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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

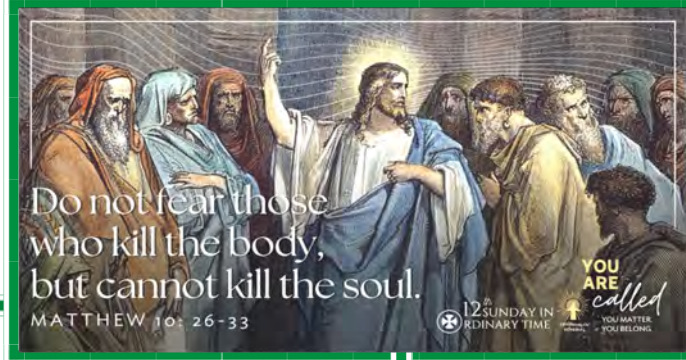
Monday – Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

XII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21,
2026



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Jeremiah 20:10-13) Jeremiah's tirade at God reveals a level of intimacy with God few of us achieve. Even though God warned Jeremiah of the dark nature of his message, Jeremiah found the consequences of speaking God's judgment excruciatingly painful, and he does not hesitate to tell God so. Once he has unburdened his heavy heart, Jeremiah continues to believe in God's ultimate triumph and thus ends his lament in praise.

Second Reading: (Romans 5:12-15) Our continuous reading of Paul's letter to the Romans now brings us to the crux of our faith. Gained by Christ, redemption does away with sin and assures eternal salvation. Paul's arguments explain that the saving action of Jesus has universal consequences and thus is not limited to the Jewish people but is available to all humankind from Adam to the end of time. God's grace abounds beyond whatever harm sin and death can do.

Gospel: (Matthew 10:26-33) If last Sunday's discourse contained practical instructions, this Sunday's passage focuses on the inner attitudes required of those who are sent out in mission of the Good News. The threefold reference to fear indicates that there certainly was fear among the disciples that this whole divine adventure would be for naught, that worldly powers would kill it before it had a chance to flourish. However, once fear has been conquered, courageous witnessing follows, and Jesus himself will intercede before God for all disciples in all time and place.

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

A Father's Day Reflection

A little boy asked his father, "Dad, how did people come into existence?"

The father replied, "God created Adam and Eve, and from them came the human family."

Later, the boy asked his mother the same question.

She answered, "People evolved over millions of years from earlier forms of life."

Confused, the boy returned to his father. "Dad, you said God created people, but Mom said they evolved. Which is it?"

His father smiled and said, "Son, your mother was talking about her side of the family, and I was talking about mine!"

Happy Father's Day!

Today we celebrate the men who can fix almost anything with duct tape, explain directions they never actually looked up, and confidently say, "I know a shortcut," even when everyone else is convinced they are lost.

Behind the dad jokes and stories that get longer every year are men who work hard, sacrifice quietly, and love their families deeply. Let us thank God for all fathers and pray that He blesses them with wisdom, strength, patience, and an occasional nap.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our parish!

May it bring a smile to your parishioners while also honoring fathers' important role in family life.

Submitted by Fr. Mariusz

Father's Day Message

As we celebrate Father's Day, we offer our sincere gratitude and best wishes to all fathers in our parish community. Fathers have been entrusted with a great mission: to love, protect, guide, and provide for their families. In a world that often challenges family life and Christian values, fathers need our prayers more than ever.

Today, we encourage everyone to pray for our fathers. Pray that God will give them wisdom in making decisions, courage in facing difficulties, patience in raising their children, and strength to remain faithful to their vocation. Pray that they may be loving husbands, devoted fathers, and strong witnesses of faith in their homes.

The spiritual leadership of a father is one of the greatest gifts a family can receive. Let us ask the Lord to protect all fathers from discouragement, temptation, and anything that would weaken their commitment to God and their families. May they find their example in Saint Joseph, who faithfully cared for Mary and Jesus with humility, strength, and trust in God.

