

ST. ANN'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH
605 38TH STREET Canyon, TX 79015

Parish Office

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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www.stannsofcanyon.org



**This Week at St. Ann's
December 22 - 28**

Any changes to this schedule will be announced via Flocknote)

Monday, December 22

1:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens- Church Decorating

Tuesday, December 23

****Parish Office Closes at Noon****

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +David McKay by Jeffrey McKay)
6:00 p.m. Rosary after Mass
6:30 p.m. CHILDREN'S Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 24 NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

****Parish Office Closed****

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Children's Homily &
Children's Choir (Carols begin at 3:30)
(For +Melvin & Phyllis Przilas by Charlie & Colette Stork)
6:30 p.m. Solemn Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Adult
Choir (Carols begin at 6:00)
(For The People of God)

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

****Parish Office Closed****

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
(For +Frances Miguel by The Schwietermann Family)

Friday, December 26

NO DAILY MASS

****Parish Office Closed****

Saturday, December 27

6:30 a.m. Men's ACTS Prayer Group
8:00 a.m. Exodus Men's Group
3:30 p.m. Confession
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Ignatius Rozario by Vanitha Rozario)

Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Laverne Schaff by Mary Ehly)
10:15 a.m. NO Faith Formation-Christmas Break
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For The People of God)



Happy End of Advent/ Merry Christmas

This bulletin is a double edition- for both the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 21) and the Solemnity of the Holy Family (December 28). I pray that your Advent preparations give way beautifully to the celebration of the beginning of Christmas. Let's focus on the profound and eternal gifts given to us from God: Christ His Son, His Church, our families and friends, our parish family and the grace through which the Kingdom of God is opened to and for us. Happy Advent until Wednesday and Blessed Christmas thenceforth until the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2026.

Advent/Christmas Cards (repeat)

Our parish Advent/Christmas cards were mailed this week. If you don't receive one, please call the Parish Office, (806)655-3302. Perhaps we need to update your information??

Fr. Scott

Centenary Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for one hundred years of grace in our diocese. We praise You for the deep Faith and the outstanding example of our founders, for the dedicated service of our bishops, priests, deacons, and religious, and for the witness of countless Faithful. Pour out Your Spirit upon us, that we may live as one family in Christ, proclaiming the Gospel with joy and serving the poor with love. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Laurence, our patrons, guide us into the next century of faith, hope, communion, and mission. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

100 Years



1926 - 2026

Stewardship of Treasure: December 13-14, 2025

Cash/Checks: \$13,437.11

Online: \$7,722.29

Total: \$20,909.40

New Construction Debt Reduction: \$4,096.97

Thank you for your faithful tithing- your generosity sustains our parish's mission.



*Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Merry Christmas

You will find the new 2026 parish calendar available in the Narthex this weekend.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, we are once again able to offer a Catholic spiritual book as a gift to each household as a gift. Please coordinate within your household to take only one calendar and one book per family. Thank you.

A heartfelt "thank you" to our anonymous donor!

This Week at St. Ann's December 29 - January 4

Any changes to this schedule will be announced via Flocknote)

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

****Parish Office Closes at Noon****

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For Farrah S. by Mom)

6:00 p.m. Rosary after Mass

Wednesday, December 31 NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

****Parish Office Closed****

6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (Mary, Mother of God- Holy Day of
Obligation & Celebration)
(For +Lynora Abramson by St. Monica's Circle)

Thursday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God- Holy Day of
Obligation & Celebration

****Parish Office Closed****

10:00 a.m. Holy Day Holy Eucharist
(For Joanne Adams by Anonymous)

Friday, January 2 NO DAILY MASS

****Parish Office Closed****

Saturday, January 3 Anointing of the Sick After All Masses
St. Joseph School Raffle Ticket Sales

6:30 a.m. Men's ACTS Prayer Group

8:00 a.m. Exodus Men's Group

3:30 p.m. Confession

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Jeanne Tilley by John & Anne Steffen)

6:15 p.m. Fiesta of Volunteers Dinner

Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Donna Sanchez by St. Martha's Circle)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For The People of God)

Looking Ahead

January 6 Quilting Ministry
January 7 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
January 10/11 Christian Mother's Prayer
Joseph Project Collections
January 12 Circle of the Holy Spirit Meeting
KofC Officer Meeting



Landings Catholics Come Home!

