

Love one ANOTHER as i have loved you

JOHN 13:34

May 15, 2022

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 14, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 15, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Mon May 16, 2022	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Weekly	9:00 AM Olds
Tues May 17, 2022	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed May 18, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Friday May 20, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM
Sat May 21, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 22, 2022	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.

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 14th – 7 PM – Holy Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE ON THURSDAY MAY 19TH AT 7 PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends in the Risen Christ;

Alleluia to the Risen Christ, the Lord! We are now on the 5th Sunday of Easter. Today's readings contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards. The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy. We must look at the context in which Jesus makes this statement. It is the Last Supper. Judas has just stepped out discreetly to turn Jesus over to the authorities who will have Him bound, tortured and crucified. And, furthermore, exactly how does He call us to love? As He Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order. No wonder we find Paul and Barnabas "strengthening" and "exhorting" the early disciples in our First Reading by saying, "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Notice they don't say "one or two" hardships or even "the occasional hardship". They say "many" hardships. So, it should not surprise us when we encounter challenges as we embrace stewardship, as a way of life. If it's demanding, we should take heart because it means we are doing it right! Why is this? Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself. And, in the midst of those inevitable challenging moments this kind of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord — the One who loves us so much that He died for us, and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment — is right here with us every step of the way. Consider these words from Revelation found in our Second Reading today. "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning or pain, for the old order has passed away... Behold, I make all things new." As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's own footsteps and in loving as He loves. May hatred be banished by Divine Love, the horror of war be conquered by Divine Mercy and may our God will never stop loving us who are faithful stewards of His gifts. Kindly include our clergy in your prayer for next week's Priests' Annual Assembly in persons in Jasper from May 16 to 19, 2022. Therefore, our weekday Masses will be cancelled, see you on the week-end Divine Liturgy-Masses. Blessings to all of you!

In Christ the Lord always, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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Moms the World Over.....

- Model for us how to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all—Response to the Cry of the Earth
- Urge us to stand up for the voiceless at school and in our neighborhoods—Response to the Cry of the Poor
- Teach us not to be wasteful with our food or possessions—Ecological Economics
- Encourage us to get outside and enjoy the fresh air—Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles
- Volunteer at our schools, sporting events, and extracurricular activities, serving teachers and students—Ecological Education
- Point us to the God-given beauty of a sunset, flower, or gentle rain—Ecological Spirituality
- Promote a sense of belonging for others in our local communities and neighborhoods—Community Resilience and Empowerment



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, T5H1A3.

Payable to: Eparchy of Edmonton **Memo Line:** Aid to Humanitarian Crisis

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

CWL – GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE – THIS WEEKEND – Make sure to stop in and shop. This is a big event for our CWL, many hours of hard work go into making this happen and your support is appreciated. Note: All Sales are CASH ONLY.

The Garage Sale Evaluation meeting is on Thursday May 19th at 10:00 AM in the Upper Room All are welcome – your feedback is appreciated.

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 31st. 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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

~St. Anthony's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for this Saturday May 14th 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 28th 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 15th.

ST STEPHEN'S YOUTH – Upcoming events

May 19th - 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 17th - Holy Trinity School – Live Action Crusades - from 7:00-9:00. Join Peter for live action Crusades. More details to follow.

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 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 9th.

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 or text/call 403-556-6566. Training will be provided as required. It is anticipated that new ministers would start in September, 2022.

Did You Know.....?

The original statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague was created as a royal wedding gift from a Spanish Princess to her Austrian royal cousin. The left hand encircles a miniature globe, surmounted by a cross, signifying the world-wide kingship of the Christ Child. The right hand is extended in blessing with the first two fingers being upraised to symbolize the two natures of Christ, while the folded thumb and last two fingers touch each other representing the unity of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. The face has a strange power of evoking sentiments of deep gratitude of the mystery of God-made-Man. For all His majestic posture and regal attire, the little King of Prague is more striking for His outward expression of human littleness than by the impression of hidden greatness. The wardrobe of the Infant is similar to the priest's alb: one is of white linen, the other is of lace. Covering these is a dalmatic made of silk or velvet over which is worn a cape. It represents the Infant Jesus dressed in royal robes, wearing a crown. He is King of the Universe. Later, the statue had been discarded in war and His hands destroyed. Found by a Carmelite, he fixed the hands and placed the statue in a place of honor in the Carmelite Church in Prague, Czech Republic.

In 1637, as Fr. Cyril prayed before the Infant, he was filled with wonder, contemplating the loving God Who became a child for His people. Suddenly, the statue spoke to the stunned Carmelite:

Have mercy on Me and I will have mercy on you.

Give Me hands and I will give you peace.

The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you.

Many miracles have occurred through intercession to the Divine Infant. During one invasion, all the children of the city were taken to the Church for protection—praying to the Infant, they were all saved. For almost four centuries, this promise of protection and blessing has inspired devotion and love of the Infant Jesus of Prague. (Excerpts from www.infantprague.org)