To all fathers: thank you for your sacrifices, your hard work, and your love. Know that your parish family is grateful for you and is praying for you.

May God bless all our fathers today and always.

Fr. Marius Sztuk, SDS

HAPPY
Father's Day



Parish Council Meeting
There will be a parish Council meeting on June 24, after the 6:00 pm mass.



Reminder!

**Friday, June 26th is
Game night at SFDS!!**

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



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1

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2

Bring your bottle
back on Father's
Day (June 21st).

3

Sign up for our
newsletter and
keep us in your
prayers.

**We Need Your
Baby Bottles!!**

It's Father's day
weekend, so if you
took a Baby Bottle
from Mainsprings
to fill for them, it
is time to bring
them back.

**Thank you to all
who participated!**



PARISH Picnic
FAITH. FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FUN!

**SUNDAY
28 JUNE
2026**

**WE WILL START
AFTER MASS
AT 11:00 AM**

HEY THERE! ♥
Just a quick heads up
that for the upcoming
event, it would be great if
you could bring
SALAD OR DESSERT.
Looking forward to
seeing you there! 😊

**WE WILL HAVE
BURGERS & HOTDOGS!**

Many parts, one body in Christ.
TOGETHER IN FAITH, TOGETHER IN LOVE.
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27



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\$ 24.463

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TOGETHER
in ACTION
2026



SURPLUS FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT PARISH PROGRAMS, OPERATIONAL NEEDS, OR EXISTING OPERATIONAL DEFICITS



The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist: A Celebration for Our Times

Each year on June 24, the Church celebrates the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, one of the few saints whose birth is commemorated in the liturgical calendar. Most saints are remembered on the day of their death—the day of their birth into eternal life. John the Baptist, however, is so important in God's plan of salvation that the Church celebrates both his birth and his martyrdom.

Why is John the Baptist given such a place of honor?

The answer lies in his unique mission. John was chosen by God before his birth to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. The angel Gabriel announced John's birth to his father, Zechariah, declaring that he would be

"great before the Lord" and would turn many hearts back to God (Luke 1:15-17). Even before he was born, John recognized the presence of Christ, leaping in his mother's womb when Mary visited Elizabeth.

John's entire life pointed toward Jesus. He did not seek fame, power, or recognition for himself. Instead, he proclaimed a simple but powerful message: "Prepare the way of the Lord." He called people to repentance, urged them to change their lives, and directed them toward the One who was to come. When Jesus appeared, John humbly declared, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Traditions Associated with the Feast

The feast of Saint John the Baptist has long been associated with midsummer celebrations. In many European countries, people traditionally gathered around bonfires on the eve of June 24. The fire symbolized the light of Christ that John came to announce. These "St. John's Fires" became a joyful expression of faith, community, and gratitude for God's blessings.

In Canada, Saint John the Baptist holds a special place, particularly in Quebec. Since the early days of New France, he has been honored as the patron saint of French Canadians. June 24, known as Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, is a public holiday in Quebec and is celebrated with Masses, family gatherings, concerts, cultural events, and community festivities. While many celebrations today emphasize cultural heritage, their roots lie in the Christian recognition of John the Baptist as the forerunner of Christ.

For Catholics across Canada, the feast offers an opportunity to reflect on our Christian identity and mission. Just as John prepared the way for the Lord, we too are called to prepare the way for Christ in our families, workplaces, schools, and communities.

Why This Feast Matters Today

We live in a world filled with noise, distractions, and countless voices competing for our attention. Like the people of John's time, we can easily lose sight of what truly matters. Saint John the Baptist reminds us of the importance of preparing our hearts for Christ. His call to repentance is not outdated; it is as necessary today as it was two thousand years ago.

John also teaches us the virtue of humility. In a culture that often encourages self-promotion and personal recognition, John shows us a different path. True greatness is found not in drawing attention to ourselves but in leading others to Christ. His life challenges us to ask: Do our words and actions point people toward Jesus?

