

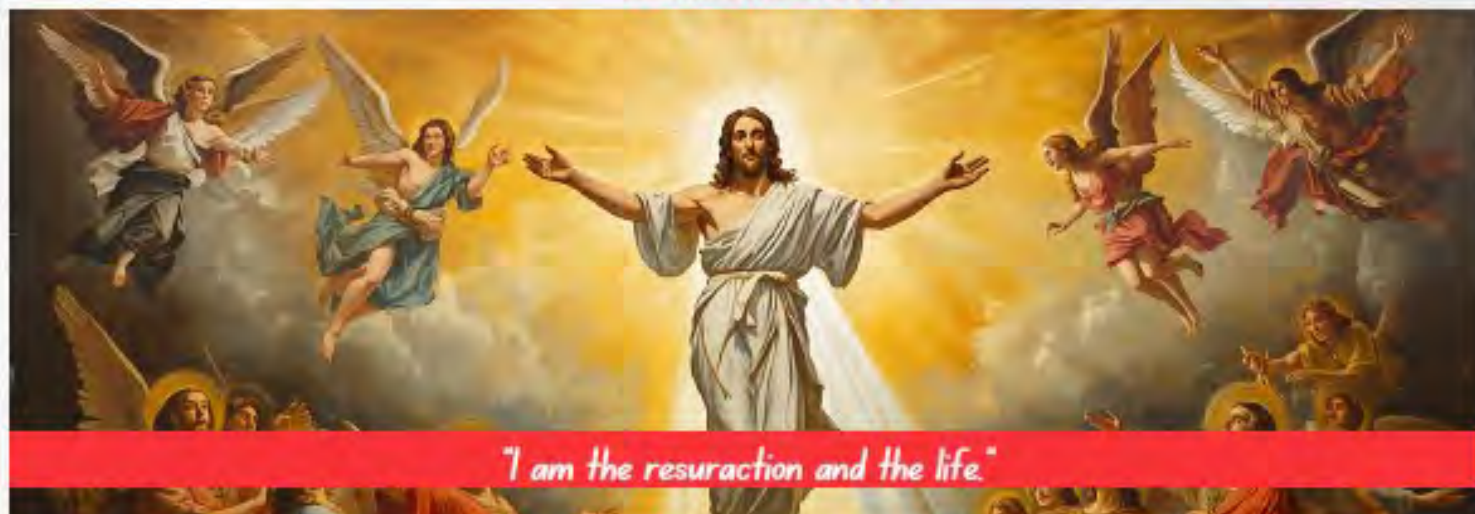


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"I am the resurrection and the life."

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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

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Easter Sunday



April 5,
2026

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 10:34a, 37-43) Chosen to be His “witnesses,” today’s First Reading tells us, the Apostles were “commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify” to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God’s saving plan—to know how “all the prophets bear witness” to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Second Reading: (Colossians 3:1-4) We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for “Christ our life,” as today’s Epistle calls Him.

Gospel: (John 20:1-18) Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives “hidden with Christ in God.” We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles’ witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too “will appear with Him in glory.”

<https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections for more info>.

There must be some mistake!

A very wealthy man died and went to heaven. An angel guided him on a tour of the celestial city. He came to a magnificent home. “Who lives there?” asked the wealthy man. “Oh,” the angel answered, “on earth he was your gardener.” The rich man got excited. If this was the way gardeners live, just think of the kind of mansion that must be prepared for me!

They walked on.

Soon they came to a small, plain house—nothing impressive at all. The angel stopped.

“This is yours,” he said gently.

The wealthy man was stunned. “Mine? This? There must be some mistake! I was rich, generous, important! Why is my house so small?”

The angel looked at him kindly and replied, “We did the best we could... but you didn’t send us much material to work with.”

Submitted by Fr. Mariusz



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped in the preparation and celebration of the Easter liturgies.

Your time, dedication, and generous sharing of your talents made it possible for our parish community to experience these holy days in such a beautiful and meaningful way. From the liturgical ministers, musicians, decorators, and volunteers, to all who worked behind the scenes—your efforts did not go unnoticed. Because of you, we were able to celebrate the

mystery of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection in a truly special and prayerful atmosphere.

May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness and service.

With gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Marius

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU
CAN BE ANYTHING
Be kind & Give to Others



Holy Octave Week

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





Dear Parishioners and Dear Guests,

Easter is the greatest and most joyful celebration in the Christian life. St. Paul reminds us that if Christ had not been raised from the dead, our faith would be in vain and all our earthly efforts would be meaningless. It is through the Resurrection of Jesus that everything in our lives that is good, beautiful, noble, and marked by love will endure forever.

