








FEBRUARY

2024

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 CWL Meeting (Didsbury) 6:30	2 NO Mass 24 Hour Adoration (Olds) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 Garage Sale Meeting 10:00 Adoration (Sundre) 1-6:00 Holy Mass (Sundre) 7:00  Presentation of the Lord	3 Holy Mass 5:00 NO Reconciliation as Father is away Saint Ansgar Saint Blaise
4 Holy Mass 11:15 KC/CWL Memorial Mass Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00 Holy Mass 7:00	5 PPC Meeting (Didsbury) 7:00 RCIA 2:00 Baptismal Prep 7:00 Saint Agatha	6 Holy Mass 6:30  Saint Paul Miki & Companions	7 Holy Mass 9:00 SFO Meeting 7:00	8 Saint Josephine Bakhita Saint Jerome Emiliani	9 Holy Mass 9:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00	10 Holy Mass 5:00 Holy Mass 7:00 (Didsbury) Christians of the Holyland Items for Sale Saturday & Sunday  Saint Scholastica
11 Holy Mass 9:00 Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00 Rosary Rally 6:15 Holy Mass 7:00* *the Anointing of the Sick following the 7:00 Mass Our Lady of Lourdes	12 RCIA 2:00 Baptismal Prep 7:00 PPC Meeting 7:00 (Olds)	13 Holy Mass 6:30 	14 Holy Mass 9:00 <u>AT</u> Holy Trinity School Holy Mass 5:00 PM KC Meeting 7:30 Ash Wednesday	15	16 Holy Mass 9:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 Stations of the Cross 7:00	17 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
18 Holy Mass 11:15 KC-Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph w/Rosary 10:15 Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00	19 Office Closed Adoration (Didsbury) 9-2:00 RCIA 2:00  Family Day	20 Morning Prayer 9:00	21 Lay Led Liturgy 12:05 Lenten Lunch after Mass Saint Peter Damian	22 PPC Meeting (Sundre) 7:00	23 Morning Prayer 9:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 Stations of the Cross 7:00 Saint Polycarp	24 Holy Mass 5:00
25 Holy Mass 9:00 Catechism 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:00 2nd Sunday of Lent	26 RCIA 2:00	27 Morning Prayer 9:00	28 Lay Led Liturgy 12:05 Lenten Lunch after Mass	29 	Marriage Prep Weekend March 1-2	

FEBRUARY 2024 ~ Overview of the Month

This year the first half of February falls during the liturgical season known as Tempus per Annum or Ordinary Time (formerly Time After Epiphany), which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color changes to violet or purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

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

For the Terminally Ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Feasts for February 2024

2. [Presentation of the Lord](#), *Feast*
3. [Blaise; Ansgar](#), *Optional Memorial*
4. [FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME](#), *Sunday*
5. [Agatha](#), *Memorial*
6. [Paul Miki and Companions](#), *Memorial*
8. [Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita](#), *Optional Memorial*
10. [Scholastica](#), *Memorial*
11. [SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME](#), *Sunday*
17. [Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites](#), *Optional Memorial*
18. [FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT](#), *Sunday*
21. [Peter Damian](#), *Optional Memorial*
22. [Chair of St. Peter](#), *Feast*
23. [Polycarp of Smyrna](#), *Optional Memorial*
25. [SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT](#), *Sunday*

Highlights of the Month



The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

The blessing of candles, which takes place on February 2 (Candlemas Day), is one of the three principal popular blessings conferred by the Church. Ashes and palms are the other two. The father of a family begins the home ceremony by gathering the family in candlelight around the crib for a last time. [Editor's Note: This blessing is from the older version of the Roman Ritual. Also, the ceremony should take place in front of the family altar, since the Christmas season ended at the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord in the revised calendar. --JGM]

Father: Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light that enlightens every man who comes into the world, pour forth Your blessing upon these candles; sanctify them by the light of Your grace and mercifully grant that as candles by their visible light scatter the darkness of night, so too our hearts, burning with invisible fire, may be freed from all blindness of sin. With the eyes of our soul purified by Your Light, may we discern those things that are pleasing to You and helpful to us, so that having finished the dark journey of this life, we may come to never-fading joys through You, O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. In perfect Trinity you live and reign God forever.

All: Alleluia.

February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

This Feast is a festival of light. The procession, in which the blessed candles are carried by clergy and faithful, recalls by its symbolism the manifestation of Christ, the Light of the world, received in the temple. "A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."



[Liturgical Year : Activities : Candlemas Ceremony | Catholic Culture](#)

St. Polycarp

The bishop of Smyrna was condemned to death by burning. The flames refused to do their task, billowing about like sails, exposing the bishop's figure in a radiant light. A soldier used his spear to end the spectacle.



St. Scholastica

The sister of St. Benedict, and founder of a Benedictine convent not far from Monte Cassino. It is related that St. Benedict has a vision of a dove rising just before he received word of her death.



St. Agatha

During the Decian persecution, St. Agatha, a Sicilian of noble birth, died under torture rather than break her vow of lifelong consecration to Christ.



St. Dorothy

The patroness of gardens is particularly well known in the little villages of southern Europe. Her feast is locally celebrated on Feb. 6. The symbol is descriptive of her zeal for the faith.

