



May 22, 2022
Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 21, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 22, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Mon May 23, 2022	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Weekly	9:00 AM Olds
Tues May 24, 2022	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed May 25, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Friday May 27, 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM
Sat May 28, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun May 29, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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Office Hours 9-2pm

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 - Sundre

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on
the first Friday of every month.

OLF Weekly Schedule

June 3, 2022 First Friday Mass
Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

St. Anthony

June 11th – 7 PM – Holy Mass

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends in the Risen Christ;

Alleluia to the Risen Christ, the Lord! We are now on the 6th Sunday of Easter. The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued. Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself. How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings. In order to keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make study of Scripture that's why we have Bible Study and faith formation and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives. This can be done in small and simple ways. Perhaps you can commit to setting your alarm 10 minutes early to meditate on the day's Gospel. Perhaps you could read a paragraph of the *Catechism* with your family at dinner. You could pray over a portion of the Psalms before going to bed at night. You can join (or start!) a Bible study right here at our parish. There are many ways to grow in knowledge and love of God's word. Over time, these simple practices can radically change one's life. We will begin to more easily think like Jesus, respond like Jesus, and live like Jesus. We really will form our minds, hearts and souls into a place where the Blessed Trinity is pleased to dwell. How is this possible? Because we have an Unseen Teacher with us as we seek to know and keep God's word. Later, in this same Gospel passage, Jesus tells us so: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Ask the Holy Spirit to show you when and how you can get to know God's word in your particular circumstances and then commit to it! If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then, our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries, will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And, our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life. As St. Therese of Lisieux once said: "Let us spend our heaven that begins here on earth." Blessings to all of you!

In the Risen Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Just a quick reminder as your summer plans are starting to fall into place, that the Parish offers Automatic Contribution via Credit Card, Chequing and even through E-transfer. E transfers can be sent to ststephen102@gmail.com and forms are available in the office to set up Automatic Contributions – just see Mia.



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

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

Financial Presentations: For all parishioners, please join us for two short (30 to 40 minutes) but informative financial seminars. These online presentations are by best-selling author and Life Insurance Educator, Jim Ruta. Here is the registration Information:

First presentation: **Creating Effective Financial Strategies: 4 Prudent Ways to Use Life**

Insurance will be on **Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 PM**. Click <https://tinyurl.com/RutaMay26> to register.

Second presentation: **The 4 Ways Prudent Business Owners, Farmers, & Professionals Use Life**

Insurance will be on **Thursday June 16th at 7:00 PM**. Click <https://tinyurl.com/RutaJune16> to register. Thanks for your participation

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.

SUNDRE CWL

Please join the Sundre CWL for a Year End Dinner and Service Award Presentation on June 1st at 6pm at Piro's Restaurant. Please RSVP to Holly at 404-638-5717.

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.

ST STEPHEN'S YOUTH – Upcoming events

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Come one, come all to our St. Stephen's Annual General Meeting on Saturday May 28th following the 5 p.m. Mass and **POTLUCK**. Bring a dish to share! Come for fellowship and support our Parish Council. A handful of reports have been printed for our Parishioners to review, you will also have received the AGM reports via email.

PRAYER AND PRAISE MEETING

Join us for a Prayer and Praise Meeting in the Upper Room on Monday May 23rd at 7 p.m. We love to get together to praise the Lord for all He has given us and to pray for each other and our parish. Bring your instruments one and all!

CALL TO PROTECT TRAINING

On **Friday June 17, 2022 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm** there will be a Called to Protect training session. This is a requirement for all volunteers. The workshop will take place over Zoom. It will be approximately 2.5 hours long. [Please share this with your fellow volunteers in your ministries.](#)

Here's the link for the **Registration**: <https://forms.gle/htZYnoyqBzFSK77F6>