



May 19, 2024
St. Stephen's, St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 18, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 19, 2024	Holy Mass - <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Incense will be used at the 7 PM Mass.</i>	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues May 21, 2024	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed May 22, 2024	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri May 24, 2024	Weekday Mass w/ Holy Trinity School	9:15 AM Olds
Sat May 25, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 26, 2024	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 – Sunde
1st Friday Mass – June 7, 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
 June 8, 2024 - 2nd Sat Mass – 7PM

Prayerful Pentecost Sunday, the blessed birthday of the Church!

In the fiftieth day after Easter, the Apostles found themselves 'all in one room' in the Upper Room (Cfr. Acts 2:1) for the Jewish fest of Pentecost, which is the anniversary of the handing over of God's Law, the *Torah*, to Moses on Mount Sinai. None of them could possibly have foretold that, exactly on this day, the Lord would have fulfilled the promise that Jesus made many times regarding the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit. (cfr. Jn 14:16) We are also called to remember that, along with the prodigious signs that occurred in that upper room, *'there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven'* who could hear them each speaking in his own language, *'of the mighty acts of God.'* (Acts 2:5,11) The Holy Spirit is essentially a great new gift, a new Law, that God made first and foremost to those that had persevered until the end. The Holy Spirit is a gift of grace that isn't destined for a singular ethnic group, but is like the air, it must be *communicated* to all men on the earth because if *'you take away their breath, they die.'* (Cfr. Ps 103:29) The meaning of the Lord's urgent appeal to each of us becomes clearer after this fiftieth day, *'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'* (Jn 20:21) We can clearly understand how it is necessary to *'receive the Holy Spirit'* (Jn 20:21) in order to realize this mandate. To use the analogy of water which makes the earth fertile, the Holy Spirit makes the lives of Jesus' disciples fertile, specifically strengthening them to fulfill their mission as *'the particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose'* (1 Cor 12:7) The adjective *'particular'* brings us back to the beginning of today's reflection. What does it mean for us today *'to speak in different languages'* and what does the *new Law* that God has given to His nascent Church consist of? The Liturgy, that great educative channel and treasure of grace in the hands of the Church, clarifies these questions. The new Law that, on this Sunday, was consigned to us is God's life that is love: a love that doesn't have barriers, not even death, after it was defeated on the Cross. *'He showed them his hands and his side.'* (Jn 20:20) It is a gift that takes us directly into the heart of God and that can only give us the necessary strength so that our hearts *'light up with the fire of His love'* (Cfr. Acclamation to the Gospel). We are therefore called to desire and welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit because our lives, even before we say a word, become a comprehensible testimony in the eyes of the many brothers and sisters who have not yet experienced the joy of being a Christian. Renewed by Pentecost, they could also be *'astounded and amazed'* and could say, *'we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God'* (Acts 2: 7,11) Let us include in our prayers all the Confirmandi of our parishes that they may be well-disposed to be Confirmed by Archbishop Richard Smith next month, June 9th. May God bless all of them and those who tirelessly prepared and enriched them by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the graces from Baptism. On our sacred journey with the Holy Spirit, the sweet Guest of our soul, let us be mindful of the needs of our sick brothers and sisters, **especially 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 to all!**

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

If anyone is interested, we have a few beautiful Confirmation Cards for sale in the office. Please see Mia or Donna if you are interested. Price is as listed on the card.

YOUTH NIGHT – MAY 28, 2024 – IS CANCELLED.

CALL TO PROTECT – UPCOMING TRAINING

Here is the registration link to the May 21 online Called to Protect Workshop:

<https://forms.gle/kB1QNJuKoTj1u3fc8>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST COMMUNION – Rehearsal June 1 – Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist – June 2 is First Communion Sunday. There will be a short Corpus Christi Procession immediately following Mass and then a potluck celebration. The First Communion children and their families would like to extend an invitation to our parish community to please bring a dish and join in the procession and celebration."

