



Sept 4, 2022  
Father Nilo Macapinlac

Fri Sept 2, 2022	24 Hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First Friday Mass	24 HRS Olds 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat Sept 3, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Sept 4, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Sept 6, 2022	Weekday Mass w/ Father Dan Gurnich The Lay Franciscans	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Sept 7 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Sept 9, 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM
Sat Sept 10, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Sept 11, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds

Father is away at the annual Priest's Retreat Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Donna will lead Morning Prayer during the week. Pleasenote – there WILL BE Mass on Tuesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> w/ Father Dan Gurnick with the Lay Franciscans . All are welcome to attend.

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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**  
 Fri Sept 2, 2022 - First Friday Mass  
 Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 & Rosary – 10:00 AM  
  
**St. Anthony**  
 Sat Sept 10, 2022 – 7 PM  
 Second Saturday of every month.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends and parishioners,

Blessings to everyone! We are now on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called Disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy. Our First Reading, from the ancient book of Wisdom, prepares us for the challenging teaching that will follow in today's Gospel passage. "Who can know God's counsel or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid... the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Weighed down by financial woes, relationship stress, illness — all the concerns of modern life (and apparently, ancient life, too) — how can we possibly concern ourselves with anything more than these immediate needs? Our human "earthly" instincts limit our ability to think with an eternal perspective. But, a few verses later, we are told that God has sent His Holy Spirit from on high to assist us. "And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight." Relying on the Holy Spirit, we can live indeed live for higher goals despite all the challenges of daily life. But this way of life will not be easy, and our Lord, knowing well our human nature, must prepare us for the challenge. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ is very straightforward about the cost of living for the higher aims of discipleship. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions, but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period. He goes on to say, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish, over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom. To further this point, Christ shares two parables. The first is about a builder who wants to construct a tower. Christ says that before beginning, the builder must sit down and consider the cost to see if he has what is needed to complete the project. The second parable is of a king facing a potential battle. Again, Christ says he must first consider if he has sufficient troops for success before he goes off headlong into battle. Discipleship will cost us, and we must be prepared to give it our all. And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much. He knows that if we do not live with great intentionality — putting Him first before all else — we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more. We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost and then run after Him with all our might. We are also stewards of relationships, spirituality and mysteries of God. In caring our sick and elderly, the dying and those who needs the last rites of the Church, please do not hesitate to call me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. Thank you!

Yours devotedly in Christ Father Nilo Macapinlac



## 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](mailto:dankilloran0521@gmail.com)

**Family Bar B Q** - All Knights and their families are invited to a Family Bar B Q at the acreage of Jack and Joanne Sell –Bring the kids bikes and there is a trampoline, treehouse, play house and more for all to enjoy.

**Date:** Sept 17<sup>th</sup> **Time:** Anytime after 1:00 PM **Address:** 28341 Township Rd 340.

## 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.

## FAITH FORMATION – BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH OF THE MASS

Please join us for *A Biblical Walk through the Mass* beginning on Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. This series of 5 sessions includes a 30 minute video by Dr. Edward Sri, and study questions. Cost is \$18.00 for the book by Dr. Sri. Please sign up by Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> on the list in the foyer or if you would like to host one of the sessions with your spouse. This would entail welcoming participants, showing the video and asking the study questions in the groups. No preparation is needed. If a group would like to consider hosting a potluck before a session that would be most appreciated. Please sign up in the appropriate spot on the list.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, CONFIRMATION & 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** in October. This is considered the first step toward their receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you have a child or grandchild who will be at least 12 yrs old on or before June 9, 2024, they are eligible to participate in the Confirmation program which will begin this September. All eligible confirmands are asked to come to *Journey with Jesus* in the upper room. We will be using the *Decision Point* program by Dynamic Catholic. Class will consist of video and discussions.

Please note – this **IS** our Confirmation Preparation Program. If you plan for your child or grandchild to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, this program is for them! For more information or to sign your child up, please see Donna or contact Maria at 587-796-0903.

Catechism classes will be starting again on Sunday, September 25. We will be welcoming children from Kindergarten to Grade 4. To register, please contact Donna in the parish office or Theresa at 403-559-6843.

## 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.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE

We will be having a Baptismal Preparation course this Fall. The classes are Sept 26/Oct 3 at 7 pm in the Upper room of the Parish. Anyone who is planning to have a child baptised is required to attend this two evening program. Please note, the next course is not scheduled until the New Year, so if you are expecting in the upcoming months, you are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of your baby. Please contact Tara Miller for more information and to register (403-507-1793)

## FOOD BANK – FOOD DRIVE

The Food Bank Food Drive is on September 24/22. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer of the Church. We need people to drop off the collection routes on Sept 19, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st. The donations will be picked up from 9 am to Noon on September 24th.

Questions? Contact Tara @ 403 507 1793.

## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH GARDEN

Please help yourself to vegetables in the Church gardens, there are carrots, beets, beans (between the beet rows) and Swiss chard ready to pick. If you know a senior or someone who would like some vegetables, please take them some. The potatoes are still not quite ready. Questions Tara @ 403 507 1793 or Naamah @ 403 507 1794

## 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.

*September is Stewardship Month in our Parish*



We hope you take this opportunity to learn about the various ministries in our Parish and determine if your time and talents can help out!