



St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin – May 21, 2023

St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima

Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 20, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00AM Olds 5:00PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun May 21, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00AM –Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00PM Olds
Tues May 23, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Wed May 24 , 2023	Holy Mass w/ Holy Trinity School	9:15 AM Olds
Fri May 26, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat May 27, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 28, 2023	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 2, 2023
 Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary – Friday - 10:00 AM
 St. Anthony - Didsbury
 2nd Saturday Mass – May 13, 2023 –

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,

Alleluia to our Victor King Jesus Christ, who ascended into the heavens! Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness. But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’” In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!” This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions — so many gifts and blessings that we should live in a kind of stunned amazement ourselves. And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us. Our second reading, from the Letter to the Ephesians, reminds us of the might and power of God whose witnesses we are. In fact, St. Paul describes “the surpassing greatness of His power.” He reminds us that the Father raised Christ from the dead and has placed Him “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion... not only in this age but also in the one to come.” This is the mighty God we serve, the One Who has blessed us with every good thing, and the One Who now gives us the privilege of serving as His witnesses to the ends of the earth. This God knows us, His children, so well. He knows that we are prone to fear and weakness just as the first apostles were. In the Gospel passage we read that they went to the mountain as the Lord instructed, and they saw Him there just as He promised. “When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.” The Lord was not angered by their doubt. Instead, He encouraged them with a reminder that “all power in heaven and on earth” had been given to Him. With that, He sent them on their way. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” He told them and He tells us today. And because He is so loving, He gives us one more powerful, comforting reminder — “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” On this feast of the Ascension, let us take a moment to “look up at the heavens” and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us. Then, let’s do something! Let’s put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to this amazing God. 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. Today is also known as World Communication Day. Let us use internet and all portals of social media to communicate truth and goodness especially the Good News. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in 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.

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 are available in the foyer for those who wish to review them . If you require additional copies, please contact Mia in the office.

FAITH FORMATION

Let us prepare for Pentecost by praying to the Holy Spirit. See the attached poster about our novena to be begun on Friday May 19th. Let's pray in gratitude for good harvest, blessings and for vocations. Paper copies are available on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer. Please see attached poster for Pentecost coffee party.

Registration forms for the St. Stephen's Campout on Fri. July 21st-Sun. July 23rd 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.

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 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 24th – 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

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 21 - The Ascension of the Lord
"LEFT BEHIND"?



Together We Serve reminds us that we are One Church, One Family of God, established by Jesus Christ to bring the Gospel to a world in need. And he has promised that he will be with us.

"I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world..." (John 17:11)

Ask at the parish office how you can give to *Together We Serve* or visit:

www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve