



St. Anne

July 26

Who was St. Anne?

The Feast Day of Saint Anne is celebrated on July 26th. She is venerated as the principal patron of Quebec. Saint Anne, revered as the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ, symbolizes the virtues of patience and faith, having believed in God's grace during her years of childlessness.

The story of Saint Anne and her husband, Saint Joachim, as recounted in the apocryphal Gospel of James, touches upon themes of faith, promise, and miraculous conception. After enduring years without a child and facing societal stigma, the couple received a heavenly message from an angel announcing that Anne would conceive a child who was to be dedicated to God. In fulfillment of her vow, Anne and Joachim presented their daughter Mary to serve in the Second Temple at the age of three, a significant act of faith and dedication that would later lead to Mary's unique role as the mother of Christ.

In Quebec, the devotion to Saint Anne is particularly profound, with the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine attracting thousands of pilgrims annually. This shrine, one of the oldest pilgrimage sites in North America, has been a place of reported miracles and healing since the 17th century. The celebrations on July 26th include masses, processions, and special prayers, making it a day of spiritual renewal and community.

The Feast Day of Saint Anne commemorates her life and role in the Christian narrative and serves as a day to honour family bonds, the grace of faith, and the virtue of patience. It is a day that calls on the faithful to reflect on the blessings of their own families and to seek Saint Anne's prayers in their struggles, hopes, and thanksgiving.

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Quotes

"As the Lord my God lives, if I beget a child, I will offer it as a gift to the Lord my God, and it shall minister to Him in the holy place all the days of its life."

- St. Anne

"She was no ordinary woman; by virtue of being faithful, she became extraordinary."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Heavenly Father,

On this Feast Day of Saint Anne, we lift up our students and the entire Catholic community to your loving embrace. May the example of Saint Anne be a source of comfort, guidance, and inspiration for all.

Grant our students the wisdom to seek knowledge with integrity and compassion, following Saint Anne's unwavering faith and patience. Fill their hearts with the courage to stand up for justice and truth, and the grace to treat one another with kindness and respect, reflecting the virtues embodied by Saint Anne.

Guide our Catholic community in fostering a spirit of unity and love. May we reflect your boundless mercy and compassion in our daily lives, serving as a beacon of hope and light to those around us, just as Saint Anne did through her life and her role as the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandmother of Jesus Christ.

Bless our hearts with your peace and fill us with the strength to carry your love into the world. May we grow closer to you in faith and love each day, drawing inspiration from the life and devotion of Saint Anne.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the legacy of Saint Anne.

Amen.

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Quebec

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FEAST DAY:
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SCHOOL LOCATION:
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