



St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin – June 4, 2023

St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima

Nilo Macapinlac

Sat June 3, 2023	Confession Holy Mass - <i>Potluck and AGM following Mass</i>	11:00AM Olds 5:00PM Olds
Sun June 4, 2023	Holy Mass <i>First Communion Celebration - Olds</i> <i>Holy Mass w/ Graduates - Olds</i>	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues June 6, 2023	Holy Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed June 7, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Thurs June 8, 2023	<i>Holy Trinity – Grade 8 – Graduation Service</i>	6:00 PM Olds
Fri June 9, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat June 10, 2023	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass (<i>St. Anthony's</i>)	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun June 11, 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 – June 10, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the Most Holy Trinity is the “central mystery of the Christian faith” (261). The concept of the Triune God — Three Persons in one God — is truly a mystery, almost too lofty for us ordinary people to even begin to grasp. Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Actually, yes! St. John Paul II described the Holy Trinity is a “Divine Family,” a community of Persons Who give themselves completely to each other and Who wishes to share Itself, Its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too are called to share ourselves and our lives with others. As a stewardship parish, we are called to invite others into our community through the gift of hospitality. These characteristics of our Triune God — offering Himself to us through intimacy with Him in His Divine life — are made manifest from the earliest passages of Scripture as we see in today’s first reading, from the Book of Exodus. Earlier in Exodus, God had already developed a close relationship with Moses. Today we read that, “Having come down in a cloud, the Lord stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, ‘Lord.’” He even goes on to describe Himself as “a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” The God of the universe “comes down” to His people, He tells them His name and He tells them some (wonderful) things about Himself. The Father wants to be known and to give Himself to His people! Our second reading, from 2 Corinthians, carries this theme even farther, as St. Paul prays that, “the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit” will be with all of us. In other words, we are invited in to an ever deepening intimacy with this Divine Family, this community of Persons. We are reminded that this Triune God already dwells within us through our Baptism. This divine intimacy we are offered should motivate us to do as St. Paul instructs at the beginning of this passage, to “mend [our] ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.” Finally, our Gospel passage from John reminds us that the stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life.” He gave Himself, in the Person of His Son, for love of us. We must love this God back now by giving ourselves, our lives, to Him. Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the “grace of the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us.” The God of the universe — this mysterious, Triune God — invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life. As part of our renewed life 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, I would like to congratulate our First Communicants who received our Eucharistic Lord at their Holy Communion. Blessings to them and to their parents and guardians especially to Sandra Boutwell and her Sacramental Preparation team who made a great contribution in the spiritual life of our young children. To the Triune-God all the glory, honor and praise! Amen

Yours devotedly in the Most Holy Trinity,

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.

Not too late to make a contribution towards our FORMED subscription.

ST. ANTHONY'S AGM (DIDSBURY)

St. Anthony's Parish will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on June 10th following Mass. Please join them for the meeting and fellowship. St. Anthony's PPC is always looking for new members to join them

St. Anthony's CWL would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Stephen's in regards to their recent Bake Sale. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and allows us to fund our annual scholarship and school breakfast programs. **Thank you all.**

FAITH FORMATION

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

Congratulations to our candidates for First Communion. The following have completed their preparation and will receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, June 2, 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners from Sundre and on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at the 11:15 am Mass for families from Olds.

ST. STEPHEN'S - OLDS

Cedric Anoneuvo
Emmett Atchison
Stella Bos
Calix Dujali
Gian Felias
Dior Hawel
Max Huhn
Daniel Landong
Avriel Michaud
Ariel Moyo
Yurie Grace Nacpil
Lilyanna Overwater
Seinna Torres
Marcus Wiper

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Allison Bontilao
Emma Navrot
Sebastian Payuyo
Leanne Tagnigpez
Joaquin Toledo

SACRAMENTAL PREP – BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Baptismal Preparation coming up in June. The first class is scheduled on Wednesday June 15th at 7:00 pm with the second class the following week on Thursday June 22, 2023. Classes will be in the Upper Room of the Parish. Anyone who is planning to have a child baptised is required to attend this two evening program. Please note, the next course is not planned until the Fall, so if you are expecting in the upcoming months, you are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of your baby. Please contact Tara Miller for more information and to register (403-507-1793)

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.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP

More than a thousand volunteer and contracted hours have gone into preparing Our Lady of Victory Camp for relaunch in July. We need your help with our final push at a work bee on Saturday, June 10, 2023. We are seeking ONE HUNDRED volunteers who can spend the day (or half the day) with us as we get ready for summer 2023. Jobs at camp include cleaning buildings, organizing supplies, yardwork, and finishing work on the projects we've been working on throughout the spring. Please contact Deacon Claude Baril at 403-896-3745 or email cbaril53@gmail.com to let us know you're coming.

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

Congratulations to the Graduates of 2023.

*Father, I have knowledge
So I pray you'll show me now how to use it wisely
and find a way somehow to make the world I live in,
a little better place..
And make life with its problems, a bit easier to face..
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days.
And show me how to serve Thee, in the most effective ways.
So all my education, my knowledge and my skill,
May find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.
And may I ever be aware in everything I do
That knowledge comes from learning and wisdom comes from You.*



Helen Steiner Rice