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we have missed you! One way to explore returning to active participation is through the LANDINGS program here with our church community. LANDINGS is an eight-week program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. We begin our next session at St. Ann's in January. If you are interested in joining the program or serving on team, please contact Kendra Backus at 806-206-0868.

YOUR YEAR-END GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Both the season of Advent and the end of the year invite us to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed on us, even in the midst of so many challenges. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for our blessings by gifting to St. Ann's Parish. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. May God bless you for your continued generosity!



We welcome our newbrother in faith:

Samuel Jensen Self

Son of Nolan & Mikaela Self

May he grow in wisdom and grace!

Faith Formation

Sundays, from 10:15am - 11:15am



The Faith Formation Team wishes each family a very blessed and Merry Christmas. May this sacred season be filled with abundant blessings and graces from our Lord.

A friendly reminder there will be NO classes on December 21 or December 28. Classes will resume on January 4.

Wednesday Night Youth

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



**Friendly Reminder; No SAY, Wednesday, December 24 & 31.
SAVE the Date: January 31, 2026, Mandatory Confirmation
Retreat.**

Fr. Scott's Retirement Annuity

The members of St. Ann's Knights of Columbus want to extend a gracious thank-you to everyone who gave so generously to Father Scott's retirement annuity in the past. Once again, we appeal to all fellow parishioners to consider contributing to Fr. Scott's retirement annuity this year. As our parish priest, he is the one who leads us in Mass and administers the sacraments. Your support is appreciated and a clear sign of solidarity with our parish priest. Knights of Columbus investments have been steadily gaining in value. You can be confident that every dollar invested will gain interest and be there for Father's withdrawal. Thank you in advance for your generosity. May God bless you abundantly for your thoughtful gift.

The Knights of Columbus are a tax exempt organization under the subordinates of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus located at One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06507. The Knights of Columbus organization is included under section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Employer Identification Number is 06-0416470. This letter is your receipt.

Mail your contribution to:

Knights of Columbus Council 7840
605 38th St Canyon, TX 79015

Fr. Scott's Spiritual Book Club Discussion

January 15, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Fr. Scott will be discussing his latest Spiritual Book
Club choice, *The Imitation of Christ*.



Fiesta of Volunteers



The St. Ann's Community cordially invites you to attend a "Thank-You Fiesta" to all those who volunteer in the following ministries:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Volunteers, Altar Linens, Audio Visuals, Collection Counters, Czech Sausage Committee, Donut Volunteers, Endow Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Fallback Festival Committee, Finance Council, Funeral Meals, Faith Formation Catechists & Helpers, Funeral Planning, Homebound Ministry, Helping Hands, Hospital and Nursing Home Visitation, Intercessory Prayer Team, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Board, Ladies of St. Ann's, Landings, Lectors, Liturgical Art and Environment, Maintenance Volunteers, Music Ministers, OCIA Team, Outdoor Landscaping & Gardening, Parents Day Out, Parish Council, Quilting Ministry, Senior Enrichment Ministry Team, Small Group Leaders, Sponsor Couples for the Engaged, St. Helen's Outreach, Ushers, Young Adult Leaders, Youth Ministry Team

Please see the invitation in this bulletin and RSVP by December 29 to allow us to say "thank you" this Christmas Season!



Confirmation for Adults



In conjunction with the diocese, St. Ann's is offering a 10-hour catechesis class for adults who already receive the Eucharist but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you fall into this category and are interested in participating please contact Jennifer Sperry at dre@stannsofcanyon.org or call 806-655-3302 by Friday, January 23, 2026.

Please note in order to participate in this program and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation the candidate must:

- Contact the Parish Office for an interview with our DRE., Jennifer Sperry
- Be out of High School and at least 18 years old
- Be able to commit to 10 hours of catechesis before Confirmation and at least 3 hours after reception of Confirmation.
- Provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate
- If married, provide a copy of the Church's certificate of the Sacrament of Matrimony
- Understand the person he/she has chosen to be the sponsor fulfills all the requirements as stated in Canon Law.



