



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN

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Roman Catholic Parish
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.

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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

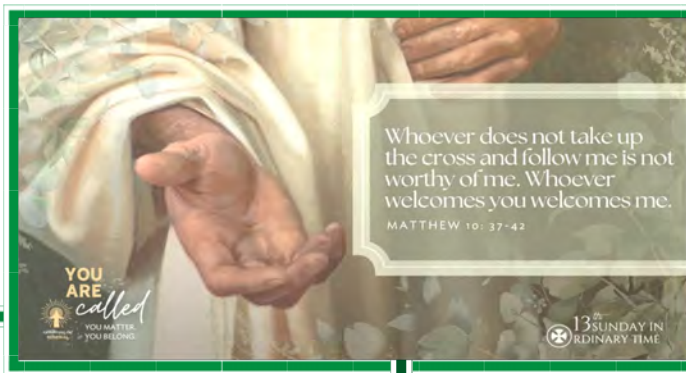
Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

XIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28,
2026



Sunday Readings

First Reading: (2 Kings 4: 8-12, 14-16) This story, with a clear beginning-middle-end, illustrates that not all rich people are bad, and not all prophets are rejected. The wealthy woman, clearly in charge, cares for Elisha without any self-interest, yet the prophet wishes to repay her – a connection with today's Gospel. Echoing the story of Sarah and Abraham all over again, Elisha prophesies the one thing which her wealth cannot buy: a son. The woman responds in much the same way as her elderly ancestors did: I do not need to be rewarded, and do not give me false hope, but what a joy this would be.

Second Reading: (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11) Paul's emphasis on the transforming effects of baptism is so central, that this reading is included in the Easter Vigil, the yearly immersion into death and new life of catechumens. For Paul, the reasons why Christians cease to be slaves to sin is because baptism unites us to Christ and thus results in a separation from sin. Normally the consequences of death are negative only, but in our case death in the baptismal rite separates us from sin and unites us to Christ.

Gospel: (Matthew 10:37-42) For those raised in Christian families Jesus' words, about relatives being obstacles to the faith, may sound strange. But those who have joined the church as adults might relate to his words very well. Jesus is to be our primary relationship of love second to none, not even to our closest kin. Again, adult converts to the Christian faith may well relate better to Jesus' summons to lose one's life in order to find it than do born Christians, thus calling us all to ongoing and radical surrender. The instructions on hospitality link this Gospel passage to the first reading.

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

Parish Picnic Wisdom

At every parish picnic, three miracles happen:

1. There is **always** someone who brings enough potato salad to feed the five thousand.
2. Someone says, "I only made a small dessert," while carrying a cake the size of the altar.
3. And somehow... everyone promises they're "just staying for 15 minutes," but they're still chatting two hours later!

We hope to see you at the parish picnic—come hungry, bring a smile, and remember calories don't count when you're eating for parish fellowship!

Submitted by Fr. Mariusz



The parish office will be open **9:00 am—12:00 pm** to the public for **July & August** If you need Fr. Mariusz after hours, please call him on his cell # **403-992-2313**

Please Note:

Nancy will be on holidays from **July 4— July 26, 2025** however, she is blessed to have wonderful volunteers in the office. Thank you to the Volunteers!



"If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything."

-St. Bonaventure

Office Closed

The church office will be closed for the July 1st Canada Day Holiday. The office will resume **regular office hours for July 2 and 3 only**, then the office hours will be summer hours starting **July 6 from 9:00 am to noon.**



**HAPPY
CANADA DAY**

JULY 1 2026





Report for the months of March 2026—June 2026

The St. Francis de Sales Ministry has helped a total number of **6** people for the months of September 2025 to February, 2026. We paid out a total of **\$1840.00** for bills, rent, or mortgages, as well, we gave a total of **\$400.00** in fuel cards, and **\$1000.00** in grocery cards. The total assistance we have given this period is **\$3240.00**

It is rewarding to be able to assist these people who are genuinely struggling. The help we give is so appreciated. We try to listen and give help as much as we can as quickly as possible.



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A MATCHING CAMPAIGN
FOR PARISH RENEWAL 2025 - 2027



OUR PARISH GOAL IS

\$ 87.520

PARISH DONATIONS
TO DATE

\$ 9.490

Your change
changes lives



Your generosity supports real families facing real challenges! By filling a bottle, you're joining a community of generous people, coming together to bring hope to young families in our community. The bottles added together provide support for today and impact for generations.

