



# St. Francis De Sales and St. Andrew Parish BULLETIN

24 MAY 2026



Roman Catholic Parish  
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



*In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.*

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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

## PENTECOST SUNDAY



# Pentecost Sunday

May 24,  
2026



## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (Acts 2:1-11) The Jewish feast of Pentecost, falling seven weeks after Passover, customarily brought Jews from all parts of the known world to Jerusalem. At the time of Jesus this feast recalled the event on Mount Sinai when God established the covenant with his people through the gift of the Law to Moses. It is no coincidence that it is on this day that the apostles, gathered in the upper room experienced a stunning “sound and light show” of divine origin in the descent of the Holy Spirit. The list of ethnic groups who heard Peter’s first sermon already marks the universal nature of the mission of the early church.

**Second Reading:** (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) Paul’s earliest insight of Christian theology (several decades before the Gospels) of the followers of Jesus being one body, one organism, counters our modern culture which stresses individual rights. This Spirit does not magically “zap” people, as the Corinthians expected, but rather manifests an underlying unity in the diversity of gifts given “for the common good.”

**Gospel:** (John 20:19-23) On that first Easter evening, John describes disciples gripped by fear. Jesus appears, and had to speak peace twice before that fear started to dissipate. Jesus’ breathing of the Spirit carries echoes of Genesis 2 when God created the first human being and “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.” John’s indication that Jesus’ bringing of the Holy Spirit took place on the evening of the day of Resurrection led Tertullian (a third century theologian) to establish that the Fifty Days of Easter are in fact one “great Sunday.”

For more information about these reflections, please contact Kiply Lukan Yaworski, Diocese Communications, 306-659-5844 or [kjyaworski@rcdos.ca](mailto:kjyaworski@rcdos.ca).

## The Priest and the bus driver

A priest and a bus driver both go to Heaven at the same time. St. Peter shows the bus driver his house, which is three houses away from God.

During this time, the priest is thinking to himself, “Since I’m a priest I should be right next to God!”

Then St. Peter turns towards the priest and beckons him to follow. The priest follows for three miles when they finally come to a house. St. Peter tells the priest that this is his house.



The priest looks horrified and says to St. Peter, “I don’t understand! The bus driver is really close to God and I’m a priest! That doesn’t make sense!”

St. Peter replies, “Oh, that’s easy to explain. When you preach, people sleep. When the bus driver drives, people pray.”

## Q&A Session With Fr. Mariusz



Do you have a curious question about our faith?  
You can send it in for Fr. Mariusz or Deacon Larry to answer.

Please email your question to  
[secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com](mailto:secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com)  
and it will get answered in the bulletin.

## Parish Website



## Online Giving



## Magnifica Humanitas — Pope Leo XIV’s First Encyclical



The Vatican has announced that Pope Leo XIV has completed his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (“The Greatness of Humanity”), focused on the dignity of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence.

The document will be officially presented on May 25 at the Vatican in the presence of the Holy Father, together with Church leaders, theologians, and experts in technology and ethics.

The encyclical is being released during the 135th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, the historic social teaching document of Pope Leo XIII that defended workers and human dignity during the Industrial Revolution.

Today, Pope Leo XIV addresses new challenges brought by artificial intelligence and rapid technological development. The encyclical is expected to reflect on how technology can serve humanity while protecting truth, freedom, and the sacred dignity of every person created in the image of God.

*Magnifica Humanitas* is expected to become an important Catholic voice on faith, ethics, and human dignity in the digital age.

Picture Taken From:  
<https://www.ewtnnews.com/vatican/here-s-where-you-can-download-the-official-photo-of-pope-leo-xiv-for-free>



## Pentecost in Today's World

Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the Church.” On that day, the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles with power and courage, sending them out to proclaim the Good News to the world. But Pentecost is not only an event from the past — it is a living reality for us today.

We live in a world filled with technology, busy schedules, social media, and uncertainty. Many people struggle with loneliness, division, and fear about the future. In such a world, the message of Pentecost is more important than ever.

The Holy Spirit brings what the world cannot give: peace, wisdom, courage, and hope. Before Pentecost, the apostles were afraid and hiding behind locked doors. After receiving the Holy Spirit, they became fearless witnesses of Christ. The same Spirit continues to strengthen us today in our homes, workplaces, schools, and parishes.

