

## January 2023 St. Stephen Parish







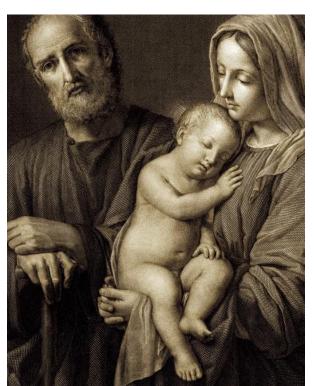








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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Mass 11:15  Solemnity of Mary,	PPC Meeting (Didsbury) 7:00  Saints Basil the Great &	3 Holy Mass 6:30  The Most Holy Name of	4 Holy Mass 9:00 SFO Meeting 7:30 KC 4th Degree Meeting 7:30	5 CWL Meeting 6:30 (Sundre) CWL Meeting 6:30 (Didsbury)	6 Holy Mass 9:00 24 Hour Adoration (Olds) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary 10:00 (Sundre) Adoration 1-6:00 (Sundre) Holy Mass 7:00 (Sundre)	7 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00
Mother of God  8 Holy Mass 9:00 Coffee in the Foyer After Mass  Epiphany of Penyafort	Gregory Nazianzen  9  Baptism of the Lord	Jesus 10 Holy Mass 6:30	1 1 Holy Mass 9:00 KC Meeting 7:00	Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys	13 Holy Mass 9:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 CWL Meeting (Olds) 10:00  Saint Hilary	Saint Andre Bessette  1 4 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00
1 5 Holy Mass 11:15 Santo Niño Celebration Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00	16 Adoration (Didsbury) 9-2:00	17 Holy Mass 6:30  Saint Anthony	18 Holy Mass 9:00	19 PPC Meeting (Sundre) 7:00	20 Holy Mass 9:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 Garage Sale Setup Begins (Olds) Saint Fabian & Saint Sebastian	21 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00  Garage Sale Drop-Off Saint Agnes
22 Holy Mass 9:00 Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00 Garage Sale Drop-Off Saint Vincent	Garage Sale Setup	24 Holy Mass 6:30 PPC Meeting 7:00 (Olds)  Garage Sale Setup  Saint Francis de Sales	25 Holy Mass 9:00 w/ Holy Trinity School Garage Sale Setup Conversion of Saint Paul	Garage Sale Setup  Saint Timothy & Saint Titus	27 Holy Mass 9:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 Parish Garage Sale 9:30-7:30 Saint Angela Merici	28 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Parish Garage Sale 9:00-3:00 CARAC SALE Saint Thomas Aquina
29 Holy Mass 11:15 Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00	30	31 Holy Mass 6:30  Saint John Bosco				·



## How to prepare for a Consecration to the Holy Family

Preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family involves deciding that you are not only dedicating your family to the Holy Family's intercession but also acknowledging that your family is sacred.

The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender your family to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family and that through your domestic church, you are called to exemplify their example.

Four suggested steps before Praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

- 1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- 2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Confession.
- 3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- 4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through His Church



O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.

There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.

May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

