

# STEWARDSHIP

May 8, 2022  
Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 7, 2022	Confession Holy Mass <i>Mass, Enthronement &amp; Consecration of the Replica of the Statue of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague</i>	11:00 AM Olds 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
Mon May 9, 2022	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Weekly	9:00 AM Olds
Tues May 10, 2022	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed May 11, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Friday May 13, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM
Sat May 14, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 15, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

## PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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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.

## 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

Dear friends in the Victor -King, Christ the Risen One;

Alleluia! We are now on the Fourth Sunday of the Octave of Easter known as “World Day Prayer for Vocations”. Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago to inspire and guide us modern-day disciples. In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read the following verse to describe their reaction to this turn of events: “The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But this seeming failure has not robbed them of their joy. What’s more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible? It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The “results” of their efforts were up to God. They knew the Holy Spirit would never abandon them when their lives were focused on serving God and others and as a result they experienced a profound sense of joy that does not depend on external circumstances, a joy the world cannot give. This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, like Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God’s stewards does not mean a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward’s life involves great challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. But in the end there is simply no more satisfying way to live. How can we grow in our identity as Christian stewards so that we, too, can be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit? The Gospel reading today tells us: we must live in trust and dependence on Jesus, our Shepherd. He says: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” He knows us! He laid down His life for us to give us eternal life with Him. He will never ask anything of us that will harm us. A stewardship way of life is meant only to enrich us. So this week let us resolve to take a step towards less concern about ourselves and greater trust in Him. We will become joy-filled, Spirit-filled stewards of His good news everywhere we go. Let us pray also for the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Blessings!

In the Risen Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

## HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR THE UKRAINE

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has partnered with the *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 second and final Baptismal Prep class is on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Room of the Parish. Congratulations to the couples who are preparing for the Baptism of their first child. Many blessings to you. Contact Tara Miller at 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)

**Highway Clean Up-THIS SATURDAY** - 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 starting this weekend - 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.

## DIDSBURY CWL – SCHOLARSHIP

St. Anthony's Catholic Women's League of Didsbury would like to offer our **2022 Scholarship** to the Grade 12 students. The deadline for the application is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Included in your application will be an essay and 2 reference letters. Please see the attached document with the bulletin for specific details for the submission process. Good luck to all our graduates and many thanks to our St. Anthony's CWL for this generous scholarship.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Children's Liturgy Program begins this Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> and will run 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

**SAVE THE DATE!** Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from July 18-22. We are looking for volunteers for our main stations(Faith, Games, Crafts, Snack, Music, Decorations, and organizing the Final Fun Day). These positions are absolutely essential and we will not be able to run the program without these positions filled. This is a wonderful week to offer our children full of fun and growing in faith with friends! Please join us in giving the children of our parish this amazing opportunity! There is a sign-up sheet on the catechism table or call/text Theresa at 403-559-6843.

## 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.

## \*\*\*BADLANDS – PASSION PLAY\*\*\*

Father Nilo is hoping to take in the Passion Play at the Badlands this summer. He is hoping to gather a group of people to go together on a small mini pilgrimage. If you are interested in joining him, please contact Mia or Donna in the office. He is looking at Friday July 8 OR Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let the office know if you are interested by Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Payment will be required immediately. We anticipate that tickets will go fast.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



~Join us for praise and prayer on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. All ages welcome to bring your voices and instruments! ~

~St. Anthony's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> following Mass. They are always looking for individuals who would like to join St. Anthony's PPC. ~

~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>.