



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN

25 JANUARY



Roman Catholic Parish
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



Office

St. Francis de Sales Parish
206 - 9th Avenue West,
High River, Alberta T1V 1A4

Office Phone # 403-652-2203
Fax # 403-601-3886
Email: secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

Contact Us

Parish Priest : Fr. Mariusz Sztuk, SDB
Email: fr-marius@francisdesaleshighriver.com
Phone: 403-992-2313

Deacon: Larry R. Driver
Email: deaconldriver@gmail.com

Secretary: Nancy Barton
Email: secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com
Phone: 403-652-2203
Sacramental Prep : Nancy Barton
Email: secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com

Music Coordinator: Donna Abramson
Email: droseabramson@gmail.com

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

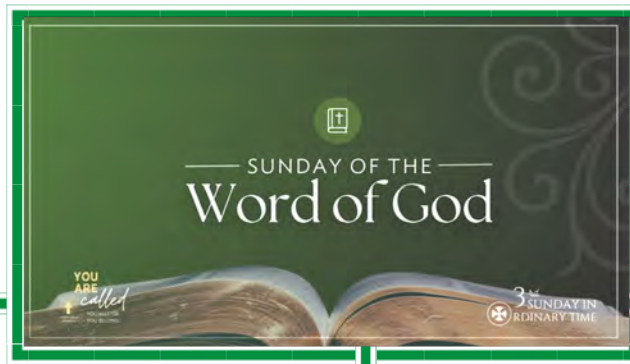
Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Isaiah 9:1-4) In the midst of Judah's darkness and despair, Isaiah's words communicate that the defeated people of Israel will get another chance at prosperity. The "former time" refers to a period of failure and oppression, the "latter time" promises new leadership in peace and harmony. It will happen because God wills it.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18) It is not hard to pick up Paul's profound disappointment in the behaviour of the "saints" of Corinth. The pettiness of their arguments mocks the Gospel and fragments the meaning of the cross. The "foolishness" of the cross is to unite, not divide. Paul is urgent and unequivocal in his call to a radical conversion of heart in all parties. Baptism demands nothing less than a complete re-orientation of how we relate to one another.

Gospel: (Matthew 4:12-23) Echoes of the Isaiah passage from the first reading sound in today's Gospel account from Matthew, after we hear that Jesus made his home in his native Nazareth. Close connections are drawn between Jesus and John the Baptist, followed by Jesus calling two sets of brothers as his disciples. Normally in Jewish custom, disciples seek out their teacher. Here Jesus takes the initiative and chooses his disciples. His appeal is such that the brothers' response is immediate and complete.

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

RIGHT QUESTIONS

I want to share with you a list of answers given by English school children on their religion exams.

Noah's wife was called Joan of the Ark.

A myth is a female moth.

Sometimes it is difficult to hear in church because the agnostics are so terrible.

The Pope lives in a vacuum.

The Fifth Commandment is "Humor your father and mother."

This is my favorite of all:

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

The point is: right answers are important, but have you thought about this - so are right questions! So the right question I want to raise with you today is this: How long has it been since you had a powerful moment that changed your life forever?

Submitted by Fr. Mariusz

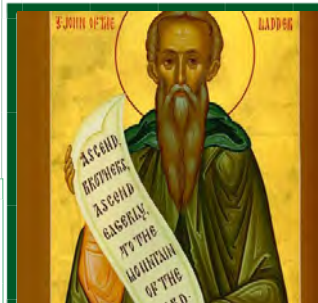


A huge "Thank You" to our Ministries of the Parish for the wonderful and dedicated job done through the Christmas Season!

**Liturgy Team, Lector Team, Decorating Team
Music Ministry, Audio/Visual, Hospitality**

You are greatly appreciated!

Powerful Moments



Hope is the power behind love. When hope fails, so does love.

- St. John Climacus



FRANCIS DE SALES,
BISHOP

**Happy Feast Day
St. Francis de Sales!**

January 24, 2026

"Have patience to walk with short steps until you have wings to fly."

-St. Francis de Sales

Online Giving



Parish Website



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Valentine's Night Celebration



St. Francis de Sales Parish warmly invites married couples to a special Valentine's Celebration centered on faith, love, and commitment.

