



## St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin – June 18, 2023

St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima

Nilo Macapinlac

Sat June 17, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun June 18, 2023	Holy Mass - <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues June 20, 2023	Morning Prayer	6:30 PM Olds
Wed June 21, 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM Olds
Fri June 23, 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM Olds
Sat June 24, 2023	Holy Mass	5:00 PM Olds
Sun June 25, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 11:15 AM - Trochu 5:00 PM - Olds

*Please note: Father Thankachan will be presiding over Mass while Father is away from June 21 – July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mass on Sunday evening will be at 5:00 PM. Father Thankachan will be available for Confession before or after Mass, however, the scheduled Confession will be cancelled.*

### PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass – July 7, 2023

Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –

Friday - 10:00 AM

### St. Anthony - Didsbury

No Weekend Masses during the  
summer months of July and August.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends and parishioners,

Happy Father's Day! Blessing to all fathers who are the pillars and strength of our families, the Domestic Church. You are in my prayers. We are now on 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. Prayer is an opening our hearts to God. The more that we pray over these readings, the more they can affect us. When we list to the first reading, from the Book of Exodus, we must wonder what was in the minds of God's "chosen people" when God says "I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself." When these chosen people fled from Egypt, it was a miraculous event in their lives. They never really believed that they could be free. If we look at the sufferings of the chosen people in the desert, we can't possibly describe it as being born up on eagle wings. On the other hand, if we look at their escape into freedom and their arriving at the mountain of God, we begin to understand the eagle wings. They could not have been there if God had not sustained them and helped them. This is surely a part of the lesson of this Sunday that we are celebrating. We must begin to look at the deeper meanings of history, both the history of salvation and our own personal history of walking with God. So often we get caught up only in our present sufferings and don't keep an awareness of where God is leading us. Always God is leading us to encounter His divine presence. In Matthew's Gospel today, we can also wonder about this Good News that Jesus asks the apostles to preach. They are to go only to the Jewish people and to proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. For us, this Kingdom may not mean very much. For the Jewish people of the time of Jesus, it probably meant that the Messiah had come and a lot of them would have hoped for freedom from the Romans and freedom to live their faith without interference from others. For some, this Kingdom would have meant a re-establishment of the previous Kingdom of Israel. Jesus generally means that the Kingdom is the presence of God in the world. The Kingdom is truly present in you and in me when we are following God and trying to be faithful to God's word. The Kingdom is present within us. And when we join with others who are also faithful to the Word of God, then the Kingdom becomes present within the believing community. So when Jesus sees that lots of people are looking for God and want to follow God, Jesus tells us that the harvest is abundant. What about our own times? Are people looking for God? Are you looking for God? Am I looking for God. That is the challenge. That is the invitation. God invites us to seek the Kingdom. And as we seek, then we discover that the Kingdom is right here in our midst. Like the chosen people in Exodus, we shall suffer on the way to discover the Kingdom, even though it is right here. Let us pray this Sunday for a deeper awareness of God's divine presence in our personal lives and in the life of our Christian communities. Let us ask that the Holy Spirit will give us the vision to see how God is present in our world. May we have the power to ask for God's healing, for the life of those who are dying, Let us ask for the gift to see how we have been born up on eagle wings. 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.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

*Happy  
Father's  
Day!*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP OUT

Registration forms for the St. Stephen's Campout on Fri. July 21<sup>st</sup>-Sun. July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 PREP – BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Baptismal Preparation coming up in June. The second class will be on Thursday June 22, 2023. Class 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

This Sunday marks the end of the Knights of Columbus fundraising drive in support of our local Pregnancy Care Centre. Baby Bottles need to be returned filled with coinage or a cheque throughout the weekend. The office will be collecting any last minutes monetary donations or baby items next week. Contact Dan Killoran if you have any questions. 403-415-5627

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St Stephen's CWL invites all parishioners to beef on a bun lunch following Mass this Sunday, June 18 to celebrate Father's Day.

Our annual barbecue will take place June 21 at the Wahlstrom's home. Come out and enjoy fellowship with our members as we celebrate the end of another year of CWL activities. For more information contact Jo-Anne Sell (403 415-5022)

## 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.

## VOLUNTEER TEA

As a token of our appreciation the Parish Pastoral Council and the Stewardship Committee would like to invite you to a **St Stephen Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** following the morning Mass on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## ARTS & ENVIRONMENT - Information for all

The Arts & Environment committee is missing (3) rectangular glass candle holders that are a main part of their liturgical displays. If you have seen or know where these might be, please notify the office.

The Arts & Environment supplies are available to use "within" the Parish Hall for events and functions. However, it is important that these items be cleaned and returned to the storage room after use. We ask that items do not leave the premises unless you have requested permission from the Arts and Environment committee. Our team comes prepared to decorate or update weekly décor and it can disrupt productivity if items are not where they should be. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

## FORMED.ORG

The FORMED subscription has been renewed! We encourage you all to take a moment on a rainy day – check out the videos and programming you can watch as a couple, as a family with young children – there is something for everyone. [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

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. You can include it in your weekly donation with a reference to "FORMED" or you can e-transfer the Parish at [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com).

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.

## "THOUGHT" – FULL CORNER

More from Edward Farrell and his book "**Free to be Nothing**". Last week we shared the excerpt about Evangelization being reflected in and through everyone in their own unique way that they follow Christ and impact others with their actions. Today we are sharing an excerpt that truly challenges us to take a moment to reflect on ourselves – are we living the life we think we are – are we living a life reflective of our beliefs?

If you come across a passage or read something you would like to share, feel free to email Mia at [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com). I will do my best to find room in the bulletin in our "Corner full of thoughts"

"Evangelization is threatening. Even so, in God's providence, NOW seems to be the time. His Spirit is always manifesting a new direction, a new kind of boldness, that does not come from ourselves" ..... "We thought we had it all together – what an illusion? We were what we could be at that time, but we were not the last word. Now we are asking, "Do I live what I believe? Do I really preach what I live?" The witness of one's life has become, more than ever, an essential condition for real effectiveness, if we are to invite others to share our faith. Precisely, because of this, we are responsible for the progress of the Good News that we proclaim"