Participating is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1

Put your cash, coins, or a cheque in the bottle, or donate online.

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!!

If you haven't had a chance to bring back your Baby Bottles for Mainsprings, there is still time! Please put them in the basket on the table by the kitchen or to the church office.

Thank you to all who participated!



OUR PARISH GOAL IS

\$ 24.463

DONATIONS TO DATE

\$ 4.810

TOGETHER
in ACTION
2026



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





Dear family and friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I have recently been accepted for a two-month summer internship at the Canadian Center for Bioethical Reform (CCBR for short). CCBR is a national, educational pro-life organization. The mission of CCBR is as follows: to make abortion unthinkable through the compassionate presentation of the truth about the nature of abortion. To achieve this goal, CCBR staffs many volunteers and interns, who are tasked with having these difficult discussions and with doing so gracefully and gently. By the Grace of God, through the efforts of the CCBR, many minds have been changed, and lives have been saved.

My work with the organization is simple: to engage anyone willing in conversation and express our dedication to the value of human life. This will be a full-time position, and I will need to fundraise a portion of my salary. I hope that by sharing this opportunity with you, you might be inspired to provide me with the necessary assistance required, as we work together to end the killing in Canada.

My heart is broken, both by the nearly 300 babies killed every day through surgical abortion in this country, but also by the way that so many mothers are tricked into doing so, primarily through simply not being made aware of the nature of what they have agreed to. Thus, based on this, I will be working with the team in Calgary and will receive training in pro-life apologetics, and be able to put that training to good use in conversation. Through this internship, I hope

to have the opportunity to change both hearts and minds, as I feel is my calling.

To achieve this, I need to fundraise a total of \$5000 by July 6th. Would you possibly consider contributing towards this goal? I would be more grateful than words can express to be able to receive even the smallest bit of assistance. Thus, since every little bit counts, I hope that I may be able to partner with you to achieve this goal!

The easiest way to donate is through CCBR's website: endthekilling.ca/donate. Choose "support a specific intern salary" from the drop-down list and put my name in the notes box at the end. You can also e-transfer to giving@endthekilling.ca, again noting my name to allocate the donation to my salary. I can also accept cheques (made out to CCBR with my name on the memo line) or cash directly.

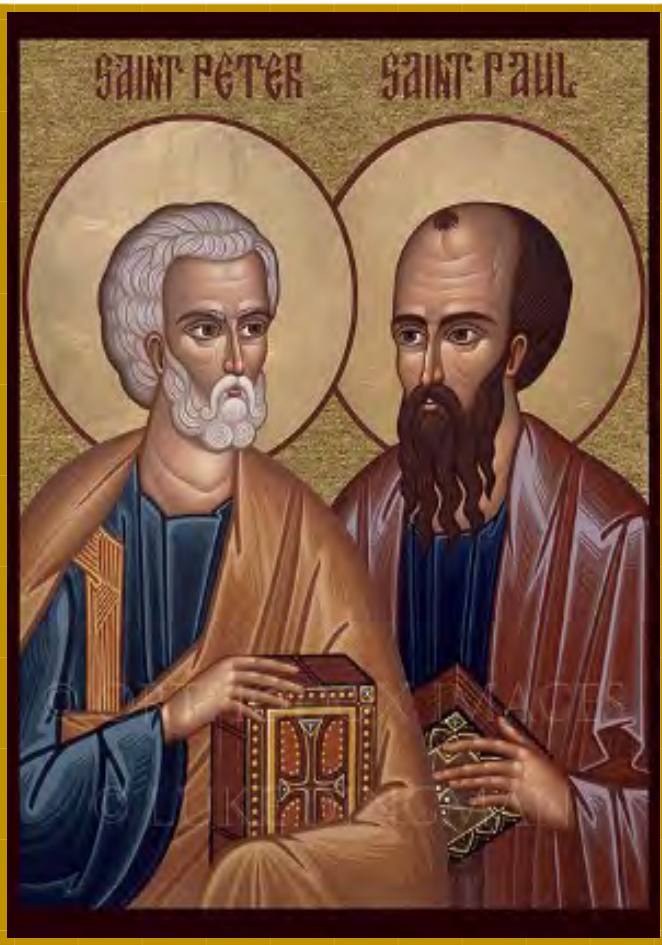
Thank you so incredibly much for considering being a part of my support team here! I cannot do any of this work without your assistance. And even if you choose not to support me in this endeavour, I still thank you incredibly for taking the time to read this and consider my request. I ask that you keep my team and me, as well as the many people we will be reaching out to, in your prayers!