FRIDAY

13TH FEBRUARY

This evening is an opportunity to thank God for the gift of your marriage, to renew your vows, and to spend meaningful time together in a joyful atmosphere.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

to Register call: 403.652.2203



Valentine's Day for Married Couples – Dinner for Two

Dear Married Couples,

Marriage is one of the most beautiful gifts God has entrusted to humanity. It is not just living together, but a journey where we learn love, faithfulness, forgiveness, and mutual devotion. In the sacrament of marriage, God is present every day — in joys and successes, but also in challenges and moments of trial. It is in everyday life that true love grows, matures over time, and is strengthened by trust and God's grace.

Yet today, marriage is not always easy. Many couples face difficulties. Divorce is too often an easy option. As a result, society looks at the institution of marriage with skepticism. More and more, people are choosing to live without a sacramental bond. That is why we need care, support, and encouragement for married couples, now, more than ever.

As a Church, we **wholeheartedly support the sacrament of marriage.** We want to accompany, help, and strengthen couples at every stage of their journey — in times of joy, as well as in times of trial. We hope that married couples never feel alone, and that their relationship is treated with respect and love.

Valentine's Day is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on **sacramental love lived according to God's plan.** It is also a perfect moment to pause, appreciate your marriage, and renew what is most important.

That is why we warmly invite all married couples from our parish to join us for a **Valentine's Dinner for Two.**

Evening Program:

- **5:30 PM – Holy Mass**, during which couples will renew their marriage vows from their wedding day
- **Short 15-minute break**
- **Special talk** (30–45 minutes) by **Eunice Peterson**, psychologist (*topic will be a lovely surprise!*)

Romantic dinner for two, in a beautiful Valentine's setting We want this evening to be a time of closeness, conversation, inspiration, and joy in being together.

Cost: \$60 per couple (**because of the space, we are limited to 25 couples**)

We invite you with all our hearts



May this evening be an opportunity to renew love and strengthen what God has joined together.



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Catholic Church is known as “Sunday of the Word of God”, established by a papal decree, it is observed as a special day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

On September 30th, 1990, the Feast of St Jerome, Pope Francis established “The Word of God Sunday” to be celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, beginning 26th of January 2020. St Jerome is credited with the translating of the Old Testament scriptures directly from Hebrew into Latin, becoming what we now know as the Vulgate the basis of our current Bible. A Quote from St. Jerome “Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of God.”

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, “Aperuit illis” which translates “He open their minds”, wrote; “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church experience a new how the risen Lord opens for us a treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” In St Luke’s gospel “the Road to Emmaus” Jesus opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures; in their joy they could not wait to spread the Good News, Jesus still wants to speak to us.

This Sunday the Church wants to stimulate all Christians not to just place the Bible on the shelf as one of many books, perhaps filled with dust, but as an instrument that awakens our faith.

As Ordained Clergy and faithful alike, today renews the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy.

A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event, rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture ; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are with so many other forms of blindness. I ask you to find your Bible and read it draw closer to God

Blessings

Deacon Larry



Entering the Year of St. Francis

From **Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027**, the Church marks a special **Jubilee**

Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a **plenary indulgence** by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service.

This Jubilee invites not only celebration, but a deeper imitation of St. Francis through a Gospel life lived simply, faithfully, and daily.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Decorating Committee for the Valentines Dinner are looking for some tall plants & room dividers for their set up.

If you have any that we could borrow, please call Nancy in the church office at 403-652-2203.



Thank you for your contributions to last year's **Together In Action.**

Our goal for 2025 was **\$24,463.00**, we raised **\$10,708.60**, and had a **shortfall of \$13,754.40** which we had to take from **Sunday Collections.**

Please watch for the 2026 TIA announcement in the upcoming bulletins.



Celebrating 104 Years of Faith, Love, and Joy: Margaret Shaw

On **January 26, 2026**, our parish family at **St. Andrew Parish in Vulcan** has the great joy of celebrating a truly extraordinary milestone: **the 104th birthday of Margaret Shaw**. This is not simply a birthday—it is a celebration of a life deeply rooted in faith, prayer, family, and community.

Margaret Shaw was born on January 26, 1922, west of Champion, to Julia and Louis Fath. She completed all of her schooling in Champion before moving to Calgary to train as a teacher. Speaking about that time, Margaret once shared, *“I liked being with children. It’s something I thought I’d end up doing.”* And indeed, for nearly ten years, she devoted herself to teaching, shaping young minds with care and patience.

