

# May 2022

## St. Stephen Parish



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Holy Mass 11:15</b> <b>Holy Mass 7:00</b> Catechism 10:00  <b>Saint Joseph the Worker</b>	<b>2</b> CWL Meeting (Olds) 6:30 PPC Meeting (Didsbury) 7:00 Baptismal Prep Class 7:00  <b>Saint Athanasius, Bishop</b>	<b>3 Holy Mass 6:30</b>   <b>Saints Philip &amp; James</b>	<b>4 Holy Mass 9:00</b> SFO Meeting 7:30  <b>Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis</b>	<b>5</b> CWL Meeting (Sundre) 7:00  	<b>6 Holy Mass 9:00</b>  24 Hour Adoration (Olds) Living Rosary following Mass (Olds) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 Adoration (Sundre) 1-6:00 <b>Holy Mass (Sundre) 7:00</b> <b>Saint Francois de Laval</b>	<b>7 Holy Mass 5:00</b> Highway Cleanup 8-1:00 PM <b>Garage Sale Donation Drop-off ~ Saturday-Sunday</b>
<b>8 Holy Mass 9:00</b> <b>Holy Mass 7:00</b> Catechism 10:00 Mother's Day Brunch after Mass   <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>9</b> Baptismal Prep Class 7:00  <b>Garage Sale Preparation Begins Today!</b>	<b>10 Holy Mass 6:30</b>  <b>Garage Sale Preparation</b>  <b>Saint John of Avila</b>	<b>11 Holy Mass 9:00</b> KC Meeting (Olds)  <b>Garage Sale Preparation</b>	<b>12</b> CWL Meeting (Didsbury) 6:30  <b>Garage Sale Preparation</b>  <b>Saints Nereus, Achilleus &amp; Pancras</b>	<b>13 Holy Mass 9:00</b> Living Rosary following Mass (Olds) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00 <b>Garage Sale 9:30-6:00</b>  <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	<b>14 Holy Mass 5:00</b>  <b>Garage Sale 9:00-2:00</b>  <b>Saint Matthias</b>
<b>15 Holy Mass 11:15</b> Andrusiak Baptism during the 11:15 Mass Catechism 10:00 <b>Holy Mass 7:00</b>	<b>16</b> Adoration (Didsbury) 9-2:00 <b>Father Nilo will be away on Retreat ~ May 16-19</b>	<b>17 Morning Prayer 9:00</b> PPC Meeting (Olds) 7:00	<b>18 Morning Prayer 9:00</b>   <b>Saint John I, Pope</b>	<b>19</b> PPC Meeting (Sundre) 7:00 <b>Youth Night – 7-9:00 “Hunger Games”</b>	<b>20 Holy Mass 9:00</b> Living Rosary following Mass (Olds) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00  <b>Saint Bernardine of Siena</b>	<b>21 Holy Mass 5:00</b>  <b>Saint Christopher Magallanes &amp; Companions</b> <b>Saint Eugene de Mazenod</b>
<b>22 Holy Mass 9:00</b> <b>Holy Mass 7:00</b> <b>Catechism 10:00 (LAST DAY!)</b>  <b>Saint Rita of Cascia</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Parish Offices Closed</b>  <b>Victoria Day</b>	<b>24 Holy Mass 6:30</b>  <b>Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau</b>	<b>25 Holy Mass 9:00</b>  <b>Saint Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi</b> <b>Saint Gregory VII</b> <b>Saint Bede the Venerable</b>	<b>26</b>   <b>Saint Philip Neri, Priest</b>	<b>27 Holy Mass 9:00</b> Living Rosary following Mass (Olds) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Sundre) 10:00  <b>Saint Augustine of Canterbury</b>	<b>28 Holy Mass 5:00</b> <b>Final Kids Fun Day!</b>  <b>PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) &amp; POTLUCK FOLLOWING MASS</b>
<b>29 Holy Mass 11:15</b> <b>Holy Mass 7:00</b>   <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Holy Mass 6:30</b>   <b>The VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	 <b>Happy Anniversary to Robert &amp; Theresa Coupal (May 16<sup>th</sup> – 58 years)</b>			



Mary Garden is a garden, filled with flowers, plants and trees named for Our Lady and Jesus, designed to be a place of beauty that reminds us of our Lord and our Lady, allows one to experience God's creation, and invites prayer and contemplation. Because Mary is a type of the Church as Bride, the garden should be enclosed if possible. The tradition of the Mary Garden comes from Sacred Scripture, Song of Songs 4:12: "You are an enclosed garden, my sister, my promised bride..."

