

Patrons and Scriptures for Each Teaching

1. **Patron of Day:** Mother Mary: the most sexual person in history yet ever virgin. As a woman among women she loved God so much she spontaneously became pregnant with Jesus by the Holy Spirit.
2. **Master of Ceremonies Couple:** Bishop Baraga, Pioneer bishop of the U.P. and candidate for sainthood. Known as the snowshoe priest.
3. **Holy Widows:** Acts 9:36-41 (Tabitha) Little Flower St. Therese died at age 24 about 100 years ago in France. Pope John Paul II raised her from ordinary sainthood to Doctor of the Church, not for the great things she did but for the ordinary things she did so well
4. **Overview & Basic Understandings:** St. Thomas More: Catholic Family Man and government official who had his head cut off by order of King Henry VIII. Thomas More was a loyal servant of the king but he could not approve of his divorce nor accept him as head of the Church.
5. **Love and Intimacy:** 1 John 3:11&14&17-18 St. John the Evangelist Apostle of Love, He was the only Apostle to die a natural death. In his old age he was famous for reminding his flock over and over again to Love one another. He died at age 100 during the reign of our 5th Pope.
6. **Sexuality and Natural Family Planning:** Sirach 25:1 & 26:1-4 St. Girard, patron of those wanting children.
7. **Budgeting & Finances:** Proverbs 3:9-10 St. Raphael the Archangel who led Tobias to recover a treasure of money.
8. **Communications:** Ephesians 4:25 St. Benedicta of the cross (Edith Stein) 1891-1942, Intellectual and Jewish convert and Carmelite Nun. She was martyred by the Nazis at Auschwitz concentration camp.
9. **Pastor's Talk:** John 2:1-10 (Cana) St. John Vianney. Mystic and model parish priest.
10. **Prayer and Spirituality of Marriage:** Luke 11:9-13 (ask and receive) St. Anthony, Powerful intercessor and prayer partner for us. He is known for many miracles and answers to prayers.
11. **Wedding Music & Planning:** Tobit 8:4-8, St. Cecilia, Patron of Church Music who died a martyr to protect her purity.
12. **Manly session:** Ephesians 3: 14-15, St. Ambrose, A holy teacher and early Church Father.
13. **Womanly session:** Ezekiel 3:20-21 (watchman) St. Catherine of Seina, one of three women who are Doctors of the Church.
14. **Parenting Panel:** Luke 2: 41-50 (worried parents of Jesus) St. Joseph & St. Mary, the Holy Family, St. Joseph the Worker was the foster father of Jesus, and a carpenter. He is a model for all of us ordinary people who work to support a family. The Blessed Mother too, was an ordinary

woman of the village who kept house and raised her Child. She teaches us that it is through ordinary life that most of us are called to holiness.