In 1950, Margaret married Leslie Shaw. Together they built a life first on a farm in the Brant area, and later, in 1958, on the Shaw homestead west of Vulcan. They were blessed with four sons: Paul (Lac La Biche), Gordon (Saskatchewan), Ray (on the family farm west of Vulcan), and Kevin (Calgary). Margaret and Leslie shared **56 years of marriage**, a beautiful witness to love, fidelity, and perseverance. Leslie passed away in 2006, and Margaret continues to carry his memory with grace and strength.

Margaret is a **deeply faithful and prayerful member of St. Andrew Parish**. She is respected and admired by all who know her—not only because of her age, but because of the way she lives her faith every day. She is community-oriented, attentive to others, and even now continues to support and encourage those around her, always with that **beautiful, gentle smile** that warms hearts.

I remember telling Margaret that she is my hero. In the heart of winter, when temperatures reach **–20°C**, Margaret still makes the effort to come to Mass. She could easily say, “I will stay home,” or “I am in a wheelchair,” but that is not who Margaret is. Her son opens the church door, and there she is—over a century of life behind her—present, praying, and fully part of her parish family.

As a parish priest, I feel truly **blessed to have parishioners like Margaret**. People like her give us good energy, a good spirit, and most importantly, they teach us what faith is really all about—not through words, but through faithful presence, prayer, perseverance, and love for the community.

On this special occasion, we give thanks to God for Margaret’s long and meaningful life. We thank Him for her example, her prayers, and her quiet but powerful witness.

Happy 104th Birthday, Margaret! You are a blessing to our parish, an inspiration to all generations, and a living testimony to a life lived with faith and love.

Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers as we celebrate this beautiful milestone together.



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, January 25— CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

9:00 – 10:00 AM – Mass (Vulcan)
11:00 – 12:00 PM – Mass (High River)
12:00— 2:00 PM— St. Francis de Sales Feast Day Potluck
4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confessions
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Mass

Monday, January 26—ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass
7:00—8:30 PM - Pro Life Speaker

Tuesday, January 27—ST. ANGELA MERICI

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

Wednesday, January 28—ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

3:15 – 3:45 PM – Liturgy at Seasons
3:30—4:00 PM— Mass at The Manor
4:00 – 4:30 PM – Liturgy at the Hospital
5:00— 5:45 PM - Confessions
6:00—6:30 PM - Mass

Thursday, January 29

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

Friday, January 30

8:00 - 9:15 AM - Confession
8:45 – 9:15 AM – Rosary
9:15 – 10:00 AM – Mass
9:00 – 11:30 AM – TOPS Group (East Hall)

Saturday, January 31— ST. JOHN BOSCO

6:45 – 7:00 AM – Confession
7:00 – 7:30 AM – Daily Mass
9:00— 4:00 PM— Pastoral Care Team Training
4:00 – 5:00 PM – Confession
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Vigil Mass
6:00 – 7:00 PM— 1st Communion Class Session #1



SFDS Ministry Schedule

January 24 & 25, 2026

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
Greeters	Fred & Marie	Cliff & Bae	*****
Ushers	K of C	K of C	K of C
Lector	Ann-Marie & Donna	Leizel & Sybil	Johnnie & Brandt
Choir	SFDS Comm. Choir	Filipino Choir	*****
Share The Word	N/A	Ann-Marie & Diane	N/A
Coffee Hosts	N/A	Filipino Group SFDS Feast Day	N/A

*"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."*
~ St. Francis of Assisi



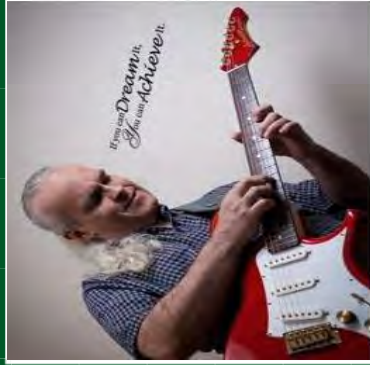
If you are in the hospital, and are **Roman Catholic**, please insure you or a family member contacts Nancy in the Church Office at 403- 652-2203. This will ensure that you will be visited by the Priest or Pastoral Care Team.



