



AUGUST 2022

Father Nilo Macapinlac

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

24 Hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – August 5, 2022- St. Stephen's, Olds
First Friday Mass in Sundre is Aug 5, 2022

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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
 August 5, 2022 First Friday Mass
 Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
 & Rosary – 10:00 AM

St. Anthony
 No Masses scheduled through the
 summer months.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends and parishioners,

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves two potentially life-changing questions. The first question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course we all know the "right" answer to this question: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." To bring to light what we truly treasure in life, we can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about what is important to me? As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts? The second question today's readings ask is this: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" To put it another way, "What would you do if you had radical faith in God?" The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews defines faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." This passage inspires us with the faith shown by Abraham. "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. By faith he sojourned in the promised land... By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age." Abraham was a senior citizen when he received the seemingly crazy invitation from God to take his entire household and head out to an unknown destination. He was an elderly man with an elderly wife and no heirs when God promised to give him countless descendants. Putting his faith in God, Abraham rose above all the fears and doubts he may have had and set out, following God's call to him "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." If our perfect Father is pleased to offer us nothing less than His Son right now, and Heaven eventually, then what on earth have we to be afraid of? So, what would our lives look like if we lived unafraid? If we had the kind of radical faith that Abraham showed in ancient days. What ministry might I take on? Or, what projects might I pass up at work so that I can be more present at home? What is the risk God is asking me to take as an act of faith in Him and gratitude for all He has given me? Later in this Gospel passage Jesus challenges us with these words. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." There is so much to think about this week. Let's ask ourselves what we really treasure and then take a bold risk— faith-filled and unafraid — to show our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us. . For our priority in pastoral care for the sick, the elderly and those in palliative care, please do not hesitate to call me at 780-352-1524 or 403-415-6183 for Sacraments of Confession, Holy Viaticum and Anointing of the Sick. God bless you richly

In loving service to Christ the Lord
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

TOWN OF OLDS – UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES

The Town of Olds has received a request to help host Ukrainian refugee families who are in desperate need of temporary housing- .either live-in accommodation or assistance in finding low-income housing would be greatly appreciated.

Some individuals have little or no English speaking skills and require assistance in getting settled. Please prayerfully consider whether you feel able to help in any way; transportation, assistance filling in forms, job seeking as well as financial support are some of the ways you may be able to offer support.

If you wish more information, please call April Webb at the town office 403 507-4847.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CATECHISM CLASSES

Do you have a child who has been baptized and who will be entering grade 2 this fall? If so, they are eligible to start preparing for **1st Reconciliation** in October. This is considered the first step toward their receiving their 1st Communion in the spring. Registration Forms can be found on the children's table in the foyer or contact Donna in the parish office (403-556-3084 ext. #4).

Confirmation: Because of a reworking of Archbishop Smith's busy schedule, we will not be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation again until June 9th, 2024. However, that does not mean that you cannot pre-register your children. If you have a child or grandchild who will be in at least grade 6 in the fall of 2023 they will be considered ready to receive this final Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Please see Donna in the parish office.

Catechism classes will be starting again on Sunday, September 25. We will be welcoming children from Kindergarten to Grade 5. To register, please contact Donna in the parish office or 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

Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, has his feast day on August 13th. The Knights will have a small prayer service just before the 5pm Mass on Saturday **Aug 13th starting at 4:15pm**. All are most welcomed to attend! Today, Father McGivney stands as a model for both priests and laypeople, having lived a life of heroic virtue devoted to the people of God, and as the founder of a lay organization that has grown to more than 2 million members worldwide. We hope to see you there.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with our Vacation Bible School this summer! It was a great success! A special thank you goes out to: our Station leaders who put a lot of time and energy into preparing and running their stations, the CWL for responding so quickly to the need for extra food, the Knights of Columbus for supplying the hotdogs for our final lunch, all the youth and adult volunteers who helped lead and organize the children, Larry Arvay for leading the music at Mass, Father Nilo's presence and support and all the parishioners who contributed with food, craft supplies and prayers. Thank you so much!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – OPEN POSITIONS

Please consider prayerfully the following positions that are still open on the Pastoral Parish Council: 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.

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY! Our last Parish Photo Directory was produced back in 2014. How many of you have a current professional family portrait? Now is your opportunity to participate and receive a FREE 8x10 portrait of you and your family, as well as, your FREE copy of the directory. Starting in mid-September you can begin to sign up for appointments. Early sign-ups get the benefit of first choice of appointment times! Additional portraits can be purchased at less than studio prices to share with family and friends. These would make great Christmas gifts. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this program.

Gracious God,

You desire to bring all creation to its
promised fulfillment in your Son, Jesus Christ.
You call us by our baptism to serve you
with willing hearts and minds.
You invite us to share fully in the
mission and ministry of your Son.

Fill our hearts with praise and gratitude.
Bless our parish.
May the Holy Spirit touch our hearts
with the fire of your love.



Transform this community.
Help us to live our faith more fully as disciples of Jesus.

Help us to witness to others of your
abundant goodness and saving grace. Amen.

Get on the GiFT List!

The Growing in Faith Together team at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park wants to add you to our GiFT List! As a GiFT List member, you will receive notices of all gift offerings, including our **NEW e-GiFT Catalogue**, your best source of information on faith formation events, workshops and programs offered by the GiFT team and our ministry partners.

Don't Miss these Fall 2022 GiFT Offerings:

- ❖ **Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come** | online via Zoom
- ❖ **Catholicism 101** | online via Zoom
- ❖ **Alpha** | online via Zoom
- ❖ **Consoling the Heart of Jesus Group Study** | in person and online via Zoom options
- ❖ **The Gift of Church Teaching Fall 2022 Series: The Dignity of Human Life** | in person and livestreamed
- ❖ **2022 Rosary Rally**
- ❖ **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession Workshop** | online via Zoom
- ❖ ...and coming in January 2023, **The Bible Timeline** – learn how to read the Bible with Jeff Cavins and our GiFT Team!

Sign up today to receive
your first e-GiFT Catalogue
on Monday, August 8.

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