St. Benedict had a rose garden ("rosary") at his monastery in the 4th c., but the first garden we know of that was specifically dedicated to Mary was one created by the Irish St. Fiacc in the 7th c. The earliest record of a garden explicitly called a "Mary Garden" involves a "fifteenth century monastic accounting record of the purchase of plants "for Mary's garden" by the sacristan of Norwich Priory, in England." <sup>1</sup>

Before the rise of Christendom, many flowers were associated with pagan deities -- Diana, Juno, Venus, etc. -- but when the "Age of Faith" ascended and replaced the pagan, these flowers were "christened" and re-dedicated to Christian themes. So many flowers were named for Jesus, Mary, the angels, holy places, etc. -- enough such that you can create a garden focused on specific aspects of Mary and Jesus' lives, such as His Passion or her sorrows. Enchanting names, like "Our Lady's Tears" (spiderwort), "Christ's-Cross Flower" (Summer phlox), "Joseph's Coat" (Amaranthus), "Pentecost Rose" or "Mary's Rose" (peony), and "Our Lady's Mantle" (Morning Glory), abounded. Sadly, during the Protestant rebellion and the rise of secularism, many of these flowers were re-named yet again with more worldly names but, of course, these flowers still exist and to many Catholic gardeners, their religious names are still meaningful.

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish's (in Pennsylvania) Mary Garden Dedication Booklet includes the following, which will give you an idea about how Mary Gardens recall the lives of Mary and Jesus. The booklet asks the reader to visit the garden and think of Mary:

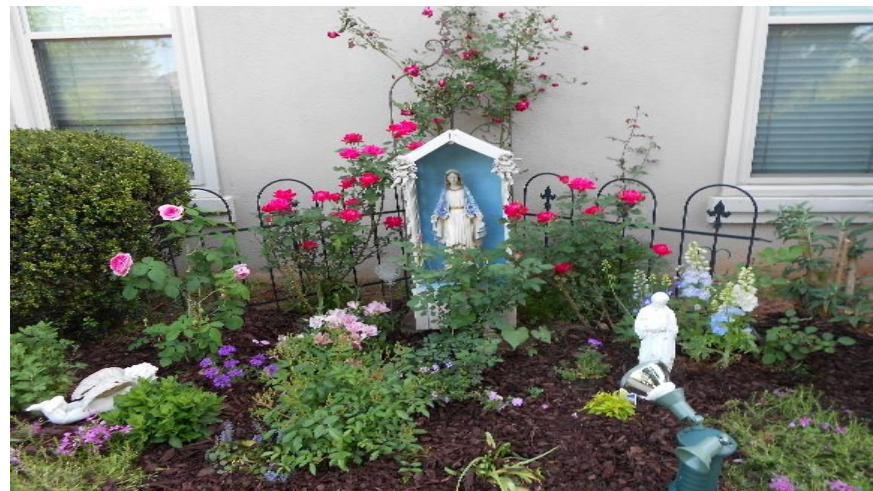
"Picture her eyes (Forget-Me-Nots), her hair (Maidenhair Fern), her five fingers (Potentilla). Think about her apparel: her smock (Morning Glory), her veil (Baby's Breath), her nightcap (Canterbury Bells), her gloves (Foxglove), and her shoes (Columbine). Remember her attributes: Mary's humility (Violet), the fruitful virgin (Strawberry), Mary's queenship (Virgin Lily), Mary's Flower of God (English Daisy), Mary's glory (Saint John's Wort), and Our Lady's Faith (Veronica).

Think about her life: The Bethlehem Star (Bellflower), the Christmas Flower (Poinsettia), Lady's Bedstraw (Dianthus - Mary used bedstraw to prepare a bed for Jesus), the Epiphany flower (Chrysanthemum), the Flight into Egypt (Fig Tree - legend says that the Holy Family ate the fruit of this tree during their flight into Egypt), Our Lady's Tears (Lily of the Valley - tiny white nodding bell-shaped flowers can be likened to a train of tears), Our Lady's Tresses (Asparagus Fern - legend holds that at the foot of the cross, Mary, in deep agony, tore out a tress of her hair which Saint John preserved), Mary's Bitter Sorrow (Dandelion), and the Assumption (Hosta - Plantation Lily blooms at the time of the Feast of the Assumption)."

You can plant flowers whose names and form evoke the Fourteen Stations of the Cross or the Fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary so that by walking through your garden you not only enjoy its natural beauty, but practically "make the Stations" or "walk the Rosary," turning your backyard, schoolyard, or churchyard into a holy shrine (especially when accented with beautiful statuary).

If you don't have lots of room, you can make mini-gardens on your patio or apartment's balcony, or grow miniature plants in dishes or terraria for inside your home (nice gifts for the homebound!). If you do have lots of room, especially if you live in the country, consider setting up a little roadside shrine and garden so people passing by can stop and rest at a beautiful sacred place.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Medieval Name/Religious Meaning
Daffodil	Narcissus pseudonarc	Mary's Star
Impatiens	Impatiens Walerana	Our Lady's Earrings or Mother's Love
Larkspur	Delphinium ajacis	Mary's Tears
Lavender	Lavendula	Flight into Egypt
Lilac	Syringa vulgaris	Ascension Flower
Nasturtium	Tropaeolum majus	St Joseph's Flower
Pansy	Viola tricolor	Trinity Flower/Our Lady's Delight
Petunia	Petunia hybr.	Lady's Praise
Snapdragon	Antirrhinum majus	Infant Jesus' Shoes
Sunflower	Helianthus annus	Mary's Gold
Sweet Pea	Lathyrus odoratus	Our Lady's Flower
Tulip	Tulipa gesneriana	Mary's Prayer
Violet	Viola odorata	Our Lady's Modesty
Zinnia	Zinia elegans	The Virgin, Church Flower



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