



Sept 11, 2022
Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Sept 10, 2022	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass – St. Anthony's Parish	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun Sept 11, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Sept 13, 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Wed Sept 14 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Sept 16, 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Sept 17, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Sept 18, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

Father is away on holidays from Sept 13 – Sept 23. Donna will lead Morning Prayer during the week. All are welcome to join.

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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 - Sunde

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

OLF Weekly Schedule

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 all of you on this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate and merciful love of God, which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along. In our First Reading from Exodus, we see the Israelites whom God has just rescued from slavery, behaving like ungrateful brats. The Lord provides them divine rescue from their enslavement, and they turn their backs on Him to create a false idol in the form of a molten calf to worship. What hubris! Yet, Moses pleads for God's mercy towards them, and once again, God grants it in abundance. In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated... Indeed the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us, as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards. In fact, the more we have been forgiven and live with the awareness of our continuing need for forgiveness, the deeper our gratitude to God, and thus the more fuel we have in our tanks to live the stewardship way of life. Jesus Himself gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one in particular — the story of the lost sheep. Jesus begins this parable by asking, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" The natural response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend the time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic — God's mercy — defies human logic. Jesus does go after the lost one and continues to pursue him "until he finds it." And when he finds the lost one, Jesus does not bring him back into the fold begrudgingly, with annoyance and frustration at having had to go after him. No, He brings the lost one back with great joy, carrying him upon His own shoulders. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small. What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think — even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior. How can we demonstrate our gratitude to such a God? By living as His good stewards. We thank Him by offering back to Him the very best of ourselves — the talents He has given us (to use for His glory), the time He has given us (to spend with Him in prayer), the material resources He has given us (to advance His kingdom). In so doing, we can make the words of St. Paul, former enemy of Christ, our own stewardship motto: "I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry," We must keep rolling, Christian stewards! 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,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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A Special Thank You from Father Adam

~ I just wanted to let you know that we received a deposit of PLN 21,739.02. It will help our Parish to help to the families that we are assisting through this tragic time. Thank you so much to the St. Stephen's parish. You are All close to my heart in prayer. I let you know how we will spend a monetary gift from you. We will help first for the elementary students from Ukraine who study in my Parish. I am very grateful for all your work for me and for my Parish. Take care, God bless you in everything you do, have good days. Fr. Adam Daniluk. ~

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

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 17th **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

Have you ever wondered where the prayers of the Mass originate? Come join us at the Upper Room at St Stephen's Parish for *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*- Thursday September 25th for 5 Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. DVD presentation followed by study questions. Cost of the accompanying book is \$18.00. Please let Donna at the parish office by September 12th know if you are interested. We are also looking for couples to host one session, and people who are willing to organize a potluck or set up beverages and snacks for one session.

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 **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. 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.

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!



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, 2022. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer of the Church. We need people to drop off the collection routes on Sept 19, 20th 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.

Farewell Coffee Party

Please join us for coffee and cake after the 11:15 mass on Sunday September 18. Long time parishioners Joan & John Palardy have moved to Calgary. They will be in attendance at Mass in Olds on September 18 so we can all send them off with well wishes.