St. Ann's Catholic Church Blood Drive

**Tuesday, December 30
3 - 6 p.m.**

Look for the Bloodmobile!



Congratulations! to Larry Ramaekers, Knights of Columbus Council #7840 Knight of the Year

In recognition of distinguished and unselfish service to the Knights of Columbus & The Church



Holy Days at St. Ann's

Christmas Eve

(Wednesday, December 24)

4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass with Children's
Homily & Children's Choir
Carols Begin at 3:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Solemn Christmas Eve Eucharist
Carols Begin at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

(Thursday, December 25)

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Holy Day of Obligation/Celebration- Mary, Mother of God

December 31
January 1

Vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

Christmas Week

Monday, December 22, Normal Business Hours

Tuesday, December 23, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, December 24- Friday, December 26,
Closed for Christmas

New Year's Week

Monday, December 29 - Friday, January 2, the
Parish Office will be closed as the staff attends
to some end-of-year tasks. Should you need
anything urgently, please call the Parish Office,
(806)655-3302 and leave a message or email
parish@stannsofcanyon.org and a staff member
will respond as soon as possible.

Joseph's Project

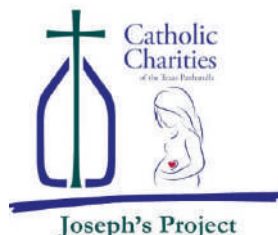
January 10-11 or January 17-18

Items will be collected on the tables in the Narthex.

Needed Items (All items must be "New")



Baby wipes
Baby shampoo
Baby bath tub
Baby bottles (small)
Pacifier
Sippy cups
Bottle washer brush
Diaper rash cream
Breast pumps
Diapers
Strollers
Car seats



Amazon Wishlist QR Code:





Fiesta of Volunteers

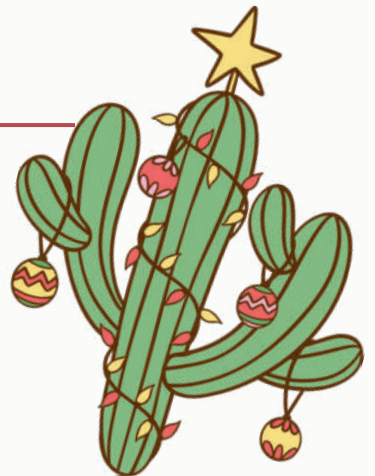
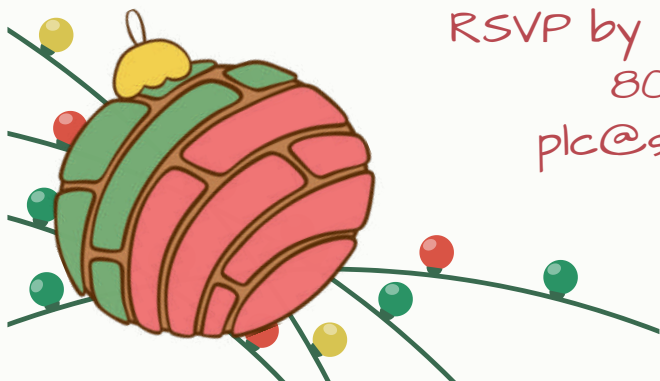
It's a Fiesta for our Volunteers! You beautifully serve our faith community, and we are blessed by your work! Please join us for a meal and fellowship as we celebrate and thank you for your generous service.

To allow for an evening of conversation and connection, this gathering is intended for adults, with the exception of Altar Servers. Childcare will be available. Please let us know when you RSVP if you will need childcare.

JANUARY 3, 2026 • 6:15 PM

St. Ann's Parish Hall

RSVP by December 29 to Terri:
806-655-3302 or
plc@stannsofcanyon.org



January 2026

If you are scheduled and can't be here, please find someone to take your place.

