

SEPTEMBER 2024

St. Stephen Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Mass 11:15 Holy Mass 7:00	2 Labour Day <i>Father Nilo is away at the Archdiocesan Priest Retreat: Sept 2-6</i> Blessed Andre Grasset	3 Morning Prayer 9:00 School Opens Today!! Saint Gregory the Great	4 Morning Prayer 9:00 SFO Meeting 7:30 Blessed Dina Belanger	5	6 Morning Prayer 9:00 24 Hour Adoration (Olds) Adoration (Sundre) 1-6:00 Holy Mass (Sundre) 7:00	7 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00 Wedding 
8 Holy Mass 9:00 Rosary 8:30 / Litany 8:50 Blessing of your Statues & Icons of Mary Birthday Cake & Coffee Following Mass Holy Mass 7:00	9  Saint Peter Claver	10 Holy Mass 6:30 PPC Meeting 7:00 (Olds) Food Bank Drive: Bag Prep @ the LDS Church 7:00	11 Holy Mass 9:00 KC Meeting w/ Dinner 6:30	12 Liturgy Meeting 7:00 Most Holy Name of Mary	13 Holy Mass 9:00 Saint John Chrysostom	14 Holy Mass 5:00 Wedding Confession Available prior to the 5:00 Mass Only Today Holy Mass (Didsbury) 7:00
15 Holy Mass 11:15 Blessing of the New Tabernacle Lunch following Mass Holy Mass 7:00 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Adoration (Didsbury) 9-2:00 Food Bank Drive: Bag Distribution (M-TH) Saints Cornelius & Cyprian	17 Holy Mass 6:30 Saint Robert Bellarmine	18 Holy Mass 9:00	19 PPC Meeting (Sundre) 7:00  Saint Januarius	20 Holy Mass 9:00 Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	21 Holy Mass 5:00 Food Bank Drive: Donation Pick-up 9-Noon Reconciliation 11:00 Saint Matthew
22 Holy Mass 9:00 Catechism/Children's Lit Starts Today? Holy Mass 7:00	23 <i>Father Nilo is away on Pilgrimage to Lourdes September 23 – October 4</i> Saint Pius of Peitrelcina	24 Morning Prayer 9:00 Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin	25 Morning Prayer 9:00 Saint Cosmas & Saint Damian	26 <i>Mia is away from the office September 26 – October 3</i> Saint John de Brebeuf Saint Isaac Jogues & Companions	27 Morning Prayer 9:00 Saint Vincent de Paul	28 Holy Mass 5:00 Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions Saint Wenceslaus
29 Holy Mass 11:15 Stewardship/ Parish Fair following Mass Holy Mass 5:00* Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	30 Saint Jerome	1 Morning Prayer 9:00 	2 Morning Prayer 9:00	3	4 Morning Prayer 9:00	5 Holy Mass 5:00 Reconciliation 11:00

SEPTEMBER OVERVIEW: September falls during the liturgical season known as *Tempus per Annum* or Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping an eternal harvest in heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

For the Cry of the Earth ~ We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

SYMBOLS

Mary

The Monogram of the Blessed Virgin. The letters of the name "Maria" are evident in this ancient symbol. A crown was sometimes placed over the monogram by medieval artists.



St. Matthew

The moneybags refer to the occupation of St. Matthew before he was called to follow Christ. He was a tax gatherer known as Levi.



St. John Chrysostom

The great work of the Archbishop of Constantinople to overcome crime, heresy, and corruption was interrupted by avaricious enemies who effected his exile, which lasted four years, and ended with his death.



St. Jerome

One of the Four Western Fathers, along with Saints. Augustine of Hippo, Ambrose of Milan and Gregory the Great. He contributed courage and wisdom in his defense of the truth. His translation of the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate, is in general, the version authorized in the Roman Catholic Church.



Since man is both a spiritual and physical being, the Church provides for the needs of man in his everyday life. The Church's liturgy and feasts in many areas reflect the four seasons of the year (spring, summer, fall and winter). The months of August, September, October and November are part of the harvest season, and as Christians we recall God's constant protection over his people and give thanksgiving for the year's harvest.

The September Ember Days were particularly focused on the end of the harvest season and thanksgiving to God for the season. Ember Days were three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving at the beginning of each of the four seasons of the year. The ember days fell after December 13, the feast of St. Lucy (winter), after the First Sunday of Lent (spring), after Pentecost Sunday (summer), and after September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, after the Third Sunday of September (autumn). These weeks were known as the *quattor tempora*, the "four seasons."

Since the late 5th century, the Ember Days were also the preferred dates for ordination of priests. So, during these times the Church had a threefold focus: (1) sanctifying each new season by turning to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving; (2) giving thanks to God for the various harvests of each season; and (3) praying for the newly ordained and for future vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Since the reorganization of the Roman calendar in 1969 after the Second Vatican Council, Ember Days are still retained in principle, but how and when they are to be observed is at the discretion of each country's Episcopal Conference. There is no longer set Mass readings for the Ember Days in the current Roman Missal.

Another harvest feast is September 29, the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Before the revision of the calendar, this used to be only the feast of St. Michael. In many countries this day was referred to as "Michaelmas" and celebrated with traditional foods and customs.

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