On the occasion of these holy Easter days, I extend to you my heartfelt wishes. May the joy of the Resurrection radiate and illuminate your daily lives. May goodness, truth, love, harmony, and kindness always rise again in your families, in your workplaces, and in all your relationships.

May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly—may He look kindly upon you and your loved ones. May He grant you the grace of good health, strengthen you in your work, and give you courage to overcome all the challenges of everyday life. May everything that is good in your lives—like nature in spring—grow green and blossom in your personal, professional, marital, and family life.

May the light of the Empty Tomb of our Lord constantly remind you that nothing ends at the grave—on the contrary, everything truly begins there! May it restore your peace of heart and renew your hope, reminding you that in the end, good will always triumph over evil, truth over falsehood, and love over hatred.

Blessed and joyful Easter to you all!



Divine Mercy Sunday – A Celebration of God's Infinite Love

On the Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates one of the most beautiful devotions entrusted to us: Divine Mercy Sunday. This special day reminds us that no sin is greater than God's mercy and that His love is always ready to embrace us, heal us, and restore us.

The message of Divine Mercy was given to the Church through St. Faustina Kowalska, a humble Polish nun, who received from Jesus a profound call to trust in His mercy and to share it with the whole world. Jesus told her, *"The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy."* These words continue to bring hope and consolation to countless hearts.

Divine Mercy Sunday is an invitation for each of us to turn to the Lord with confidence, to receive His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to extend mercy to others in our daily lives. It is a day filled with grace, especially when we open our hearts to Jesus through prayer and trust.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our Divine Mercy celebration on **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 PM**. The celebration will include **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** and the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**, prayed together as a community.

As someone of Polish heritage, this devotion holds a very special place in my heart. It is a beautiful spiritual treasure that I am grateful to share with our parish family. I encourage everyone to come and experience the peace, hope, and healing that flow from the Heart of Jesus.

Let us come together to pray:
"Jesus, I trust in You."

LIVING Lent+
CATHOLIC LENT

TRIDUUM 2026

Join the Triduum Celebration

1 HOLY THURSDAY

- Attend Holy Thursday Mass at your parish
- Pay special attention to the consecration. This is when the Eucharist was instituted!

2 GOOD FRIDAY

- Attend Good Friday Service at your parish
- Pray the Stations of the Cross at home or join the outdoor Way of the Cross with Bishop McGrattan

3 HOLY SATURDAY

- Pray the Seven Sorrows devotion for Our Lady
- Find the schedule of Easter Mass & attend one
- Prepare for Easter!

SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED

Office Hours for Easter

The Church Office will be closed
for the Easter Holiday,
Fri. April 3—Mon. April 6

Regular office hours will resume
Tuesday, April 7, at 9:00 am.





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?

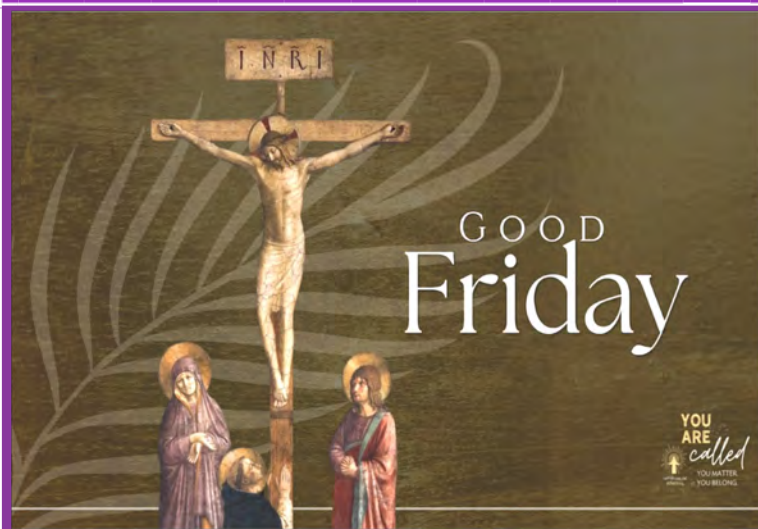


Grief Sharing is more than just a support group — it is a spiritual journey. Through Scripture, prayer, group discussion, and gentle guidance, we seek to discover the hope and comfort that only God can provide. Together, we will reflect on the healing promises of Christ, who said, “*Blessed are those 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.***



