



Jan 7, 2024

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

Fri Jan 5, 2024	24 hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet – Our Lady of Fatima 1 st Friday Mass – Our Lady of Fatima	24 hrs Olds 9:00 AM Olds 10:00 AM Sunde 7:00 PM Sunde
Sat Jan 6, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 7, 2024	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Jan 9, 2024	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Jan 10, 2024	Weekday Mass Marian Cenacle – Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sunde
Fri Jan 12, 2024	Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet – Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 AM Olds 10:100 AM - Sunde
Sat Jan 13, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 14, 2024	Holy Mass Holy Mass w/ Santo Niño Celebration	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 – Sunde
 1st Friday Mass – Jan 5, 2024 7PM
 Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –
 Friday - 10:00 AM
 In case of inclement weather, the
 Marian Cenacle and Chaplet may be
 cancelled.

St. Anthony - Didsbury
 Jan 13, 2024 - 2nd Sat Mass – 7PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners, People of God,

Greetings of joy, love, peace and God's manifold blessings!

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week's readings extend from Job, a man who needed to be healed, to Jesus healing many in Galilee. Healing is something of which we all are in need, whether it is physical or psychological or spiritual. As much as we may try to avoid it, our lives are filled with pain and suffering of one type or another. Jesus understood that and speaks to it extensively in His teachings. Most of us are familiar with Job, a man who might seem to have been dealing with more than he could handle. Job is the ultimate pessimist. He bemoans his state in life, and in truth he was faced with many challenges. It was as if he wanted to die because he felt that only in death would he find relief from his pain and suffering. As we learn, however, God has other plans for Job; God will offer him both relief and joy in eternity. At times we, too, might focus so much on our own difficulties that we fail to see positives. The greatest positive is that the Lord is with us, both to share and relieve our suffering. Jesus is our hope, and that is where our focus should be. The struggles of Job in many ways parallel our own. Job suffers and he questions how God can let that happen. In spite of his doubts Job comes across as a holy man. As difficult as that may be for each of us, that should in fact be our goal. In spite of all, we need to continue to strive to achieve holiness. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, our second reading, shows some of the same thoughts and concerns as Job. Of course, we do not view Paul as suffering in the way and to the extent of Job. However, Paul does recognize that he, as is the case with each of us, must fulfill his charge from God, and that is not always easily done. Paul the Evangelist points out that God gives him the strength to preach the Gospel in spite of the response and reaction of his listeners, and regardless whether he receives support from those to whom he is preaching. As lonely and isolated as that may seem, as stewards and disciples, we, too, must be prepared to do what is right and to live out our Christian way of life no matter the consequences. Job and Paul make somewhat indirect references to healing, but today's Gospel from Mark speaks directly to healing done by Jesus. He heals in privacy (Peter's mother-in-law), and He heals publicly: "He cured many who were sick with various diseases." And then the Lord prays. Jesus demonstrates to us that being busy is no reason not to pray; instead it is a reason to pray. Jesus always found time and made time to pray. We need to do the same. A consistent and regular prayer life is an important way we live out our stewardship of time. The Lord prayed not because of helplessness but because of the power He gained from prayer. Lent will soon be here. If we make one change in our lives, perhaps it should be to intensify and increase our own prayer lives. Jesus knew the value of public prayer, but He also knew and experienced the joy of praying alone. "He left and went off to a deserted place where He prayed." St. John Vianney wrote, "Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." It is also God's call to pray and to care and look after our sick and elderly, the dying and those who need the last rites of the Church whether it is day or night, please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. This is also a ministry and the Sacrament of Healing entrusted by Jesus to His Church. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor



St. Stephen's Music Ministry



St. Stephen's music ministry invites and welcomes ALL children ages 6 and up to join our Children's leader of song, Jenny, in singing songs of praise during scheduled weekend masses

If you have a child who would like to join Jenny, please contact Mary Trenholm. 403-507-9249 or maryjohntrenholm@hotmail.com. It is approx 1 Mass per month and practices flex as per Jenny's work schedule. They will be leading one of the Christmas Masses, so please let Mary and Jenny know as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Congratulations to our candidate who will be completing their First Reconciliation on Friday Dec 8th with a retreat and their First Confession. Many blessings to you all!

CONFIRMATION - Our The Archbishop will be coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with us on June 9, 2024. If you have a child who will be at least 12 yrs old on or before this date, they are eligible to sign up. Registration forms are available in the foyer and can be submitted to Donna in the office. For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903. Classes will resume on January 14th, 2024.

PRO LIFE ROSARY PROJECT

Rosaries are available to purchase on the table in the foyer where proceeds will go towards a nonprofit pro life organization and to rosary supplies. If you would like to donate towards the Rosary project, you can place money in the envelopes provided or write Rosary Project on an envelope with your donation can be placed in the collection plate or e transferred to the parish office @ Ststephen102@gmail.com Donations of beads of all sizes, broken rosaries or ones no longer used would also be gratefully accepted. . Thank you to Zoe Ginter who is running this project and is responsible for making the beautiful Rosaries

ST STEPHEN'S GARAGE SALE

Our Annual Garage Sale is fast approaching. It will be held on Friday, January 26, and Saturday, January 27.

Continue to save your items. Watch the bulletin for when your items can be dropped off.

We need many volunteers. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer, please sign up to help.

Many hands make light the work!

*Anyone who works a shift at the garage sale is allowed to shop early.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

Just a quick reminder that we need to keep the Fire Lane free during Mass times in case of emergency, therefore, we ask that you limit parking in the front to the designated spaces. Vehicles that park beyond the four designated spots impede the Fire Lane. Thank you for your attention to this detail.

OFFICE NEW - ENVELOPES

The envelopes are out on the back table ready to be picked up. They are in alphabetical order by first letter of last name. If you cannot find your envelope, check with the office .

If you need envelopes or automatic contribution for the upcoming year, please see Mia in the office. If you have not used your envelopes or envelope # for more than a year, the number will be reassigned. If you are in this situation and would like to continue with envelopes, please see Mia.

Income tax receipts will be available before the end of January – watch for them on the back table where the envelopes are.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

The **2023 Photo Directories** have finally arrived. If you had photos taken or submitted a photo for the directory you can pick up your copy from the table outside Donna's office. Please cross your name off the list so that we know who has not yet picked up a directory.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the various Liturgical positions during our Christmas and New Year Services. We also thank our volunteers on the Art and Environment committee who make sure our Church looks beautiful over the Christmas season and throughout the year. Many blessings to you all.

We also would like to thank our many volunteers who are involved with the cleaning of the Rectory and the Church Washrooms, our Building and Maintenance crew and all who contribute to keeping our Church building up and running, clean and ready!

If you are someone who has the time to get involved with these various volunteer positions, please see Mia in the office and she will put you in touch with the right person.