Ushers

Jan 3-4

H-Johnny Hampton, Kenny Gerber,
Kirkland Sperry, Ken Fischbacher

Jan 10-11

H-Keith Dietz, Tony Kline,
Kirkland Sperry, Rex Acker

Jan 17-18

H-Tony Kline, Mark Brandt,
Kirkland Sperry, Johnny Hampton

Jan 24-25

H-Tony Kline, Mark Brandt,
Johnny Hampton, Kirkland Sperry

Communion Ministers

Jan 3-4

C-Brittany Roberts, Heath & Dollie
Henderson, Mike Coulter, Doretta Gerber,
Sharon Hampton, Craig Sperry

Jan 10-11

C-Craig Sperry, Annie Miller,
Matthew Thooft, Shawn & Marla Gales,
Brittany Roberts, Darlene Fetsch

Jan 17-18

C-Kenny Gerber, Jackie Halsted, Rex
Acker, Bruce Clarke, Mary Bowling, Annie
Miller, Doretta Gerber

Jan 24-25

C-Darlene Fetsch, Diana Lambeth, Sharon
Hampton, Javier Perez, Michelle Kotara,
Pauline Rivas, Mark Hall

Altar Servers

Jan 3-4

Owen & Paxton Leal, Bode Miller
NEW-Miles Reinart

Jan 10-11

Hanna Kohler, Harper Miller, Bridget Leheska
NEW-Miles Reinart

Jan 17-18

Tripp Huddleston, Bode & Harper Miller
NEW-Miles Reinart

Jan 24-25

Stark Henderson, Norah Hernandez, Bowen Daigle
NEW-Miles Reinart

Lectors

Jan 3-4

1st-Mark Reinart
2nd-Criss Murdoch

Jan 10-11

1st-Jeff Burton
2nd-Jennifer Sperry

Jan 17-18

1st-James Miller
2nd-Kris Kohut

Jan 24-25

1st-Cesar Lona
2nd-Chris Hall

Nursery

Jan 3-4

Dee Ortiz, Beatrice Thooft

Jan 10-11

Sarah McKnight, Rebekah Kolath

Jan 17-18

Dee Ortiz, Naomi Hopper

Jan 24-25

Sarah McKnight, Rebekah Kolath

ENDOW Tuesday Evenings

Jan 13 Dee Ortiz, Natalie West
Jan 27 Natalie West, Helen March

9:00 AM

H-Wayne Davis, Santos Segura,
Mary Ellen Brandt, Matt Brandt

H-Roger Cross, Wayne Davis,
David Rohrbach, Randy Hochstein

H-Bernie Wieck, Gary Reinart,
Larry Ramaekers, Santos Segura

H-David Rohrbach, Mike Smith,
Jake Bettencourt, Mary Ellen Brandt

C-Joe Shehan, Theresa Segura, Kendall
Karr, Jonathan & Amanda Lawson,
Derrick Martin, Cindy Cross

C-Cindy Cross, Glenn Backus, Angie
Lawson, Simon Leech, Cheryl Rickwartz,
Tammie Gray, Diane Wieck

C-Jonathan Lawson, Cliff Lawson, Jeanne
Moeder, John & Kim Schmucker, Tammy
Ramaekers, Amanda Lawson

C-Glenn Backus, Jeremy Lawson, Abby
Schlumpf, Rob & Mary Parker, Theresa
Segura, Cindy Rohrbach

Lauren & Jill Brandt, Emma Fischbacher
NEW-Victoria Dawes

Joseph Huseman, Olive & Lloyd Winter,
NEW-JD Brandt

Makenna & Cyrus Witt, Josie Lyons
NEW-Eliana Pritchett

Matthias Tudon, Wyatt Schulte, Justin Backus
NEW-Victoria Dawes

1st-Jackie Halsted
2nd-Chad Huseman

1st-Kendall Karr
2nd-Timothy Winter

1st-Derrick Martin
2nd-Tim Reid

1st-Nick Renteria
2nd-Nathan Dawes

8:30-10:45 AM

Matt & Bernadette Thooft

Natalie West, Bernadette Thooft

Bernadette Thooft, Matt Thooft

Dee Ortiz, Natalie West

Wednesday Evenings

Jan 7 Dee Ortiz, Victoria Smith
Jan 14 Naomi Hooper, Janet Sanchez
Jan 21 Janet Sanchez, Victoria Smith
Jan 28 Dee Ortiz, Naomi Hooper

