



*May 1, 2022*  
*Father Nilo Macapinlac*

Sat Apr 30, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 1, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Mon May 2, 2022	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Weekly	9:00 AM Olds
Tues May 3, 2022	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed May 4, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Friday May 6, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM
Sat May 7, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 8, 2022	Holy Mass K of C Mother's Day Brunch (following Mass)	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 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**

**Our Lady of Fatima - Sunde**

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on  
the first Friday of every month.

**OLF Weekly Schedule**

Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet &  
Rosary – 10:00 AM

**St. Anthony**

May 14<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM – Holy Mass

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear People of God,

Alleluia! Our readings on this Third Sunday of Easter continue with lessons of hope for abundant new life in the Risen Lord. In fact, when we look at the Gospel Reading from John and compare it to the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we get a glimpse of the “before Easter Disciples” and the “after Easter Disciples” that offer inspiration for positive change in all of us. In the Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, “I’m going fishing.” Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him. How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. We make a positive resolution — for instance to develop more patience or more discipline in our prayer lives — only to find our temper flaring in traffic or our hand hitting the snooze button instead of getting out of bed to pray. It makes us just want to forget it, to stop trying and go back to our old ways. Those very feelings of discouragement and lost hope make it even harder to try yet again. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their “backslide.” He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them with such tenderness, gently asking, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” Then he gives them some fishing pointers, which lead to such a miraculous catch of fish that they finally recognize Him as the risen Lord. Wanting them to be at ease with Him, Jesus then feeds them breakfast. How gracious He is to them! He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves “out at sea” — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering “do-over’s” if we just keep returning to Him. This constant process of turning back to the Lord is the essence of a stewardship way of life and a call to discipleship. Good stewards are not necessarily those who have mastered some perfect formula for the giving of time, talent, and treasure. They are those who continue to get back up after each fall, who are willing to continually reevaluate their goals and priorities as they aim for Heaven. Good stewards simply have more confidence in the goodness of the Lord than fear of their own failure. And little by little, good stewards find themselves becoming like the “after Easter Disciples”, we find in today’s first reading, who were proud to be called before the Sanhedrin for “filling Jerusalem” with the Good News of Jesus. Let’s allow ourselves to be renewed with Easter hope on our stewardship journey, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is walking alongside us each step of the way. St. Joseph the Worker, Patron of Edmonton Archdiocese, pray for us!

Yours in God’s Divine Mercy,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

## HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR THE UKRAINE

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has partnered with the Canadian branch of the Papal charity, *The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)*, to provide immediate humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine. Donations to CNEWA will help equip local Caritas centres to assist struggling families, including those who are displaced and in desperate need for food, shelter, medical attention, and more. Please pray. Stay informed. And if you are able, please consider donating.

**Online:** <http://eeparchy.com/donate> and select “Aid to Humanitarian Crisis.” OR

**Mail:** The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton, 9645 -108 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 1A3. Payable **to:** Eparchy of Edmonton **Memo Line:** Aid to Humanitarian Crisis

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

The first Baptismal Prep class is scheduled for this Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Upper rooms of the Parish. The second class is on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is planning to have a child baptised is required to attend this two evening program. Your baby does not have to be born in order for you to participate. Please contact Tara Miller for more information and to register  
(403-507-1793)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Becoming a member:** For any Catholic man, 18 years of age or older, looking to join the local Knights of Columbus and help us put our Faith in Action please contact our Membership Director Brother Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627 or by email at: [dankilloran0521@gmail.com](mailto:dankilloran0521@gmail.com)

**Mundare Sausage Sale-** THIS WEEKEND - It's time to fill your freezer with Mundare Sausage – the Knights will be hosting a drive thru sale on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to support the Ukraine. Come on by and get your sausage and support your local Knights of Columbus.

**Highway Clean Up**-Join the Knights of Columbus as they resume their annual Highway Clean-Up efforts on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone age 12 and up are invited to participate. The group will meet at the Parish at 8:30 and leave from here. The more volunteers the easier it is for all. This is a great fundraiser for the Knights and helps them to support the local, global and Parish community.