Sincerely,

Rylan Morrow



Saints Peter and Paul – Different Men, One Faith



This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two of the greatest apostles and pillars of our Christian faith. At first glance, they could not have been more different.

St. Peter was a simple fisherman from Galilee. He was impulsive, outspoken, and sometimes afraid. He even denied knowing Jesus three times during the Lord's Passion. Yet Jesus never gave up on him. After the Resurrection, Jesus forgave Peter and entrusted him with a great mission: *"Feed my sheep."* Peter became the first leader of the Church, reminding us that God does not call the perfect—He perfects those He calls.

St. Paul began as Saul, a fierce persecutor of Christians. He believed he was defending God's law, but on the road to Damascus he encountered the risen Christ. That meeting changed everything. Paul became one of Christianity's greatest missionaries, travelling thousands of kilometres, founding churches, writing letters, and proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles. His life reminds us that no one is beyond God's mercy and that every person can be transformed by His grace.

Although Peter and Paul had different personalities and sometimes even disagreed on how to approach certain issues in the early Church, they remained united in their love for Christ and His Gospel. Their unity was stronger than their differences. That is an important lesson for our families and parish communities today. We do not all have to think alike or have the same gifts, but we are all called to work together for the Kingdom of God.

Tradition tells us that both apostles gave their lives for Christ in Rome during the persecution under Emperor Nero. Peter was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus. Paul, being a Roman citizen, was beheaded. Their witness continues to inspire Christians throughout the world nearly two thousand years later.

As we celebrate their feast, let us ask ourselves:

- Do I trust Jesus as Peter learned to do?
- Am I open to conversion like Paul?

Am I using my own gifts to build up the Church?

May Saints Peter and Paul pray for our parish family, strengthen our faith, deepen our love for Christ, and inspire us to be courageous witnesses of the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, and community.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!



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 28— St. Irenaeus

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 29—St. Peter & St. Paul

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

Tuesday, June 30—First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

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

Wednesday, July 1—(Office Closed)

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

Thursday, July 2

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

Friday, July 3— St. Thomas

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, July 4—St. Elizabeth of Portugal

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 July 4 & 5, 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>	Toni Joyce	Nancy Linda	Rosemarie Brandt
<u>Choir</u>	SFDS Com. Choir	SFDS Com. Choir	*****
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	Church Picnic	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

July 1– 31, 2026

July 1	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass †
July 2	9:15 am	Fred & Anna Meyers †
July 3	9:15 am	Maj Wojcik †
July 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” John Hoffart Sr. & Family †
July 5	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew’s CWL Sisters Our Parish Jacqui Vanderfluit
July 6	9:00 am	Jonathon Banks
July 7	7:00 pm	Adam Chin-Fatt
July 8	4:00 pm (HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” SFDS CWL Sisters
July 9	9:15 am	Luella Wojcik & Family
July 10	9:15 am	Karen Artier-Aries †
July 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” Our Parish
July 12	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Shirely Patrick † Felix & Carmen Amores † Maj Wojcik †
July 13	9:00 am	Maj Wojcik †
July 14	7:00 pm	Jonathon Banks
July 15	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” George & Antonina Sztuk †
July 16	9:15 am	Maj Wojcik †
July 17	9:15 am	Norman Rosell †
July 18	9:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionen Dantis” Bob & Karen Bateman
July 19	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † George & Mary Ann Dearing Our Parish
July 20	9:00 am	Lyle Needham †
July 21	7:00 pm	Maj Wojcik
July 22	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Allan Fath † Maj Wojcik †
July 23	9:15 am	Gordon & Joyce Bateman
July 24	9:15 am	Maj Wojcik †
July 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bernadette O’Donnell Tony Chicilo†
July 26	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Rob Stokes Felix & Carmen Amores †
July 27	9:00 am	Maj Wojcik †
July 28	7:00 pm	JF Tetreault
July 29	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Maj Wojcik † Jonathon Banks
July 30	9:15 am	Brittany Pineo
July 31	9:15 am	John Bartolo †



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