11:30 AM

H-Robert Posadas, Manuel Vega,
Bill Good, Martin Lopez

H-Manuel Vega, Bill Good,
Marcelo Ruiz, Fidel Nieto

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Manuel Vega, Randy Hochstein

H-Martin Lopez, Marcelo Ruiz,
Robert Posadas, Fidel Nieto

C-Agnes Posadas, Phil Dryer, Jordan
Duncan, Kristi Powell, Mike & Katie
Kleinhenz, John Mustard

C-Tori Klose, Mindy Johnson, AnnaBeth
Baker, Ruby Lona,
Michael Harrett, John & Angie Mustard

C-Ruby Lona, Patricia Martinez, Phil Dryer,
Kristi Powell, Jordan Duncan, Mike
Kleinhenz, Cesar Lona

C-Michael Harrett, Tori Klose, AnnaBeth
Baker, Amber Zuniga, Agnes Posadas,
Jessica Dunan, Mindy Johnson

Jude Gladman, Michael Kolath, Harriet Kleinhenz
NEW-Josiah Orozco

Jude Gladman, Miriam Lona, Mark Klose
NEW-Gabriel Lona

Mark Klose, Harriet Kleinhenz, Miriam Lona
NEW-Jacobi Dencklau

Michael Kolath, Jude Gladman, Ava Urbanosky
NEW-Josiah Orozco

1st-Becky Lopez
2nd-Angie Mustard

1st-Chris Cannon
2nd-Patricia Martinez

1st-Katie Kleinhenz
2nd-Carmen Flood

1st-Randy Hochstein
2nd-Elsa Reyes

10:45-12:45PM

Natalie West, Kris McConnell

Holly Detten, Elizabeth Huseman

Kris McConnell, Rebekah Kolath

Helen March, Holly Detten

OCIA

Jan 4 Bernadette & Max Thooft
Jan 11 Natalie West, Bernadette Thooft
Jan 18 Bernadette & Beatrice Thooft
Jan 25 Dee Ortiz, Natalie West



Adult Faith Formation



Catholic Social Teaching: 101



This series brings the themes of Catholic social teaching to life and inspires us to put our faith into action.

Watch for sign-up info

Fr. Scott's Spiritual Book Club

Fr. Scott chooses different books periodically to be read at your convenience. Then at a later date, he will hold a discussion meeting. Watch the bulletin for details.



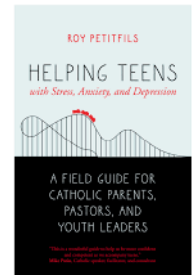
Endow Women's Study Group- New Semester Begins January 13, 2026



The title "Doctor of the Church" is a rare and prestigious honor, celebrating intellectual brilliance and profound spiritual depth. This semester, our women's group will explore the meaning of this revered title as we dive into the life of St. Hildegard of Bingen.

Our group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall beginning January 13, 2026.
For more information, please contact Sarah, 970-630-4237 or Sally, 480-298-1133

Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression



In *Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression*, Roy Petitfils—a Catholic author, speaker, and psychotherapist—offers his personal experience, advice, and faith to give parents, pastors, and youth leaders the knowledge, courage, and tools they need to step in, make a difference, and be the presence of Christ for teens in crisis. Chad & Terri Huseman will facilitate the book study where you will learn:

- the major causes of stress and anxiety in teens today
- differentiating healthy stress from toxic stress
- simple steps to identify, assess and whether to step in
- The art of listening

Watch for sign-up info



EXODUS 90- MEN'S GROUP

It is normal for men to be distracted, addicted, and enslaved by so many things today. What is uncommon in our time is men who are free. A free man is not a perfect man but one who remembers who he is: a son of God whom God has called forth for love. And he knows how much more he can become by the power of grace unfolding in his life over time. The freedom of the uncommon man, the Exodus man, is not for its own sake. Like Jesus on the Cross, the free man takes up his life and then lays it down for others. What is returned to him is a life of meaning, integration, and eternal satisfaction.

