



St. Stephen's Parish
St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima
Nilo Macapinlac
April 30 , 2023

Sat April 29, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00AM Olds 5:00PM Olds
Sun April 30, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00AM -Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00PM Olds
Tues May 2, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30PM Olds
Wed May 3, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri May 5, 2023	24 Hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Weekday Mass First Friday Mass - Our Lady of Fatima	24 hrs 9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat May 6, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM
Sun May 7, 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 – Sundre
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! We are celebrating World Day Prayer for Vocations. Let us not forget to pray for the increase of vocations in our Archdiocese of Edmonton. Let us pray for holy perseverance of our seminarians, and of our young people discerning for religious vocations. Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life. Let us constantly pray that He will send laborers, new breed of Church servant-leaders to His flock according to His mind and heart. In both the first and second readings, we find Peter embracing his role as leader of the newborn Church. In our first reading from Acts, he exhorts the crowd, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." We then read that the ones who accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and then left them free to accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God. We can find many parallels in this passage to the call to a stewardship way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God's call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interest. We are free to make that choice. Or, we can embrace the call to discipleship through the stewardship way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from "this corrupt generation" just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church. Our second reading, again featuring St. Peter, offers further motivation for embracing this way of life. Peter reminds us that Christ, "bore our sins in his body upon the cross." And that, "by his wounds you have been healed. For [we] had gone astray like sheep but... have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls." Such an incredibly poignant description of the love our Savior has for us and the kind of relationship He desires to have with us — as shepherd and guardian of our souls. This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is expanded in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is yet another reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us. Embracing the stewardship way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. On the contrary. Our Lord did not come to take from us, but to give to us. Again, we read His own words from the Gospel passage, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This Easter season, let us resolve to freely give all of ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him. 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 for all who made our Paschal Triduum, the entire Holy Week more solemn and meaningful encounter with the Lord!

Yours devotedly in the Risen Christ,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

"A vocation is God's unique invitation for you, a particular way for you to live your life to the fullest. Your response is expected, not as a single act, but as a lifelong process, a journey of faith." Take your first steps at Vocation.ca. Vocation.ca provides you with tools to help determine how you are being called.



FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Class this weekend: April 30, 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:

THIS 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 – CANCELLED

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

The Knights of Columbus are planning a Mothers' Day Brunch on May 14th after the 9am Mass, for Mothers, young and old. We are also combining this with a fundraising drive to help our local Pregnancy Care Centre - **in support of a Culture of Life**. The fundraising drive will start on Mothers' Day (May 14th) with the distribution of baby bottles. The bottles will contain a note with pertinent information. It is our hope that you take these bottles home and return them on Fathers' Day, or sooner, filled with coin, cash, or maybe a cheque- made out to "Pregnancy Care Centre" - as much as you are able. Financial donations without a baby bottle are also most welcomed. Tax receipts will be issued by the Pregnancy Care Centre. We will also accept donations of diapers, baby wipes, baby hygiene products, and outfits (for newborns to 2-year-olds) for the Pregnancy Care Centre's distribution. There will be a spot in the foyer for you to put any material items and the baby bottles and they will be gathered after each Mass. Contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627 with any questions.

MUNDARE SAUSAGE SALE – THIS WEEKEND - 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

St. Stephen's Parish 2023 AGM

June 3, 2023 - with potluck following Mass and meeting to follow.

All are welcome to attend. Reports will be available prior to meeting for review.

COMMUNITY

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April 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"



When you give to *Together We Serve* your gift helps Catholic Social Services and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul open the gate to those who long for refreshment of soul and body.

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved..."
(John 10:9)

Ask at the parish office how you can give to *Together We Serve* or visit:
www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve