



St. Stephen's Parish
St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima
Nilo Macapinlac
April 23 , 2023

Sat April 22, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00AM Olds 5:00PM Olds
Sun April 23, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00AM -Olds 11:15AM Trochu 7:00PM Olds
Tues April 25, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30PM Olds
Wed April 26, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri April 28, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat April 29, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM
Sun Apr 30, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

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MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday – 6:30 PM
Wednesday – 9:00 AM
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 5:00 PM
Sunday – 9:00/11:15AM
Sunday - 7:00PM
 Confession every Saturday in
 Olds at 11:00 AM Unless
 otherwise posted. .

Our Lady of Fatima – Sunde
1st Friday Mass – May 5,2023
 Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –
 Friday - 10:00 AM
St. Anthony - Didsbury
 2nd Saturday Mass – May 13, 2023 –

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,

Alleluia! Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards we know that our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven. Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our "why" for embracing the stewardship way of life — we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him — as we sojourn through life, we are to make of our lives a gift to Him in return. Our Gospel passage today describes a sojourn as well, the familiar Easter season story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. These men knew Jesus personally. They were believers. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They talked with Him, traveled with Him, ate with Him. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. And if that were not enough, they had also been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported. How much more obvious could the Good News be? And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own walk of faith, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God. The life of a disciple — even for us modern-day disciples — is truly a sojourn, with valleys and mountaintops, wrong turns and course corrections required on a regular basis. Our Lord offers a course correction to the two disciples who have lost their way, opening their eyes to the reality of His presence and the truth of His Resurrection. What happens when their eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — "the breaking of the bread?" They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. So, what can we do when we become discouraged, when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is absolutely essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life. In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on the journey towards heaven, with a renewed sense of joy and gratitude as we go! As part of our renewed life in the Risen Christ and an act of gratitude, let us always be ready in looking after the needs of those around us. In caring our sick and elderly, the dying and those who need the last rites of the Church, please do not hesitate to call me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. Thank you!

Yours devotedly in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Please take note - there is no snow on the flowers in the picture. I am "visualizing" what I hope to see



FAITH FORMATION

Please note that there are no more *Chosen* discussions on Thursdays. There was a mistake in last week's bulletin.

Confirmation Class this weekend: April 23, 2023

Save the date! St. Stephen's Parish will be holding a family campout on the weekend of July 21-23rd. Mark your calendars for a fun time! More details to follow.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION

Our dates for First Holy Communion gatherings will be:

Saturday, Apr 29, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

Saturday, May 27, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Youth grades 6 and up - mark your calendars!

Thursday May 4th – Mantracker

Thursday June 1st – TBD

Times and locations are coming-For more information, please email monica.andrew@rdcrs.ca

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASSES

Once a month, we welcome the students and staff from Holy Trinity School to Morning Mass. They will join us on the following dates:

Wednesday May 24th – 9:15 AM

Mass will begin at 9:15 AM on these dates to allow time for the students to be transported by bus. We encourage you to join us at Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Aid and Support after Pregnancy: The Knights of Columbus will be holding a support raising effort for the Olds office of the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre. It will run from Mothers' Day (May 14th) to Fathers' Day (June 18th). We are looking for financial donations, baby products (list to be provided), and especially prayers for those in need. More information to follow soon. Please plan to support a Culture of Life and also to come to our **Mothers' Day Brunch on May 14th**.

MUNDARE SAUSAGE SALE – The Knights of Columbus will be holding another Mundare Sausage Sale on Saturday April 29th from 10-2. They will be set up on the ramp. Proceeds from the Sausage sales go towards hosting the K of C Free Throw Competitions, in support of the Pregnancy Care Centre & in support of Our Lady of Victory Camp among other Parish and Community Projects that our local K of C is involved in. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SEARCH

“ SEARCH is an energetic, interactive weekend retreat put on by youth for youth. The weekend is filled with talks, prayer experiences, and group activities which encourage individuals to grow in their relationship with Christ. SEARCHERS will have the opportunity to share Christ, prayer, friendship and fun. The weekend is open to all youth (ages 15-19) whether they are Catholic, another denomination, or just searching for God.

SEARCH is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Edmonton. All of the teachings are consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church. SEARCH follows the Call to Protect Safe Environments Program and the Archdiocesan Policies and Procedures.

WHERE: St. Marguerite Catholic School, Innisfail, AB

WHEN: May 5-7th (Registration is due prior to May 3, 2023)

COST: \$40

For more information contact Jeannette Manser – Jeannette.manser@rdcrs.ca or 403-872-5191

COMMUNITY

The Lutheran Church in Olds is doing a Blessing of Motorbike and Riders following their service on Sunday May 7, 2023 at 11:15 AM.. A ride to Rimbey Fire Hall in support of Alberta EMS will follow led by Sober Riders. Donations will go towards Alberta EMS Scholarship Fund.

