



## St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin – May 14, 2023

St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima  
Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 13,2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00AM Olds 5:00PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun May 14, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00AM –Olds 11:15AM Trochu 7:00PM Olds
Tues May 16, 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM Olds
Wed May 17 , 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM Olds
Fri May 19, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat May 20, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 21, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

*There will be Morning Prayer this week while Father is away at the Assembly of Priests.  
We wish Father Nilo safe travels and a blessed week.*

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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**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass – June 2, 2023  
 Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM  
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –  
 Friday - 10:00 AM  
 St. Anthony - Didsbury  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Mass – May 13, 2023 –

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,  
Blessings to all mothers. Happy Mother's Day to all!

Alleluia to our Victor King Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord! On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary. Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. So, Peter and John “went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Peter and John “laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” The “more” that these new Christians needed, was, of course, the Holy Spirit. We, too, need and have received the Holy Spirit in our lives, initially at our Baptism, and in full measure at the moment of our Confirmation. The gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit are essential to the Christian steward and the stewardship way of life. Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit has for us in meeting the challenges of life? Our second reading, from St. Peter, is certainly filled with challenges for us, beginning with the first verse, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we must put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is; He is to be “Lord” of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talents and treasure. The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord in our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not mere sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility and deep trust in Him. It requires that we lean on the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to continuously make Jesus the Lord of our lives. But the rewards are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us? Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us fully embrace the stewardship way of life so as to truly sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts. 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. Congratulations to all our First Communicants in Trochu, St. Anne of the Prairies Parish.

Yours devotedly in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

**The Parish is hoping to renew the FORMED.org subscription in June, but we can't do it without you..**

**We have heard wonderful comments about those that are using it with their families, their prayer groups, in teachable moments with young kids, watching together with your partner and many other situations. We would encourage you to make a donation towards our Formed subscription, as it is a costly subscription, and one we don't want to lose. If you haven't had a chance to use it and are interested, call Mia for assistance and she will walk you through it. It is very easy to navigate.**

**You can include it in your weekly donation with a reference to “FORMED” or you can etransfer the Parish at [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com).**

## AGM

St. Stephen's Parish 2023 Annual General Meeting on 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

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Journey with Jesus class. Thank you to all the parents and children who participated this year. They are a sure sign of hope for the future!

Let us prepare for Pentecost by praying to the Holy Spirit. See the attached novena to be begun on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Let's pray in gratitude for good harvest, blessings and for vocations. Paper copies are available on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer.

Registration forms for the St. Stephen's Campout on Fri. July 21<sup>st</sup>-Sun. July 23<sup>rd</sup> will be available on the Spiritual Development table as well in the foyer.

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  
First Communion Celebration – June 3, 2023

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The **Knights of Columbus** have an ongoing fundraising-drive to help our local Pregnancy Care Centre - in support of a Culture of Life - until June 18th. Baby bottles with coin or a cheque and baby products like diapers, baby wipes, baby hygiene products, and outfits (for newborns to 2-year-olds) can be put into the crib in the foyer and they will be gathered after each Mass. If you missed receiving a baby bottle for your donation, please check in at the office or contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627. Thanks.



Please join us for the Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Brunch this Sunday following Mass.

## St. Anthony CWL – Bake Sale

The Didsbury CWL will be holding a Spring Bake Sale immediately after the Saturday May 27th & Sunday May 28th Masses in St. Stephen's Church lobby. No sales will be made before Mass. This is an important fundraiser for the Didsbury CWL as the proceeds go to support their annual High School Scholarship, School Breakfast Programs, Local Food Banks and Hampers, OLVC and Outreach to Seniors.. Any support will be greatly appreciated.

## OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP

Our Lady of Victory Camp has a place for you this summer –as a camper, a volunteer, a handyman, a nurse, cook or junior counselor. Find out more at <https://olvc.campbrainstaff.com> or message [camps@caedm.ca](mailto:camps@caedm.ca) if you have any questions.



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 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.

## 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](mailto:monica.andrew@rdcrs.ca)

## GRADUATION 2023



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)

May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter  
**"THERE WAS GREAT JOY IN THAT CITY"**



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*Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed Christ to them. (Acts 8:5)*

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If you would like more information on how you can contribute directly to "Together We Serve" please go to [www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve](http://www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve). There is an interesting sheet attached to this week's bulletin – How your Gifts are Shared"

HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
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