



St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN

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Roman Catholic Parish
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB

Mother's Day

Blessings to ALL MOTHERS

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sixth Sunday Of Easter



May 10,
2026

Sunday Readings

First Reading: (Acts 8:5-8,14-17) After the stoning of Stephen, the community of believers was chased out of Jerusalem and scattered around the countryside. In this passage, Luke (author of Acts of the Apostles) demonstrates this fledgling community's ability to adapt to new circumstances. Philip, originally appointed to wait on tables, is now found preaching and evangelizing the Samaritans, the very people so despised by the Jews. Peter and John take note, and affirm Philip's ministry by laying hands on those converted and baptized.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 3:15-18) As is clearly communicated in all readings from Peter's letter in this Easter season, the consequences of baptism in the risen Christ Jesus make moral, spiritual and behavioural demands. We hear Peter's words on suffering and death in this joyful Easter season precisely because in Christ's resurrection these painful realities of life have lost their power over us.

Gospel: (John 14:15-21) Two weeks away from the feast of Pentecost, and the Gospel is already preparing us with Jesus' promise of the "Advocate," the Spirit of Truth. By the sending the Spirit after his death and resurrection, Jesus continues to be our defense, our comfort, our guide, so that we continue to live in divine presence even in Jesus' earthly absence. It is through this Advocate, the Holy Spirit, that the disciples – and hence us – will be able to celebrate and announce Jesus as the way to God.

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

Mother's Day Corner – A Little Parish Humor

In honor of all mothers in our parish, here are a few light-hearted reminders of just how special (and talented) moms really are:

- "Mom: the person who can find your missing sock while you're still wearing it."
 - "Behind every great kid is a mom who is pretty sure she's messing it up... but keeps going anyway."
 - "Mom's superpower: finding things you swore were 'right there' five seconds ago."
 - "Before I became a mom, I had plans. Now I have snacks in my purse and 47 unfinished thoughts."
 - "My mom doesn't need Google. Google asks my mom for advice."
 - "A mother's love is like grace: freely given, endlessly patient... and sometimes repeated three times before breakfast."
- "Mom: professional multitasker, part-time referee, full-time miracle worker."**

To all mothers: thank you for your patience, your prayers, and your daily miracles—especially the ones no one notices but God.

HAPPY
Mother's Day



Mother's Day Reflection

On Mother's Day, the Church pauses with gratitude to give thanks for all mothers—those who gave us life, those who nurtured us in faith, those who stood beside us in both joyful and difficult seasons of life.

To be a mother has never been easy, but many would say that in today's world it carries particular challenges. Mothers are asked to balance so many responsibilities at once: family life, work, emotional care, and the constant effort to be present in a world that often moves too quickly. Many carry quiet burdens that are rarely seen or acknowledged. And yet, again and

again, mothers continue to give—patiently, generously, and faithfully. For this gift, we give thanks to God.

We also recognize that no mother walks alone. The Church has always looked to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, as a source of strength and hope. In her we see a mother who trusted God in uncertainty, who stood firm in love through suffering, and who remained faithful even in moments of great sorrow. We ask her intercession for all mothers today—that she may accompany them with tenderness, courage, and peace.

We pray especially for mothers who are struggling: those who feel overwhelmed, those who are waiting for hope, those who are separated from their children, and those who carry wounds known only to God. May they find support in their families, their communities, and in the loving presence of God who never abandons them.

On this day, we also remember with love and gratitude those mothers who have died. Their love continues to shape lives, their sacrifices remain written in the hearts of their children, and their memory is held in the mercy of God. We pray that they may rest in eternal peace and that their families may be comforted with the hope of resurrection.

May this Mother's Day be a moment of gratitude, healing, and prayer. Let us give thanks for every mother—living and deceased—and entrust them all to the loving care of our Heavenly Father and the maternal protection of Mary, our Mother.

Happy Mother's Day.



Online Giving



Parish Website





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! 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!

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.

Other Ways to Give:

- Donate online <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mainsprings/>
- E-transfer to accounting@mainsprings.com
- Send a cheque payable to Mainsprings
- Scan our QR code

*Donations \$25 or more will be issued a donation receipt.

