

JULY 2024



St. Stephen Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Closed 	2 Holy Mass 6:30	3 Holy Mass 9:00 Saint Thomas	4 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal	 5 Holy Mass 9:00 24 Hour Adoration (Olds) Wedding Rehearsal 3:00 Adoration (Sundre) 1-6:00 Holy Mass (Sundre) 7:00	6 Holy Mass 5:00 NO Reconciliation Wedding of Daniel & Rachel Stefner Saint Maria Goretti
7 Holy Mass 11:15	8	9 Holy Mass 6:30 Saint Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	10 Holy Mass 9:00 	11 Saint Benedict	12 Holy Mass 9:00	13 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Saint Henry
14 Holy Mass 9:00 Saint Camillus de Lellis	15 Adoration (Didsbury) 9-2:00  Saint Bonaventure	16 Holy Mass 6:30 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17 Holy Mass 9:00	18	19 Holy Mass 9:00	20 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage July 20-25 Saint Apollinaris
21 Holy Mass 11:15 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi	22 Saint Mary Magdalene	23 Holy Mass 6:30 	24 Holy Mass 9:00 Saint Sharbel Makhluf	25 Saint James	 Saints Joachim & Anne	27 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Funeral 2:00 FAMILY CAMPOUT WEEKEND July 26 - 28
28 Holy Mass 9:00 FAMILY CAMPOUT WEEKEND	29  8:30 – Noon	30 Holy Mass 6:30  8:30 - Noon Saint Peter Chrysologus	31 Holy Mass 9:00  8:30 - Noon	1  8:30 - Noon	2 Holy Mass 11:00 8:30 – 1:30 *Olympic Games Day*	

JULY 2024 ~ Overview of the Month

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. This symbol of hope is the colour 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. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

SYMBOLS

[St. Anne](#)

The mother of Our Lady, whose loving care of her daughter is shown by the silver border with black masonry. The lily refers to the girlhood of the Virgin.



[St. Ignatius](#)

The Founder of the Society of Jesus, and writer of the "Spiritual Exercises." "IHS" and rays, with the letters "AMDG" meaning "To the greater glory of God".



[St. Thomas](#)

The patron of builders. He is said to have built a Church with his own hands in East India. The spear refers to the instrument of his martyrdom.



[St. Martha, St. Mary and St. Lazarus](#)

St. Martha is mentioned as serving Christ with refreshment. A covered table with cloth, cups, pitcher and bowl containing fruit — all symbols of St. Martha's service.



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JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

A Time of Regeneration

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month. (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.

July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, St. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and "preaching" Christ to everyone we meet.

The summer Mass and Liturgy of the Hours readings in Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ, the Beginning and the End of our journey. Each Sunday with its Easter renewal becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

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