



St. Stephen's Parish
St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima
Nilo Macapinlac
May 7, 2023

Sat May 6, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00AM Olds 5:00PM Olds
Sun May 7, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00AM - Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00PM Olds
Tues May 9, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30PM Olds
Wed May 10, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri May 12, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat May 13, 2023	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass - St. Anthony's	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun May 14, 2023	Holy 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
 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 to our Victor King Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord! The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven. Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. We actually see this concept at play from the earliest days of the Church, as illustrated in our first reading from Acts. In the first verse we read that members of the early church complained “because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.” When there is turmoil in the home, when needs are not being met — in this passage, a very basic need for adequate food and drink — or when we lack an attitude of service within our homes and towards each other in our community, we are not the stewards that Christ is calling us to be. Stewardship is not just about going to Mass once a week, serving in ministries and giving financially to the parish. Those are all essential parts of stewardship. But stewardship begins long before we step onto our parish campus. It begins with our families, our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons. Ultimately, stewardship is not something that we do — it is who we are. It’s a way of living out our baptismal call to follow Christ as His disciples — whether in parish life, in our social life, in our work life — and certainly in our home life. In our second reading, St. Peter instructs, “Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” Peter is not speaking strictly to clergy members, but to all of us who are disciple of Christ by virtue of our Baptism. How are lay people to do this? The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, “It is here that... all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way ‘by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.’ Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and a ‘school of human enrichment’” (1657). In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect “spot” for each one of us who remain faithful to Him. Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making of our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and our generous hospitality to all. Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home! 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. Charity begins at home. 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

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

AGM

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 in the foyer the week prior to meeting for review.

FAITH FORMATION

Last Confirmation Class this weekend with hot dog lunch to follow: May 7, 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.

Vacation Bible School 2023 is coming!

Vacation Bible School will run from July 10-14 this summer. Ages 3-11 are welcome! This program will run mornings from Mon-Fri with a family wind-up party on our last day!

If you are available to volunteer to help us run this camp, please contact Theresa 403-559-6843. We are looking for adult leaders in Faith, Games and Crafts as well as youth volunteers to help guide the children. Sign-up sheets will soon be available in the church foyer.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION

Our dates for First Holy Communion gatherings will be:

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

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.

Highway Clean up – THIS WEEKEND – Join the Knights of Columbus in the annual Highway clean up. Everyone is meeting at the Church at 9:00 am for a quick safety orientation. All parties will carpool to the designated site for the cleanup. Proceeds from the Highway Clean help the Knights of Columbus support Parish and Community projects. All youth ages 10 and up are welcome to join

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP

If you have a child in Grade 4-12, THERE IS A PLACE FOR THEM AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP THIS SUMMER!

Consider sending them to camp where they can swim in the lake, gather around the campfire, play epic games, and grow in their faith during one of the four weeks of camp this summer.

If you don't have a camp-aged child, you can still get involved in the preparations for our camp reopening this summer. Please pray for us

Our program this summer will depend on hundreds of hours of volunteer time. If you are able, please consider how you might dedicate your time and talents to the camp, then sign up to help where you are able:

- Give a week or two on the ground for our summer programming. We need people to work with the camp program, in the kitchen, and as camp nurses. Sign up to serve for a week (or more) here: <https://olvc.campbrainstaff.com/>
- There's lots of work to do at OLVC this spring to get it ready for camp this summer. We've outlined some of the work being done and would love your help! Please contact Deacon Claude at 403-896-3745 or by email cbaril53@gmail.com.
- Offer your time and your talents at one of our spring work bees on Saturday, May 6th or Saturday, June 10th – email camps@caedm.ca if you'd like to help out there. (We also expect to have a fall work bee in September 2023.)

You can also email camps@caedm.ca if you would like to get involved in some other way.



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.



IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS GRADUATING THIS YEAR, WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE MASS FOR THE GRADUATES- JUNE 4, 2023 AT THE 7 PM MASS, PLEASE CONTACT MARIA ZUMBUEHL – 403-556-5733 (TEXT OR CALL)