



Jan 14, 2024

St. Stephen's, St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Jan 13, 2024	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass (St. Anthony's -2 nd Saturday_	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM (Didsbury)
Sun Jan 14, 2024	Holy Mass Holy Mass w/ Santo Niño Celebration	9:00 AM Olds 11:15AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Jan 16, 2024	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Jan 17, 2024	Weekday Mass Marian Cenacle - Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sunde
Fri Jan 19, 2024	Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet - Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 AM Olds 10:100 AM - Sunde
Sat Jan 20, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 21, 2024	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 - Feb 2, 2024 7PM
 Marian Cenacle - Wed - 7:00 PM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary -
 Friday - 10:00 AM
 In case of inclement weather, the
 Marian Cenacle and Chaplet may be
 cancelled.

St. Anthony - Didsbury

 Jan 13, 2024 - 2nd Sat Mass - 7PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners, People of God,
Greetings of joy, love, peace and God's manifold blessings!

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week to the next from January 18 to 25 marks the observance of the Prayer for Christian Unity. We are called to live the spirit of Ecumenism as Jesus' prayer echoes to the whole world "That they all may be one as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in us... (John 17: 21). Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our Most High and Holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards. In the first reading, from Isaiah, we hear the voice of the "Suffering Servant" — prophetic words of Jesus Christ. "Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb." How beautiful! Even from the first moment of his conception in the womb of our Blessed Mother, Jesus' saving mission had begun. This is true for each one of us. The Eternal Father has called each of us from the moment of our conception for a unique mission to further His kingdom on the earth. Each one of us can truly say the Father has "formed me as his servant from the womb." To be his servant is all that truly matters in this life, for ourselves and for our children. Career paths, athletic accomplishments, the school we attend or the city in which we live — all are secondary to the thing that matters most — that we have been called from the womb for the privilege of being God's servants. Do our daily lives reflect this high calling? Do we use the gifts of our time, talents and treasure in service of God's kingdom, and do we guide our children to do the same, for that is why God has entrusted these things to us? Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, gives us another reminder of our true identity as God's servants and the high calling we have as Christian stewards. St. Paul greets the Corinthians and us as well, with this description: "To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy..." We are called to nothing less than holiness. After all, only the holy can enter heaven. John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Again, let us examine our daily lives, and encourage our children to do the same. Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God? Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be? As part of our renewed life as disciples and an act of gratitude to God, 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 whether it day or night, please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Come and join us in celebrating SINULOG 2024 in honor of the Feast of Sr. Sto. Nino, here at St. Stephen's Parish on January 14th, 2024 in the afternoon beginning at 3:00 pm with a Program, Prayer and Dinner followed by Mass at 7:00 PM.

*Holy Child Jesus, God with Us,
Our Light & Eternal Salvation*



MARRIAGE PREP

St. Stephen's will be offering a Marriage Preparation course in March. The Marriage preparation course is mandatory for anyone planning to get married in the Catholic Church. This includes newly engaged couples and couples who have been married in a civil ceremony that plan to have their Marriage convalidated or blessed in the Catholic Church. Preregistration is required. Please contact Kathy Kemmere (403-994-3364 or Judy Wahlstrom (403) 556-3661 as soon as possible. St. Stephen's offers the course once a year, but there are other courses throughout the Archdiocese that are available.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Congratulations to our candidate who will be completing their First Reconciliation on Friday Dec 8th with a retreat and their First Confession. Many blessings to you all!

CONFIRMATION - Our The Archbishop will be coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with us on June 9, 2024. If you have a child who will be at least 12 yrs old on or before this date, they are eligible to sign up. Registration forms are available in the foyer and can be submitted to Donna in the office. For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903.

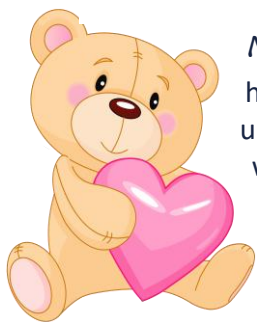
PRO LIFE ROSARY PROJECT

Rosaries are available to purchase on the table in the foyer where proceeds will go towards a nonprofit pro life organization and to rosary supplies. If you would like to donate towards the Rosary project, you can place money in the envelopes provided or write Rosary Project on an envelope with your donation can be placed in the collection plate or e transferred to the parish office @ Ststephen102@gmail.com Donations of beads of all sizes, broken rosaries or ones no longer used would also be gratefully accepted. . Thank you to Zoe Ginter who is running this project and is responsible for making the beautiful Rosaries

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next Baptism Prep Course will be held Feb 5th and 12th at 7 PM. The Baptism preparation course is mandatory for anyone planning to baptize their first child in the Catholic Church. The course helps guide your preparation – to ensure that all new parents understand what it means to baptize their child, to be fully engaged and knowledgeable about your child's first sacrament. If you have any questions, please call Tara at 403-507-1798. If you are currently parents of a new born or are expecting and will deliver following February, this class is for you.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD



Month 4 – Baby's Development – Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this time, rapid eye movements (REM) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!

ST STEPHEN'S GARAGE SALE

Notice to ALL Parishioners- It is time to drop off those items you have been saving. The CWL Garage Sale will be held on Friday, January 26, and Saturday, January 27. Items can be dropped off starting Saturday, January 20 at 9 am until Wednesday, January 24th

Please note –we do not accept the following items: shoes, undergarments, swimsuits, magazines, encyclopedias, old, outdated TVs, VHS cassettes, used mattresses, stuffed animals, or baby car seats. No big electrical appliances such as stoves, fridges, washing machines or dryers or large exercise equipment. All small electrical appliances must be in working condition.

Please DO NOT drop off anything that isn't suitable for selling as this causes extra work for the volunteers and additional costs involved in disposing of these items.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

Remember – If you work a shift, you can shop early!! SIGN UP NOW!

Note all sales are cash only.

Donations for the bake sale are gladly accepted either January 24th or January 25th

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

Just a quick reminder that we need to keep the Fire Lane free during Mass times in case of emergency, therefore, we ask that you limit parking in the front to the designated spaces. Vehicles that park beyond the four designated spots impede the Fire Lane. Thank you for your attention to this detail.

OFFICE NEW - ENVELOPES

The envelopes are out on the back table ready to be picked up. They are in alphabetical order by first letter of last name. If you cannot find your envelope, check with the office .

If you need envelopes or automatic contribution for the upcoming year, please see Mia in the office. If you have not used your envelopes or envelope # for more than a year, the number will be reassigned. If you are in this situation and would like to continue with envelopes, please see Mia.

Income tax receipts will be available before the end of January – watch for them on the back table where the envelopes are.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

The **2023 Photo Directories** have finally arrived. If you had photos taken or submitted a photo for the directory you can pick up your copy from the table outside Donna's office. Please cross your name off the list so that we know who has not yet picked up a directory.

THANK YOU

The Secular Franciscans of Holy Spirit Fraternity would like to thank St. Stephen Parishioners for participating with their Cookie Walk by your baking and financial donations, crèche displays and purchases of cookie goodness back in December with all money donations going to a family in need of help through the Christmas season.

Over \$400.00 was realized and we cannot thank-you enough!

There was no waste of cookies as all leftovers went to Safe Harbour in Red Deer to bring a little sweetness of Christmas to them. Pax et bonum to you all!