MASS INTENTIONS

January 1– 31, 2026

January 1	11:00 am	Edna Lim †
January 2	9:15 am	Xavier Aninger
January 3	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Clint Malinowski † Marian MacDonald †
January 4	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw † Harvey Wenger †
January 5	9:00 am	Bernie O'Donnell †
January 6	7:00 pm	Victor Zelinski †
January 7	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
January 8	9:15 am	Toby Ann Bryngelson
January 9	9:15 am	Jerome Schmitz †
January 10	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Michael Floresca † Our Parish
January 11	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Frank Paslawski † Carolyn Kuziw †
January 12	No Mass	*****
January 13	7:00 pm	Dominador Jalosjas †
January 14	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Cesar Diogo † SFDS CWL Sisters
January 15	9:15 am	Victor Zelinski †
January 16	9:15 am	Victor Zelinski †
January 17	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bessie Amores † Victor Zelinski †
January 18	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	R. Bagozzi Family Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
January 19	9:00 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
January 20	7:00 pm	Lillian Schmitz †
January 21	3:15 pm (Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Vince Treadgold † Eladio Restauero †
January 22	11:00 am	Alijandro & Milagros Floresca †
January 23	9:15 am	Timothy Zac †
January 24	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Francis Kyrluk † Val Schey & Family
January 25	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Cathy Munro Carolyn Kuziw †
January 26	9:00 am	Cathy Nesselbeck †
January 27	7:00 pm	Caroline Chicilo†
January 28	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Alan Fath † Betty Ann Smart
January 29	9:15 am	Felix & Carmen Amores †
January 30	9:15 am	Cathy Jensen
January 31	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Mike & Sue Amatto Pam Beker †



Online or in studio (High River) lessons

Teaching all styles and levels

Guitar, Bass, Ukulele and Mandolin

Call or Text Rob at 403-975-9806



Piano & Theory Lessons
Live Music
Piano Accompaniment

Rhona-Mae Arca

B.A., B.Mgt., A.R.C.T., R.M.T.

2013 Tech Teacher of the Year

(403) 201-6746

musespeakstudio@gmail.com

www.musespeak.com

(in Bridlewood, SW Calgary)



THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

**DIANNE
MANTEI**
FRANCHISE OWNER

#2, 28-12th Avenue SE
High River, AB T1V 1T2

Office: 403.652.7266

Fax: 403.652.1492

Dianne.Mantei@hrblock.ca

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

HRBLOCK.CA

**H&R
BLOCK**

Snodgrass FUNERAL HOMES

On-site Chapel, Crematorium & Reception facilities
serving families of southern Alberta since 1929

The Snodgrass Family

301 MACLEOD TRAIL, HIGH RIVER 403-652-2222

www.snodgrassfuneralhomes.com



Craig Snodgrass
Owner / Funeral Director

Lyle Reeves
FUNERALS

Experience The Difference

Traditional Burial Services
Memorial Cremation Services

115 8th Ave. SE - High River, Alberta
www.lylereeves.com
PH 403.652.4242

to the wind MUSIC STUDIO

serving the foothills & area

PIANO LESSONS
THEORY RUDIMENTS

JAY-ARNE ARCA, A.R.C.T.

REGISTERED MUSIC TEACHER

(403) 995-9691

PIANO@TOTHEWIND.COM

WWW.TOTHEWIND.COM

High River Medical Clinic

DR. VALENTINE C. OGOKE, MD., B.Sc.

108B 3RD Avenue, West, High River, AB T1V 1M4

Phone: (403) 652-2880 * Fax: (403) 652-2887

online booking. <http://vcmedicalclinic.ca/>

HIGH RIVER PHARMACY **Rx PharmaChoice** *Alive Life*

Lucius Okafor, B Pharm, M.ScPharm

Pharmacist/Owner

Prescribing Pharmacist, Injection Certified, CDE

103 - 3 Ave. SW, High River, AB T1V 1M3

T: 403-652-5608 F: 403-652-5609

highriverpharmacy@gmail.com

DARLENE BEUTLER

Associate

403.333.7333

keyconnection@shaw.ca



www.highriverproperty.com

**THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE**

**THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE**

Please support these Advertisers, who have supported us.