Pentecost also marks the final day of the Easter season. For fifty days the Church has celebrated the Resurrection of Christ with the joyful white and gold colors of Easter. Now, after Pentecost, we enter Ordinary Time, and the liturgical color changes to green — a symbol of growth, life, and spiritual renewal.

This change reminds us that faith is not only about celebrating great feasts, but also about living daily life with God. Ordinary Time is the season where we are called to grow steadily as disciples through prayer, kindness, service, and faithful living.

As we begin Ordinary Time, Pentecost reminds us that we do not walk alone. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church and each one of us every day.

“Come, Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”



## Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

The **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** is celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. In 2026, it falls on **May 25**.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

This celebration was added to the universal calendar of the Catholic Church by Pope Francis in 2018. The title “Mother of the Church” reminds us that Mary is not only the Mother of Jesus, but also the spiritual mother of all Christians.

At the foot of the Cross, Jesus said to His disciple: “Behold, your mother” (John 19:27). From that moment, the Church has understood Mary as a mother who continues to care for and pray for God’s people.

Celebrated immediately after Pentecost, this memorial beautifully reminds us that as the Church was born through the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary was present among the apostles in prayer. Just as she accompanied the first disciples, she continues to accompany the Church today.

The memorial encourages Catholics to look to Mary as:

- a model of faith and discipleship,
- a mother of comfort and hope,
- and an example of trusting God completely.

The liturgical color for the day is usually white, symbolizing joy, purity, and the glory of Christ reflected in Mary’s life.

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#### Conference Ends

Divine Liturgy: July 6 • 10:30 am



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Registration Questions: 780-920-7878 OR <https://catholicfamilyministries.com>

PSALM 104

Lord, send forth  
your Spirit,  
and renew the  
face of the earth.

YOU  
ARE  
called  
PENTECOST  
SUNDAY

Receive the  
Holy Spirit

JOHN 20:23

YOU  
ARE  
called  
PENTECOST  
SUNDAY

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**JUNE 2**

*The Fabulous  
50s*



**JUNE 3**

*The Swingin'  
60s*



Join us at 4:00pm June 3 for a Seniors Movie and Film tour at the Museum of the Highwood! 406 1 St SW

**JUNE 4**

*The Groovy  
70s*



**JUNE 5**

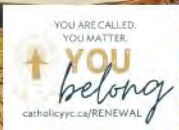
*Flower  
Power*



On June 5, swing by the FCSS Resource Centre and pick up a bundle of fresh flowers to brighten a special senior's day. Arrive early as blooms are limited in quantity and go quickly! 251 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
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## Women's Retreat - Theme: Sowing The Seeds of Peace

**September 15 - September 17, 2026**

### Venue

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre P.O. Box 430, 41160  
Retreat Road Cochrane, Alberta T4C 1A6 Canada

### Contact & Registration

**Kathy Oczkowski**, 403-246-  
0660, [fkoczowski@shaw.ca](mailto:fkoczowski@shaw.ca)  
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OR A PORTION OF  
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT  
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### 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](mailto: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 24—Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau**

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 25—Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church, St. Bede the Vulnerable, St. Gregory, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi**

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Confession  
9:00 – 9:45 AM – Mass  
6:30 – 8:30 PM – Grief Share Program

### **Tuesday, May 26—St. Philip Neri**

10:00 – 11:30 AM – Pentecost Mass at Holy Spirit Academy  
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Confessions  
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Mass

### **Wednesday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury**

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

### **Thursday, May 28**

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

### **Friday, May 29 — St. Paul VI**

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 30**

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 – 7:00 PM – 1st Communion Class #6



### **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.**

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[donation@francisdesaleshighriver.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@francisdesaleshighriver.com)

**All are welcome!**



### **SFDS Ministry Schedule** **May 30 & 31, 2026**

| <u>Ministry</u>       | <u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u> | <u>Sunday 11:00 am</u>       | <u>5:00pm</u>       |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Greeters</u>       | *****               | Barb W.                      | *****               |
| <u>Lector</u>         | Dale<br>Lana        | Brandt<br>Nancy              | Rosemarie<br>Brandt |
| <u>Choir</u>          | SFDS Comm. Choir    | SFDS Comm. Choir             | *****               |
| <u>Coffee Hosts</u>   | N/A                 | Marty L. & Family            | N/A                 |
| <u>Share The Word</u> | N/A                 | Ann Marie, Charina & Janelle | N/A                 |

## AN OINTING OF THE SICK

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# MASS INTENTIONS

# May 1– 31, 2026

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



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