campus



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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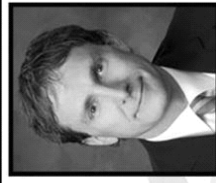
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