



Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

FATHER NILO MACAPINLAC

Jan 9, 2022 Bulletin

Sat Jan 8, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 9, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Jan 11, 2022	Holy Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Jan 12, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Trochu
Fri Jan 14, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Jan 15, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 16, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

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NEW 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

The new schedule is in effect until
March as authorized by the
Archdiocese.

Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre

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

Jan 7, 2022 – 7 PM

OLF Weekly Schedule

Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

St Anthony's - Didsbury

The monthly Mass schedule will
resume in February on Feb 12,
2022. .

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends, people of God;

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example. He walk the talk with consistency. Certainly the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them literally. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves. Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form like a figure of a dove and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased, listen to him." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too. How do we fully live our vocation originated in our Baptism? Do you have gifts that you can share this New Year that could inspire others and edify the Church and God's Kingdom? Stewardship way of life is an art of Christian living that we truly live the life of Jesus and always ready to share. May the burden brought by this pandemic, we may draw more strength and fortitude from Christ that even to the point of his death on the Cross, steadfast, resilient in giving Himself totally for us and for our salvation. He gave hope to the good thief, he promised paradise. He was generous of total self-giving and forgiving, even his executioners and enemies. His unconditional love is transformative and redeeming. May our Baptismal call be fully lived inspired by the Lord Jesus Himself. A New year full of hope and God's protection and richest blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

LAUDATO SI



Care of our Common Home is the call of Laudato Si` to each of us, to consider how we can become stewards of creation, for positive action and renewal.

Laudato Si -One of the ways we can protect our environment is to bring your alkaline non-rechargeable batteries to the church for recycling. A box for this purpose is in the foyer near Donna's office. Batteries contain a number of heavy metals and toxic chemicals and disposing of them by the same process as regular household waste has raised concerns over soil contamination and water pollution.

MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

If you are a confirmed Catholic – young or old, you are welcome to join the Marian Cenacle Prayer Group on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 PM prior to Mass. If you have a desire to increase and magnify your love for Jesus and Mary, this is the place for you. A personal Cenacle Purpose/Guide will be provided.

Please contact Jann at 587-444-1100 if you are interested in joining.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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

ST. STEPHEN'S CWL

CWL continues to inform CWL members & those women who would like to join our membership we are taking new members, to contact Laurel Arvay .We will be having a meeting (hoping) January 11th after morning mass.
If you have any concerns contact Jo Fewster.

FAITH & FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE! On the weekend of February 12th-13th, there will be a **renewal of vows/blessing of marriages** during the Masses. If you are celebrating a “milestone” anniversary such as your tenth (tin), twenty-fifth (silver), thirtieth (pearl), fortieth (ruby), fiftieth (gold), sixtieth (diamond) or 70th (platinum) during the year 2022, please let the office or Maria know!

Epiphany House blessings: On Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men, and asking for protection and blessing on the home and all who enter. During this time of pandemic, it is good to bless your home with the initials CMB, which stand for the initials of the three kings as well as **Christus mansionem benedicat: May Christ bless this house.** Items that are required can usually be found in your home, but this weekend, Epiphany kits will be available in the foyer. All kits are blessed.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION

Next Session is scheduled for Saturday Jan 15, 2022, 9 am – noon.

Remaining session for Reconciliation gatherings are:

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 9 am – noon

Friday, Mar 25, 2022, after school, retreat and sacrament.

Envelopes For 2022 Are Ready To Be Picked Up. These Envelopes Begin in January 2022. Please Remember To Provide Your Name And Address On Your Envelope For The First Month To Allow The Office A Chance To Process Changes.

Sunday Missals / Youth Missals Are Going Fast. They Are Available At the Window In Front Of the Parish Office

MUSTARD SEED BACKPACK PROJECT

THIS IS THE SEASON FOR GIVING: COMPASSION, SUPPORT & HOPE to those in need.

Our St. Stephens Social Justice Committee is seeking your help with our 3rd annual Street Backpack project in partnership with The Mustard Seed. We had an overwhelming response last year which was received with such gratitude! Our Alberta winters can be freezing cold & harsh for those on the streets. This year with the ongoing pandemic the need for help and compassion is even greater. The items we put in a special backpack for these folks are necessities that provide immediate comfort. This gift will ease the suffering of a homeless neighbour.

YOUR gift will give them hope and comfort in knowing that someone cares especially for them.

Please pick an item or two from the list below, & bring this item to place in the labelled boxes in the foyer. We will make sure it gets to those special backpacks! Items will be transported to the Mustard Seed until the end of January. Thank- you so much for your generosity!

Items needed include:

Backpacks	toilet paper	deodorant	Nail clippers
disposable razors	coats	blankets	paperback books
running shoes	sweaters	toques	small flashlights
hand sanitizer	scarfs	ear plugs	mittens(adult and child)
travel size body wash	socks	t-shirts	notebook & pens
shaving gel & lotion	combs	brushes	small towel
travel size shampoo & conditioner		Q tips	reuseable water bottle
travel size tissue	toothpaste	toothbrushes	sunglasses
feminine hygiene products		trail mix/granola bars	
underwear (male & female all sizes) **Socks and underwear must be new			

If any questions please call Cathy @ 403-556-7784



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