Donate Today!



Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support Association is pleased to raise an estimated amount of \$500,000 this year on fundraising campaigns. It will cost our organization an estimated \$50,000 to raise this. The money raised will go to board-approved programs. For further information, please contact Dennis Kober at 403-269-3110. Our address is 205, 925 - 7 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1A5.



Knights of
Columbus

The next meeting for the Knights of Columbus is Monday, May 11th 2026 at 7:00 pm at SFDS in the church hall.

All registered Knights of Council 9521 are invited to attend.

The Knights are hosting a pancake breakfast on **Sunday May 10, 2025 after the 11:00 am Mass.**

Donations are welcome!



ONLINE
VIA
ZOOM



The Diocese of Calgary invites you to a workshop that explores Natural Family Planning (NFP) as a method that provide couples with the means of achieving or avoiding pregnancy based on natural signs of fertility.

It is a practical and ethical aid in married life, which intersects the deepest levels of spousal relationship.

Speaker
Jenny Nguyen, RN
Natural Family Planning
Instructor

Natural Family Planning

THURSDAY,
MAY 28, 2026

From 7 pm to 9 pm
Zoom (link will be shared)

REGISTRATION



Register by
May 26 online
or call
403-218-5521

MAY 9-15, 2026

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Alberta is home to 23 Catholic **Francophone** schools, providing Catholic education in French for our Francophone community?

Studies consistently show that students in Catholic schools often **outperform** their peers in public schools according to the Alberta Education Assurance Measure?

Parents and community members can actively support Catholic education by participating in **Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE)**? Sign up for the monthly newsletter here!

All Catholic School Families have access to an online resource: **Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ?** Reach out to your Catholic School Division for more information!

Q&A Session

With Fr. Mariusz

**Fr. Marius Answers the
Liturgical Questions
from Parishioners**



When is the Best Time to Baptize a Child?

In the life of the Church, Baptism is one of the greatest gifts God gives to us. Through Baptism, a person becomes a child of God, is welcomed into the Christian community, and receives the beginning of a life of grace.

A common question many parents ask is: *“When is the best time to baptize our child?”*

The Church’s long tradition, especially in the Catholic faith, encourages the baptism of infants soon after birth. The reason is simple and beautiful: Baptism is not something we wait to “earn” or “achieve,” but a gift freely given by God. It is an expression of God’s love that comes first, before we are even able to respond.

When a child is baptized, parents and godparents make a promise on their behalf—to raise the child in the faith, to teach them how to pray, and to help them grow into a relationship with Jesus Christ. In this way, the whole family becomes part of the journey of faith.

Sometimes, for various reasons, Baptism may take place later in childhood or even in adulthood. The Church joyfully welcomes every person, no matter the age. What matters most is not when Baptism happens, but that it happens as a response to God’s invitation into new life.

Still, the Church encourages parents not to delay unnecessarily. Just as we would not postpone giving a child the gift of life’s basic needs, so too we are invited to share with them the gift of God’s life as soon as possible.

In the end, Baptism is not only a moment—it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the doorway into faith, into the Church, and into the love of Christ that grows with us every day of our lives.





St. Matthias –

The Apostle Chosen to Replace Judas

Every year on May 14, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Matthias, a man whose calling reminds us that God's plans often unfold quietly, yet decisively.

After the betrayal and death of Judas Iscariot, the early Christian community faced a serious question: the Twelve Apostles, chosen by Christ Himself, were now incomplete. In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:15–26), we hear how Saint Peter stood up among the believers and proposed that another should take Judas' place. The criteria were clear: the new apostle had to be someone who had been with Jesus from the beginning of His public ministry and a witness to the Resurrection.

Two men were proposed—Joseph called Barsabbas and Matthias. After prayer, the apostles cast lots, entrusting the decision to God. The lot fell to Matthias, and he was numbered among the Twelve.

A Quiet but Powerful Witness

What is striking about St. Matthias is how little we know about him. Unlike some of the other apostles, he does not appear prominently in the Gospel narratives. Yet this silence speaks volumes. Matthias represents the many faithful disciples who follow Christ not in the spotlight, but with steady, unwavering commitment.

