



## Sept 15, 2024 BULLETIN

St. Stephen's, St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima  
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Sept 14, 2024	<del>Confession</del> - Cancelled Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Sept 15, 2024	Holy Mass Blessing of the New Tabernacle ( 11:15 AM w/ lunch to follow)	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Sept 17, 2024	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Sept 18, 2024	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Sept 20, 2024	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Sept 21, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM - Didsbury
Sunday Sept 22, 2024	Holy Mass Blessing of the New Tabernacle ( 11:15 AM w/ lunch to follow)	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

*In the case of an emergency or need for Anointing of the Sick or Dying,  
Father Nilo can be reached on his Cell phone - 1-780-352-1524*

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 Stat Holidays - closed

### 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**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass – Oct 4, 2024  
 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**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Mass – Sept 14, 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

**My dear friends & parishioners, People of God,**

Prayerful 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today is a beautiful day of gratitude for the blessing and enthronement of our New Tabernacle. To God be the Glory on this Exaltation of the Cross! Let us be attentive to the voice of Jesus living and present in the Most Blessed Sacrament as he challenged Peter and all of us this week: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus' words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding. As Peter professes that Jesus is Christ, Jesus begins to share that He will suffer, die, and rise. We can imagine that Peter, who is a close follower of Jesus, is taken back by these words. In his humanity Peter rebukes Him. Little does Peter know that this act is the greatest act of love that man will ever know. In our humanity, oftentimes we too rebuke Jesus. We become angry when things don't go our way, despair when we suffer, complain when life gets hard, cringe when we are uncomfortable, or selfishly live to satisfy ourselves. We want life to be easy, comfy, free from hardships, and in our best interest. We are missing profound moments to love and serve when we live a life like that. Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part – accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people. Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We are Jesus' disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now. Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ – who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily. But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives? We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day – speaking and listening. We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don't seem to go our way. This week let us sit in Jesus' presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live life to the fullest. Let us be mindful of the needs of our sick brothers and sisters, especially the dying and those who need the last rites of the Church whether it is day or night, please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. This is also a ministry and the Sacrament of Healing entrusted by Jesus to His Church. *Due to changes regarding patient privacy within Alberta Health Services (AHS), if you or someone you know is admitted to the hospital, please inform those admitting staff that you are of the Catholic faith and consent to a visit from a Catholic Chaplain. It is essential that you state your Catholic religion and that you give consent for a visit from the Catholic Chaplain. You will not be able to receive a visit unless consent is given and noted on your file. If you have an upcoming surgery/procedure, you can ask your Parish Priest for the Sacrament of the Sick before being admitted to the hospital.* **Have a grace-filled Sunday! Ave Maria Mater Dolorosa. May God bless you richly!**

**Devotedly yours in the Lord's Infinite Mercy, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor**

The Archdiocese will be taking donations to assist Jasper and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish. Monies received will be used to help parishioners as they take the first steps of returning home and rebuilding their lives.

Donations can be made by cheque to "The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton- Catholic Fund" and placed in our weekly collection or via the donation button marked Jasper Fund on the Archdiocesan website – <https://caedm.ca/donate-to-the-jasper-fire/>. Thank you in advance to all those who are able to give.

**BLESSING OF THE NEW TABERNACLE**

A new tabernacle will be commissioned for use at the 11:15 a.m. Mass this weekend - September 15. A hot meal will be provided for the parish community following the Mass. Please join us for this special occasion in the life of our parish.

Pursuant to both Canon Law, Number 938, and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, paragraph 314, the tabernacle is to be situated in a distinguished place in the church that is conspicuous, worthily decorated and suitable for prayer. This could be behind the altar, on a side altar ( as in the case at St. Stephen's) or in a separate chapel ( as is the case in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican)

At the time St. Stephen's church was built in the early 1980's, the architectural design incorporated the placement of the tabernacle in a side altar under a stain glass window, where it is presently located. The tabernacle is visible throughout the Church and parishioners are invited to come for Adoration often. This placement of the tabernacle meets the requirement of both Canon Law and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, and there is no plans to move the tabernacle from its present location at this time. .