Exodus 90 starts January 5, 2026. Join us Saturday mornings at 8:00 in the Parish Hall to get started, or call Ryan Huseman at 806-340-9605.

Pastor's Class: Devotions, Sacramentals & Pious Practices



From brown, black, and blue scapulars to consecration to the Sacred Heart, from St. Christopher auto medals to rosary beads, from the Black Madonna to Our Lady of Lubbock, we'll address the array of devotional options (and non-options!) available to us in our Catholic faith. Come and learn at these classes with Fr. Scott, held every last Sunday of the month unless otherwise announced! Perhaps a helpful pious practice will become a part of your spirituality. Sign up for this class is not necessary.

***"The formation of priests, laypeople, and consecrated men and women ... is not 'limited to specialized knowledge' but involves 'a continuous journey of conversion.'"* Pope Leo**



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“The 12 Days of the Feast of Holy Family”

On the 1st day of the Feast, my true love gave to me.....A Great Big Clock.

Even in families, relationships do not grow without the investment of TIME. Most spouses only spend a few minutes each day in conversation with each other, usually managing the household. Most parents only spend a few minutes each day in conversation with their children, usually correcting behavior.

On the 2nd day of the Feast, my true love gave to me.... Work Gloves.

Quality family life, like quality marriages, has to be WORKED at. It doesn't just happen. The Romantic Myth of marriage supposes that all interactions will be spontaneously wonderful. Not in the real world. Family life requires skills that must be learned and practiced.

On the 3rd day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....A Clothes Pin.

This is to help me pin my mouth shut! Sometimes WORDS hurt worse than sticks or stones, especially when they come from people who know our weaknesses so very well. Be careful what you say, even to your family members.

On the 4th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....Q-Tips.

This is to clean out my ears so that I can really LISTEN better, not just wait until the other person stops speaking long enough for me to jump in. One of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People is to seek to understand before trying to be understood.

On the 5th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....A Prayer Book.

We all believe that it is good for couples and families to PRAY together. But do you? How do you pray together? It is not easy. It is awkward at first. But folks who do pray together feel it greatly enhances their bonded-ness.

On the 6th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....a Calendar.

One website advises couples to set a monthly date night and keep it religiously! In all honesty, you will never “find the time”. You simply must SCHEDULE IT. Over time, couples become household managers-parental units, etc. Soon marriage can seem like just another job. Parents (especially fathers) are suggested to “make dates” with each of their children to give the child undivided attention doing something the child likes to do.

On the 7th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....A Remote

...to TURN OFF the TECHNOLOGY. On average, Americans spend around 7 hours daily on screens, with smartphones dominating (over 4 hours), followed by TV, computers, and tablets; adults still have significant usage, often blurring lines between work and leisure digital engagement. Technology is isolating, people scatter to separate areas, disconnect from others and plug into technology.

On the 8th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....A Bible.

God has much WISDOM about life to share with us. We need to learn it and live it, not just admire it from a safe distance. We could learn a lot from the wonderful passage we hear on the Feast of the Holy Family, Col. 3:12-21

On the 9th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....A Confessional.

We are sometimes clumsy and step on each others' toes accidentally. And sometimes we can just be mean, even with the people we love. We must not be too proud to apologize, to seek forgiveness and to extend forgiveness often.

On the 10th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....A Cross.

This is to remind us that for love to grow, selfishness must be crucified. Selfishness is the greatest threat to family life. Dealing with it is like dying and rising.

On the 11th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....Pizza.

Everyone seems to show up for dinner when there is pizza. There are studies and statistics that show the importance of a family sharing meals. Sometimes you need to prime the pump and set the atmosphere. Avoid questions that can be answered in one word: What did you do today? “nuthin”, How was your day? “fine”.

On the 12th day of the Feast, my true love gave to me....(intentionally left blank)

This is for you to figure out what your family most needs from you...and give it to them. You probably know what is most needed. Make it your resolution to do it.