

PENTECOST

St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin – May 28, 2023

St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima

Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 27, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00AM Olds 5:00PM Olds
Sun May 28, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00AM -Olds 11:15AM Trochu 7:00PM Olds
Tues May 30, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Wed May 31, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri June 2, 2023	24 Hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass Holy Mass - <i>First Friday - Sundre</i> <i>First Communion - Our Lady of Fatima</i>	24 hr -Olds 9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat June 3, 2023	Confession Holy Mass <i>Annual General Meeting w/ potluck to follow</i>	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun June 4, 2023	Holy Mass <i>First Holy Communion - Olds</i>	9:00 AM - Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Trochu

Beautiful bulletin image as found on www.assumptionbro.com – Assumption Parish

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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 – Sundre

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 – June 10, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,

Our Easter celebration reaches its grand finale today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives. Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way — and that we are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us. What a stunning privilege and awesome responsibility. We must rely constantly on the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the gifts, talents and blessings we have been given so that we can fulfill the specific mission to which we have been called. Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recalls the dramatic moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles just as Christ had promised. “Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.” Amazing, but there is more. “Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” And still more. They “began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” Notice how personal and individual is this outpouring of the Spirit. The Spirit filled the entire house where they were gathered, yet also came to each one of them separately, as individuals (the tongues of fire parted and rested on each one of them). And not only that, the Spirit empowered each of them in a unique way (they began to speak in different tongues). This personalized way of “gifting” the apostles allowed them each to reach different people, sharing with them the “mighty acts of God.” This is the same way the Holy Spirit operates today. He gives each of us a unique combination of gifts, and empowers each of us to speak in different “tongues” so that, together, every person can be offered the saving message of the Gospel in a way that is meaningful to them. (Have you ever been amazed at how some can be so creative and energetic with the little ones in the nursery or the teens in the youth group and others so compassionate with our elderly or infirm parishioners? It is because the Holy Spirit has made us fluent in different “tongues.”) Our second reading, from the letter to the Corinthians, illustrates the beautiful way the Spirit weaves together His personal gifts to each us for the good of all. “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Embracing the stewardship way of life means that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish the particular mission entrusted to us. Jesus gives us this mission in our Gospel passage from John. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We are called to be Christ’s hands and feet to all those He places in our path. But we must not let this responsibility overwhelm us. Jesus Himself tells us so. Actually, He tells us twice in this passage: “Peace be with you.” As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life. 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 the Birthday of the Church.

Yours devotedly in the Risen 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

Join us for our Pentecost Coffee Party following Mass on May 28th. We hope to see you there.

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

Last class of preparation this weekend.

First Communion Celebration – June 4, 2023 – 11:15 AM Mass

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 for the last Mass of the school year on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 9:15 am. We begin at 9:15 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 June 1st – KGB Secret Police Night – Holy Trinity School – see poster for more info
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)

Today's Daily Reflection on www.dynamiccatholic.com found in the book "Finding True Happiness" by Fulton Sheen.

"Desire is to the soul what gravitation is to matter. When we know our desires, we know the direction our soul is taking. If desire is heavenly, we go upwards. If it is wholly earthly, we go downwards. Desire is like raw material out of which we fashion either our virtues or vices."

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