

October 2024

St Stephen Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Morning Prayer 9:00 Father Nilo is away Sept 23 – Oct 4 Saint Thérèse	2 Morning Prayer 9:00 SFO Meeting 7:30  Holy Guardian Angels	3	4 Morning Prayer 9:00 24 Hour Adoration (Olds) Adoration 1:00-6:00 (Sundre)  Saint Francis of Assisi	5 Holy Mass 5:00 NO Reconciliation Living Joy 6:00
6 Holy Mass 11:15 Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00 Parish Potluck following morning Mass Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher Saint Bruno	7  Our Lady of the Rosary	8 Holy Mass 6:30 The Search 6:00-9:00	9 Holy Mass 9:00 KC Meeting (Didsbury) 7:30 Saint Denis & Companions	10 Mini-Pumpkin Centerpiece Workshop 6:00 	11 Holy Mass 9:00 Living Rosary following Mass (Olds) Saint John XXIII	12 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Holy Mass (Didsbury) 7:00
13 Holy Mass 9:00	14 Office Closed 	15 Morning Prayer 9:00 Father Nilo is away from October 15 - 31 Saint Teresa of Jesus	16 Morning Prayer 9:00  Saint Marguerite d'Youville	17 PPC Meeting (Sundre) 7:00	18 Morning Prayer 9:00 Living Rosary following Mass	19 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Living Joy 6:00
20 Holy Mass 11:15 Catechism 10:00	21 Adoration (Didsbury) 9-2:00  Dedication of Consecrated Churches Saint John Paul II	22 Morning Prayer 9:00 Dedication of Consecrated Churches Saint John Paul II	23 Morning Prayer 9:00 Coleslaw Making/Veggie Prep 10:00 Saint John of Capistrano	24  Saint Anthony Mary Claret	25 Morning Prayer 9:00 Living Rosary following Mass Dressing Making 10:00	26 Holy Mass 5:00
27 Holy Mass 9:00  Fall Supper 4-6:30	28 Marian Cenacle (Sundre) 1:00 Saint Simon & Saint Jude	29 Morning Prayer 9:00	30 Morning Prayer 9:00	31 	1 Holy Mass 9:00 24 Hour Adoration (Olds) Adoration 1:00 – 6:00 Holy Mass 7:00 (Celebration of the Solemnity) All Saints	2 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 All Souls

OCTOBER 2024 ~ Overview of the Month:

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7.



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of October 2024

For a Shared Mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people. (See also <http://www.popesprayerusa.net/>)

The autumn season manifests itself with wonderful fall foliage in many parts of the country. The temperatures are cooler, inviting people outdoors for nature walks, apple or pumpkin picking. School routines are more established and football season is in full swing. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October are also wonderful and unique. The feasts of some of the most popular saints of the universal Church are celebrated during this month: St. Thérèse the Little Flower (France), St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) and St. Teresa of Avila (Spain). These saints come from different countries, and in honoring these saints we can include cultural dishes or activities from each country to make the feast day even more special. Read more about the lives of these saints. Perhaps the family can pick one virtue that each saint practiced well and try to implement it.

The feasts in October also include two of the most popular, time-honored devotions of Catholics, the devotion to the [Holy Rosary](#) (October 7) and the [Guardian Angels](#) (October 2). In October 2002 St. John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter [Rosarium Virginis Mariae \(the Rosary of the Virgin Mary\)](#)."

This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light, which are:

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. Jesus' self manifestation at the wedding of Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with the call to conversion
4. the Transfiguration, and
5. the Institution of the Eucharist.

Try to make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October, read the Apostolic Letter to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply, and pray the Luminous mysteries.

Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. Every Catholic should know the [Angele Dei](#) (Angel of God) prayer and pray it often. The [Directory on Popular Piety](#) suggests that families pray it at morning and evening prayers or after the [Angelus](#).

[St. Ignatius of Antioch](#)

A convert of St. John, reputedly consecrated Bishop of Antioch by St. Peter, St. Ignatius was an important link between the first and second centuries of the Church. He was the writer of seven epistles as he proceeded to his martyrdom when condemned by Trajan.



October 18 - [St. Luke](#)

St. Luke was a physician from Antioch and a disciple of St. Paul. He is the author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. In his Gospel he highlights the universality of salvation.



SYMBOLS

[St. Jude](#)

The sailing vessel here represents the Church, which St. Jude (also known as Thaddeus or Lebbaeus) carried to many ports as he journeyed as a missionary.



[St. Simon](#)

The companion of St. Jude on many missionary journeys, St. Simon was known as a great fisher of men through the power of the Gospel.



[St. Francis](#)

St. Francis, the father of the Franciscan Order, for two years before his death bore the marks of the Lord's Passion upon his hands, feet and side. The tears on the cross represent the marks of the stigmata.