He had been there all along—listening, learning, believing—long before he was publicly chosen. His life reminds us that God sees what is hidden. Faithfulness in small things prepares us for greater responsibilities in God's time.

Chosen by God, Not by Ambition

The selection of Matthias was not the result of personal ambition or human strategy. It was rooted in prayer and trust in divine providence. The apostles did not campaign or debate endlessly; instead, they surrendered the decision to God.

This is a powerful lesson for us. In a world that often emphasizes self-promotion and recognition, St. Matthias teaches us the value of humility and trust. God's call does not depend on how visible we are, but on how faithful we are.

Our Own Apostolic Calling

While we may not be called to be apostles in the same way as Matthias, every baptized Christian shares in the mission of the Church. Each of us is called to witness to Christ—in our families, workplaces, and communities.

St. Matthias encourages us to ask:

- Am I faithful in the ordinary moments of my life?
- Do I trust God's timing, even when I am not recognized?

Am I ready to step forward when God calls?

A Prayerful Example

Tradition holds that St. Matthias preached the Gospel courageously and ultimately gave his life as a martyr. His quiet beginning led to a powerful witness.

As we celebrate his feast, let us ask for his intercession—that we may be faithful disciples, ready to serve wherever God places us, trusting that no act of love or faith ever goes unnoticed.

St. Matthias, 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, May 10 - St. John of Avila/ Mothers Day

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, May 11

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass
6:30 – 8:30 PM – Grief Share Program
7:00 – 8:30 PM – K of C Meeting

Tuesday, May 12—St. Nereus, St. Achilleus & St. Pancras

10AM – 2:00 PM – Adoration at NDC
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Confessions
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Mass
7:45 – 8:45 PM – Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima

10 AM – 2:00 PM – Adoration at NDC
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 – 6:30 PM – Mass
6:30 – 8:00 PM – CWL General Meeting

Thursday, May 14—St. Mattias

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

Friday, May 15

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, May 16

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
6:00 – 9:00 PM – K of C COR Meeting



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 16 & 17, 2026**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Al. G	Offie & Lena	*****
<u>Lector</u>	Ann-Marie Donna	Liezel Jessieca	Brandt Johnnie
<u>Choir</u>	Rob & Nancy's Group	Rob & Nancy's Group	*****
<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	N/A	N/A	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

May 1– 31, 2026

May 1	9:15 am	Stacey Schafer
May 2	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jack Turner † Our Parish
May 3	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionem Dantis” Maya Espino † Carolyn Kuziw †
May 4	9:00 am	Donna Chin-Fatt
May 5	7:00 pm	Greg Rosell
May 6	6:00 pm	Bereavement Mass †
May 7	9:15 am	Sharon & Dean Turner
May 8	9:15 am	Ken & Carmen MacKenzie †
May 9	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Susan D’Souza Theresa Fallows †
May 10	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Andrew CWL Sisters Our Parish Carolyn Kuziw †
May 11	9:00 am	Tim McLean †
May 12	7:00 pm	Jack Turner †
May 13	4:00 pm (HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Fr. Mariusz SFDS CWL Sisters
May 14	9:15 am	Michelle Schaefer †
May 15	9:15 am	Dail Howe
May 16	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Cooper Howe Ronald
May 17	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Wladyslaw Pucala † Carolyn Kuziw †
May 18	9:00 am	Donavon Howe
May 19	7:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk †
May 20	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Lyle Needham † Gail Lutmer †
May 21	9:15 am	Austin Howe
May 22	9:15 am	“Ad Intentionem Dantis”
May 23	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Diane Lyons † Theresa Fallows †
May 24	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Our Parish Darlene Gillis † Carolyn Kuziw †
May 25	9:00 am	Nola Becthold †
May 26	7:00 pm	Doug Mowat †
May 27	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Allan Fath † Roy McLean †
May 28	9:15 am	Jesu & Renita
May 29	9:15 am	Rosalynn Schaefer
May 30	9:00 am 5:00 pm	George & Antonina Sztuk † Our Parish
May 31	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am 5:00 pm	“Ad Intentionem Dantis” Cecilia Bleile † Carolyn Kuziw †



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