



Summer Blessings

JULY 2022

Father Nilo Macapinlac
Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday	CONFESSION HOLY MASS	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sunday	HOLY MASS Morning Mass times will alternate with Trochu 1,3,5 th Sundays in Olds at 11:15 2, 4 th Sundays at 9:00 AM	9:00 AM 11:15 AM 7:00 PM Olds
Monday	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Weekly	9:00 AM Olds
Tuesday	WEEKDAY MASS	6:30 PM Olds
Wednesday	WEEKDAY MASS	9:00 AM Olds
Friday	WEEKDAY MASS	9:00 AM
Saturday	CONFESSION HOLY MASS	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds

Father Nilo will be away July 25-26 and 30-31st.

There will be Morning Prayer in place of Morning Mass in his absence

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

St. Anthony

SUMMER HOURS

The office will be open Tuesday – Thursday 9-3:00.

If it is a Pastoral emergency, you can reach Father at 780-352-1524.

If it is not an emergency, you can reach the office at 403-556-3084 or via email at

sstephen102@gmail.com.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel passage from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a Christian steward should approach others. Let's look at least a few of the coaching tips Christ gives. "The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far. Our parish is, in a sense, our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ, we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family. Next, Christ instructs, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Who are the laborers that our Lord speaks of? Perhaps it is the clergy and religious who first come to mind. And we certainly have a duty to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But we confirmed Catholics are also His laborers, called by Christ to bring others to Him and to join us in the life of Christian discipleship. How are we to do this? We are to go first to God in prayer. Inviting people into the Kingdom of Christ is above all a spiritual endeavor so our Lord reminds us to seek God's wisdom before approaching others. The harvest, after all, belongs to Him. We simply have the privilege of helping with the harvesting. This also reminds us that it is not primarily through "Catholic guilt trips" that we will ignite in others a passion for serving Christ and living the Gospel. It is God Himself who must be at work in us as we call others to the Christian life. For those who need me to visit their family, the sick and our elderly, for private Confession, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Viaticum, please call me at 780-352-1524 or 403-4156183. Blessings!

In Christ the Lord of the Harvests,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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. If you have any questions, please see Cindy Boffey.



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.

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

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.

RCIA

If you or someone you know is looking to join the Catholic Church, we will be starting sessions in the Fall of 2022. To initiate an interview please leave your name and contact information at the parish office (contact info at the top of this bulletin) or contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627. Thanks!

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!



PAPAL VISIT – Schedule & Volunteers

We are delighted to share the joy of the upcoming pastoral visit by Pope Francis to Canada on July 24-29, 2022. This visit will be one of healing, hope and reconciliation that we hope will be a watershed moment for the Indigenous Peoples of this land and the Church's relationship with them

The schedule for the upcoming visit has been released for events in and around Edmonton.

There will be two large events at Indigenous Sites:

1. Maskwacis, July 25th, and
2. Lac Ste. Anne, July 26th – as well as an
3. Open-air Mass at Commonwealth Stadium, and a
4. Private event will take place at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Catholics to volunteer for the events taking place in the Edmonton Area. To volunteer for the Papal Visit, go to papalvisit.ca and apply using the online application form. Or, you can contact our Alberta Papal Visit volunteer office email at AlbertaVolunteers@papalvisit.ca.

For those who wish to register by telephone instead of using a computer, an office will be opened to call **starting Monday, June 26th** from 9 a.m.– 8 p.m. through Thursday, and 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The phone number will be 780-469-1010, Option 3.

We hope that you will #walktogether with our Indigenous brothers and sisters by joining in this lifetime opportunity to be part of healing our country's history.

www.papalvisit.ca/volunteer/

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

Papal Schedule and ticket information will be/is available at www.papalvisit.ca

**Please note that there is only one bulletin in July and August.
If you have anything that needs to go into the August bulletin, please send your email to the office before July 27th, 2022.**