## CWL – GARAGE SALE

**GARAGE SALE** - Notice to ALL Parishioners- It's time to drop off those items you have been saving. The CWL Garage Sale will be held on Friday May 13 and Saturday May 14, 2022. Items can be dropped off during the following days; Sat May 7 - Wed May 11 - between the hours of 9AM-7PM.

NO DROP OFFS PRIOR TO MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>. (Please and Thank You)

Please note –we do not accept the following items: shoes, undergarments, swimsuits, magazines, encyclopedias, old outdated TV's, VHS cassettes, used mattresses, or stuffed animals. Electrical appliances must be in working condition.

We appreciate and rely on the donated items and good will of our parishioners and the volunteer hours that go into preparing and organizing for this huge sale. We ask that you DO NOT drop off anything that isn't suitable for selling as this causes extra work for the volunteers and additional cost involved in disposing of these items. Thank you for your cooperation!!

Donations for the bake sale are gladly accepted either May 13 or May 14.

Volunteers are still needed! Remember – If you work a shift you can shop early!!

SIGN UP NOW 😊

Note all sales are cash only.

**Donations Wanted - Garage Sale Raffle Table** - The CWL are looking for items for the raffle. If you have a new item you would like to donate, purchased or crafted, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your donation in the photocopy room, marked as being a raffle item.

## FOOD BOX - Donations

Thank-you to all who have been donating food items for our parish food bank. Due to your generosity, we can't accept anymore donations at this time because we have no space to store the food. Dropping your donations in the bins at the grocery/pharmacy stores would be appreciated by the Olds and District Foodbank.

## ST STEPHEN'S YOUTH – Upcoming events

**May 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Stephen's Youth Night** – 7:00-9:00 in the church hall. Join Jeannette for a Hunger Games activity for youth in grades 6-9. We invite youth in grades 10-12 to join us as youth leaders, and we are looking for adult supervisors in order for this event to run. Please contact Monica Andrew if you are able to help. More details to follow.

**June 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy Trinity School – Live Action Crusades** - from 7:00-9:00. Join Peter for live action Crusades. More details to follow.

## FRANCISCAN SOCIETY

Did you know..... that there is a local Franciscan fraternity that meets on a monthly basis at St Stephens? With St Francis of Assisi as our Seraphic Father, we are lay people who try to more closely follow the gospel way of life through both contemplation and action in our day to day lives. If you would like to deepen your spirituality, are 18 years or older, a practicing Catholic and wish more information please call either Audrey Gross (403 586-4260) or Kathy Caron (403 507-7288) for more information. Pax et Bonum!

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are excited to offer our Children's Liturgy program again! Two amazing volunteers have stepped forward to run the program starting Sunday, May 8 until the end of June. This program is for preschool aged children to participate in during Sunday Morning Mass. No need to register, but if you have any questions, please call Theresa at 403-559-6843

## PASTORAL CARE

### ATTENTION: HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS

Our team of Pastoral Visitors will resume bringing Holy Communion to parishioners who are permanently or temporarily unable to attend mass. We will observe all COVID regulations, so if the facility you are in is in lockdown, we would not be able to visit until restrictions are lifted.

If you or one of your family members would like to receive these regular visits, please contact:

Theresa Coupal: [coups2@oldsnet.ca](mailto:coups2@oldsnet.ca) or text/call 403-556-6566.

Donna Litwin, Pastoral Assistant, Parish Office: 403-556-3084 extension 4

Please provide telephone number, address (if living at home), or room number and name of facility you or your family member is in. We are planning to commence visitation the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastoral Ministers needed-** The role of a volunteer minister of pastoral care is to provide spiritual support to the sick and shut-in either in an institution or private home.

Since the beginning of COVID we have been unable to provide this service to our shut-in/ill parishioners. We have permission to resume this ministry and plan to do so early in May.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact: Theresa Coupal [coups2@oldsnet.ca](mailto:coups2@oldsnet.ca) or text/call 403-556-6566. Training will be provided as required. It is anticipated that new ministers would start in September, 2022.

~**St. Stephen's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is scheduled for **May 28<sup>th</sup>** following our **Saturday evening 5 pm Mass** with a **potluck and meeting** to follow. **All are invited and encouraged to attend.** ~ Annual reports will be available in the foyer the week **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

~**Join the Knights of Columbus for Mother's Day Brunch** following Mass on **Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>**. ~

