



June 26, 2022

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat June 25, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun June 26, 2022	Holy Mass Volunteer Appreciation Tea	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Mon June 27, 2022	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Weekly	9:00 AM Olds
Tues June 28, 2022	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed June 29 2022	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Friday July 1, 2022	Weekday Mass 24 Hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:00 AM
Sat July 2, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun July 3, 2022	Holy Mass - .	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

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.

Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre

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

OLF Weekly Schedule

July 1, 2022 First Friday Mass
Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

St. Anthony

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's readings take us back to the basics, inviting us to reflect honestly on our deepest priorities in life. In the second reading, from Galatians, St. Paul reminds us of the essence of the Christian life. "For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Just a few verses later Paul points out why this simple command is so challenging to live out. "The flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want." Isn't that the truth! Overcoming our tendency toward selfishness while striving to put Christ and others ahead of ourselves is a daily internal battle. In today's Gospel, from Luke, Christ refers to this struggle within as He encounters two "would-be" disciples on His way to Jerusalem. "'Follow me,'" Jesus says to the first man. "But he replied, 'Lord let me go first and bury my father.' The other said, 'I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home.'" These two want to follow Christ, but only on their own terms, and only after taking care of some other, more pressing matters (at least in their own minds). To this, Christ says thanks, but no thanks! Following Him requires an unqualified "yes" not a "yes but..." We are called to put Christ and His kingdom ahead of our own plans if we truly wish to be His disciples and to find victory in the battle of selfishness. Living stewardship as a way of life can go a long way in arming us for victory. Stewardship living provides us with a custom-made "training plan" — the commitment to a specific offering of our time, talent, and treasure to the Kingdom of God. It is a plan discerned through prayer, and by looking at the realities of our unique circumstances, strengths, and limitations. The daily discipline of committing to the plan strengthens us and helps us gradually move away from the "yes, but" attitude and towards an unqualified "yes!" to Christ and His will. The beauty of this way of life is that, far from constricting freedom, living out stewardship day by day actually increases freedom. Why? It frees us from unhealthy attachments to our comforts, our professional ambitions, and our possessions so that we can attach — fully and without reservation — to Christ. It creates in us the habit of putting first things first, of keeping our priorities aligned with Christ's priorities. Do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. He deserves nothing less. And this way of life, while challenging, will be characterized by a joy and peace that only comes from giving Him and unqualified "yes!" For those who need a pastoral visit for the sick and our elderly, you may contact me for your needs at 780-352-1524 and 403-415-6183. Blessings to all of you!

In Christ the Lord,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

To our volunteers,

We thank God for the people we have throughout our Parish. We are blessed with wonderful men, women and children who give of their time and talents in so many ways. We ask God to bless them and guide them in their daily lives and watch over them as they continue to grow in Faith and in community with the Parish.

Please join us for a Volunteer Appreciation Tea following Mass on Sunday June 26th, 2022.



SOCIAL JUSTICE – PARISH DINNER

This Saturday Evening following Mass, our Social Justice committee will be hosting a Parish Dinner in support of Father Adam Daniluk's parish in Rozanka Poland where they are assisting Ukrainian Refugees who have come across the border. We are excited to announce that tickets did sell out, so hopefully you were able to grab yours while they were available. Just a reminder that Dinner is at 6 pm in the Parish Hall with a Guest Speaker on Ukrainian History and Present Crisis to follow.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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.

CHALICE

Are you familiar with the wonderful Catholic organization, Chalice? Chalice works in third world countries to help support children, elders and their families through sponsors. For only \$42.00 a month (basically the price of a nice meal out), you can drastically change someone's life. So little can make such a difference. Chalice is unique in that it only takes 5-10% of funds for administration as it runs on volunteers. Please prayerfully consider your support through the presentation at June 25th and 26th Masses

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Becoming a member: For any Catholic man, 18 years of age or older, looking to join the local Knights 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 an informative financial seminar. This online presentation is by best-selling author and Life Insurance Educator, Jim Ruta. Here is the registration information: **Creating Effective Financial - 7:00 PM.** Click to register <https://tinyurl.com/RutaJune29>.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – OPEN POSITIONS

Please consider prayerfully the following positions that are still open on the Pastoral Parish Council: PPC Chairperson, Stewardship Chair, Volunteer Coordinator and Community Life Co-Chair (along with the Couples for Christ.) Please present these positions to the Lord during your prayer time and during Adoration as we prepare for the New Normal. You can let Fr. Nilo or Deacon Charles know if you are interested in any of these positions. There will be a meeting on Tuesday July 5th following the 6:30 Mass for those who volunteer for team-building and an overview.

PAPAL VISIT COLLECTION

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The Vatican has confirmed that the Holy Father will utilize three hubs for the visit to Canada: Edmonton, Quebec City and Iqaluit. It will be a much more modest visit than a usual papal pilgrimage, due to the Holy Father's age, health, and mobility issues.

Still, there are costs associated with the visit, including lodging and event security, event production costs and site logistics. National organizers estimate the total cost of the visit at \$15 million, and are working to secure support from all levels of government as well as the private sector.

There will be two pew collections within the Archdiocese of Edmonton to help with these costs. The first will be June 18-19, prior to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. The second collection will be July 23-24. Pope Francis arrives in Canada on July 24.

Donations may be made:

- Online through Canada Helps at <https://bit.ly/2022PapalVisit>
- By cheque to the Archdiocese of Edmonton, duly marked "Papal Visit."

We thank you in advance for supporting this historic visit of Pope Francis to Canada

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA

As a token of our appreciation for all you do, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Stewardship Committee would like to invite you to a **St Stephen Volunteer Appreciation Tea** on **Sunday June 26, 2022 following the 9:00 AM Mass.**

CANADA DAY CAMP OUT

Come join us for our Canada Day Campout weekend at Hainstock Hall from Friday July 1st evening to Sunday July 3rd evening. Cost for the weekend is \$40. If you can't come for the entire weekend, come for the bonfire, pancake breakfast and/or the kitchen party (music)! Bring lawnchairs, board, lawn or water games, musical instruments and friends! Lots of friendship, fun and faith activities throughout the weekend. See poster in the foyer for more information and to sign up!