CONFIRMATION - The Archbishop will be coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with us on June 9, 2024

DIDSBURY CWL – HIGHSCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Are you Catholic and in your final year of High School? Are you planning to attend post-secondary school after your 2024 graduation? If so, you may be interested to know the **Didsbury CWL** is offering **one (1) \$500.00** high school scholarship.

Applications are available by emailing Maxine Moreau at: max22moreau@gmail.com Deadline to submit application is May 24, 2024.

Note: The application process requires an essay and two (2) letters of reference.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wheelchair Fundraiser

~ Donations towards the wheelchair campaign can be submitted until Sunday June 2, 2024. Your donation helps the Parish and Knights sponsor the purchase and delivery of wheelchairs to destinations in Canada and around the Globe. Each chair costs \$195.00 and for contributions of \$20.00 or more you will receive a tax-deductible receipt. Last year, our Parishioners helped to purchase 14 wheelchairs and the Knights thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in contributing to this worthy cause, information and pledge forms are still available in the foyer. If you have any further questions, please see Paul Caves.

~ The Knights of Columbus are planning another Mundare Sausage Sale in the upcoming weeks. Watch for further information

CWL – Our Lady of Fatima – Wind up

Please join us for our Sundre CWL windup dinner on June 13th at 6pm at Boondox Restaurant. Please RSVP to Holly at 403-638-9632

MARIAN DEVOTION

A Block Rosary is a Marian devotion connected with the visit of an Icon or Statue of Mary that travels from house to house or from one family to another over a set period of time. We are looking for individuals or families who would be willing to open their homes to Mother Mary and to a weekly gathering of your friends and neighbours during which you would pray for each other, your neighborhood, our town, our country, etc. before passing the statue of Mary on to the next household. For anyone interested there is a sign-up sheet available in the foyer. If you would like more information contact

2024 Graduating Class

If you have a child who is a member of St. Stephen's or the tri parish area who will be graduating this year, please contact Mia in the office . We are planning a special Mass for the Graduates and would love to hear from you.

MENS BOOK CLUB

Attention **men** of the parish! We will be continuing with our book study of C.S. Lewis' s *Screwtape letters*. We will be holding our meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7pm at St.Stephens. It doesn't matter if you have not read the book or have not been to a meeting yet, everyone is still welcome! The book offers a thought provoking look into the little ways the devil tries to separate us from God. We will read the passages during the meeting, so you do not need a copy of the book to participate. If you have any questions please contact John Templeton (403) 438-0548. Thank you!

PARISH LIBRARY – VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of someone to join our library team. We are looking for someone to help oversee the intake of new books and manage the inventory to make sure titles are current, content is appropriate and books are in good shape. It is a very flexible position that can work with any type of schedule. If you are interested, please see Mia or Donna in the office.

. If anyone is interested in receiving the People of Mission Bulletin that comes from the Archdiocese, you can follow the link below. On the first page of the bulletin, there is a subscribe button that will guide



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you. In the People of Mission bulletin, you can find links to Archbishop Smith's articles and interviews, events within the Archdiocese, what's happening at different Parishes, etc.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGxStpPHCqXFQbxGsqbBQmVXGrL>

TRAINING KIDS TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

This year's VBS program is Cat-Chat's: Cathletics and is an Olympic/Sports-themed program where kids will be inspired to set GOALS and AIM for a commitment to excellence in their Catholic faith.

Cathletics VBS will focus on TRAINING kids in the Word of God with teaching on:

The Greatest Commandments, 10 Commandments, Beatitudes, Fruits of the Spirit, and Evangelization.

Date: July 29 – August 2 **Y** 9:00 to Noon

Cost: \$25.00 for one child or \$40.00 per family (two or more children)

Registration Forms are available in the foyer

Are you interested in helping with:

◆Faith Lessons ◆Music ◆Crafts ◆Snacks ◆Games ◆Skits

Please contact Donna in the parish office at 404-556-3084 ext. #4