## CHILDRENS COLLECTION

The **Children's Collection** has returned to St. Stephen's. All money raised through this ongoing collection will go THE POWER OF PLAY. This organization was founded in 2017 and its mission is to support every child's right to learn and develop through the power of play by creating a safe, loving and fun environment that allows children to do what they do best – Play! They have built over 34 playgrounds in 8 countries providing many children with an opportunity to play.

## CATECHISM

Come and join us on Sunday, September 29 at 10am as we start our weekly catechism classes for children in Grades 1-6! We will be exploring our salvation history as well as learning more about the Mass and Eucharist. We will celebrate our Liturgical year with an All Saints Day party, Nativity play and Easter celebration! Please talk to Theresa Templeton to learn more about the program 403-559-6843 or [theresa.templeton@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.templeton@gmail.com) or talk to Donna in the parish office to register.

## BLOCK ROSARY

**A Block Rosary** is a Marian devotion connected with the visit of an Icon or Statue of Mary that travels from house to house or from one family to another over a set period of time. We are looking for individuals or families who would be willing to open their homes to Mother Mary and to a weekly gathering of your friends and neighbours during which you would pray for each other, your neighborhood, our town, our country, etc. before passing the statue of Mary on to the next household. For anyone interested there is a sign-up sheet available in the foyer. If you would like more information contact Sheila Dela Cruz or Donna in the parish office.

## ST STEPHEN'S ANNUAL FALL SUPPER – Oct 27, 2024

The Sign up sheet will be going up in the next week or two. Volunteers are needed to bring supplies, prep food items, work the supper, supervise the parking, help with the clean up and so much more. Our volunteers are integral to this event! We look forward to seeing your names up there. Our church Fall Supper is scheduled for Sunday, October 27<sup>t</sup>

## OLDS AND AREA PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

Our collection of items for the Olds and Area Pregnancy Care Centre continues. Items are being collected for new and expecting mothers. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can add an envelope to the collection with a line referencing "Olds Pregnancy Care" or e-transfer to [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com) - referring to Olds Pregnancy Care".

## **MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOD BANK DRIVE**

Did you sign up to take on a route or two for the **Fall Food Drive for the Mountain View Food Bank**? Your assigned route and the accompanying bags are now available for pick-up in the foyer. Delivery of the bags to the homes on your route should be completed by Thursday September 19th at the latest and then pick-up will take place next Saturday morning between 9:00 and noon. Tara is still in need of help, especially with bag delivery. So, please sign up!! As always, many hands make light work, so the more people we can get helping out, the better!! Grab the kids, recruit your neighbor and come on out!

## **SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY**

Do you have a desire to dive deeper into your Catholic faith? Are you aware that there is a secular Franciscan fraternity that gathers monthly at St Stephens parish to pray and deepen our commitment to follow closer in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi? If interested to learn more, please contact Audrey Gross 403 586-4260 or Kathy Caron 403 507-7288

## **K OF C MUNDARE SAUSAGE SALE**

Come support your local Knights of Columbus Council at our Mundare sausage and pepperoni sale fundraiser. As per past sales, this will be a drive through format. Funds raised help provide support to various charitable initiatives in Olds and area such as the Our Lady of Victory youth camp, our Free Throw Competition, and the Mountain View Emergency Shelter. Packs are \$15 each and we are cash only at this time. **Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10 AM – 2 PM**

## **SIGN IN SHEET**

Just a reminder that we follow a sign in procedure as requested by the Archdiocese as part of our Insurance Policy. It is imperative that we maintain an awareness and accounting of who is present in the building outside of Mass times. This includes a quick stop mid day to visit Jesus, an evening meeting, dropping off food for an event, or anything that brings you into the building – not including official Mass.

The sign up sheet is on the table in the front entrance. Each one follows the days date. A quick sign in of your name and time is required. We appreciate your adherence to this policy.

~Please look for at the bulletin attachments with the "Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist" and the document about Mary as our Supreme model. There will be a few printed copies made available in the foyer~