Mr. John "Jack" James Turner

Dec. 31, 1941 - Mar. 25, 2026

Mr. Jack Turner of High River, Alberta, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at the High River Hospital on March 25, 2026, at the age of 84 years.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Sharon Turner; his brother, Donald Turner; and his children: Chad Turner, Julie Turner (Alan), Dean Turner, Karen Moore (Ryan), and Brad Turner (Wendy). He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren: Jonathan, Devon, Cailynn, and Sierra Turner; Damon Turner, Erica, Rowan, and Dallas Moore; and Gracie and Halle Turner; as well as his great-grandchild, Campbell Turner. Jack was predeceased by his parents, John and Madge Turner, and his brother, Lawrence Turner.

Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Jack spent his early years living in Calgary, Michel Natel and Sparwood. He married the love of his life Sharon Kilgannon in 1963. They lived in Grande Prairie and Calgary until settling in High River in 1977. He graduated as an Electrical Technician from SAIT and went on to have an extensive career with AGT, working in Calgary and High River for over 30 years. Throughout his life, he built a legacy grounded in hard work, faith, and devotion to family and community.

Jack loved and taught others to fish. He enjoyed travelling, playing cards and board games, and searching for treasures at garage sales. He took great pride in watching his children and grandchildren participate in sports, especially hockey. Summers at Crimson Lake, BC road trips to see relatives and family gatherings in the Crownsnest Pass were among his most cherished times. A devoted member of the Catholic Church, Jack lived faithfully and was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also an active community member with the High River Kinsmen and, later in life, the Oddfellows and TOPS.

He was a Jack-of-all-trades, known for his generous spirit, his willingness to help others, and his family-first approach to life. He had a huge heart, and will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever cherished by all who knew him. May he rest in peace. Prayer Service for family and close friends will be held at Lyle Reeves Funerals on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in High River on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. An open mic and slideshow will be shared, with food and refreshments provided by the Catholic Women’s League. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed at www.lylereeves.com.





LENT 2026

MONDAY, MARCH 30
7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass
(St. Mary's Cathedral)

MASSES AT:
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Tuesday	31 March	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1 April	6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Individual Confessions

Tuesday	31 March	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1 April	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

An Easter Message

Easter is the fulfillment of our Catholic faith. The great three day liturgy of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, his great triumph over sin and death. Let us together wash each other's feet, venerate his holy cross and rejoice alongside our Risen Lord this Easter.

Experience the healing and forgiveness of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Frequently receive his body and blood at Mass. Opening yourself to the opportunities of this Easter season will allow you to participate in the fullness of this most sacred Christian feast.

Enjoy Easter the way you were meant to; with Jesus.

Fr. Marius Sztuk, SDS
Deacon Larry Driver

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 HIGH RIVER

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Solemn Adoration until midnight
8:00 - 9:00 Families
9:00 - 10:00 Mothers
10:00 - 11:00 Fathers
11:00 - 12:00 Youth

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 VULCAN

5:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6:30 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
Solemn Adoration until midnight
8:00 - 9:00 Families
9:00 - 10:00 Mothers
10:00 - 11:00 Fathers
11:00 - 12:00 Youth

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 a.m. — Blessing of the Food
8:00 p.m. — The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 a.m. Mass Vulcan
11:00 a.m. Mass High River
5:00 p.m. Mass High River



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 call 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 5 - Easter Sunday St. Vincent Ferrer

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

Monday, April 6—Office Closed

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass

Tuesday, April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle

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

Wednesday, April 8

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

Thursday, April 9

8:00 – 9:15 AM – Confession
9:15 - 10:00 AM - Mass
10:00 AM–9:00 PM –Adoration and Benediction
7:00 –8:00 PM—Prayers for Jack Turner at Lyle Reeves Funeral Home (Deacon Larry)

Friday, April 10

8:45 - 9:15 AM - Confession
8:45 – 9:15 AM – Rosary
9:15 – 10:00 AM – Mass
1:30 - 4:00 PM— Funeral Mass for Jack Turner at SFDS

Saturday, April 11—St. Stanislaus

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 – Vigil Mass—**Divine Mercy**



SFDS Ministry Schedule **April 11 & 12, 2026**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Lee A.	Mary Ann D.	*****
<u>Lector</u>	Joyce & Toni	Jessieca & Brandt	Brandt & Johnnie
<u>Choir</u>	Shelli, Riane & Family	SFDS Comm. Choir	*****
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	Couples for Christ	N/A
<u>Share The Word</u>	N/A	No class today	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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