Additional Information

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

"The tree is known by its fruit" (Mt 12.33; 7.16, 20), said Jesus. We know Christ, the flower and sweet fruit that came from the branch, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was kept sinless by God from the first moment of her conception. From the holiness of the fruit, we may say that the tree, her parents, was holy. According to the apocryphal 'Protogospel of James' (2nd century), the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary were called Anne (also spelled Ann, Anne, Anna, from Hebrew, Hannah, that is, grace) and Joachim (that is, the Lord prepares). The veneration of the grandparents of Jesus is very old in the East, where on a July 25, in about 550, a basilica in Constantinople was dedicated to St. Anne. In the West it appeared only in the 8th century.

Devotion to St. Anne was brought to Canada by the early colonists and adopted quickly by the native communities. In their culture the peoples ofthe First Nations have great respect for their ancestors who venerated St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. The shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupré, established in 1658 and raised to the rank of a minor basilica on May 5, 1887, is a famous place of pilgrimage.

Special blessings for the elderly at all weekend Masses.

Canadian Missions Shared Collection –
August 3, 2025
Special envelopes are at the back table.