Furthermore, John's courage is an example for all Christians. He spoke the truth even when it was unpopular and ultimately gave his life for it. In an age when many are tempted to compromise their faith for comfort or acceptance, Saint John the Baptist reminds us that faithfulness sometimes requires sacrifice.

There is also a beautiful symbolism in the timing of his feast. The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist occurs shortly after the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter. Six months later, we celebrate Christmas, when the days begin to grow longer. The Church Fathers saw in this a reflection of John's words about Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease." Even nature seems to echo John's mission of pointing away from himself and toward Christ.

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is therefore much more than a remembrance of an event long ago. It is a call to renewal. Through prayer, repentance, humility, and faithful witness, we can help others encounter the Lord.

As we celebrate this great feast, let us ask Saint John the Baptist to intercede for us, that we may have his humility, courage, and unwavering commitment to Christ. May we, too, become voices that prepare the way of the Lord in our world today.

Fr. Marius Sztuk, SDS

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES - HIGH RIVER

I Holy Communion

14 OF JUNE 2026





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, June 21

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, June 22

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass
11:00 – 11:30 AM – Interment in Cayley -Fr. Mariusz
4:00 – 5:00 PM – Interment in Calgary -Fr. Mariusz

Tuesday, June 23

6:00 – 7:00 PM – Confessions
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Mass

Wednesday, June 24

3:15 – 3:45 PM – Liturgy at Seasons HR
3:30 – 4:00 PM – Mass at the Manor
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Confession
6:00 – 6:30 PM – Mass
6:30 – 8:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, June 25

8:00 – 9:15 AM – Confession
9:15 – 10:00 AM – Mass
10AM – 9:00 PM – Adoration and Benedic

Friday, June 26 – St. Romuald

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

Saturday, June 27

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, June 28 – Parish Picnic
– at Noon!!**



Sunday Offering

Did you know we now take Donations electronically! **You have the following options: Direct Debit, Visa, M/C.**
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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 June 27 & 28, 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>	Lana Dale	Johnnie Roy	Kathy Brandt
<u>Choir</u>	SFDS Comm. Choir	Filipino Choir	*****
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	Gerry M. & Family	N/A
<u>Share The Word</u>	N/A	N/A	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

June 1– 30, 2026

June 1	9:00 am	Wade Hamer †
June 2	7:00 pm	Bob Christianson †
June 3	6:00 pm	Juan Carlos Garcia Salas †
June 4	9:15 am	Fred & Anna Meyers †
June 5	9:15 am	Trevor Marshali †
June 6	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Mathew D'Sa Theresa Fallows †
June 7	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Adovel Quintanilla † Carolyn Kuziw †
June 8	9:00 am	“Ad Intentionen Dantis”
June 9	7:00 pm	Jan Noad
June 10	4:00 pm (HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Fr. Mariusz SFDS CWL Sisters
June 11	9:15 am	George , Antonina & Peter Sztuk †
June 12	9:15 am	Lynn Schaefer
June 13	9:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” Our Parish
June 14	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Elvin Fuentes † Carolyn Kuziw †
June 15	9:00 am	Brenda Vogt †
June 16	7:00 pm	Dia Wallace-Chau
June 17	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” Ann-Marie Stokes †
June 18	9:15 am	Jean Teebay †
June 19	9:15 am	George & Antonina Sztuk †
June 20	9:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” Karen Barton
June 21	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
June 22	9:00 am	Darlene Gillis†
June 23	7:00 pm	Dia Wallace-Chau
June 24	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Allan Fath † Luvia Ochoa †
June 25	9:15 am	Toby Bryngelson
June 26	9:15 am	Lloyd Kennedy †
June 27	9:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” Larry Rushford †
June 28	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Bessie Amores † Carolyn Kuziw †
June 29	9:00 am	Judy Anderson †
June 30	7:00 pm	Theresa Fallows †



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