

# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sept 18, 2022  
Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Sept 17, 2022	Confession Holy Mass w/ Father Wilson Thankachan	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Sept 18, 2022	Holy Mass w/ Father Wilson Thankachan	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Sept 20, 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Wed Sept 21 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Sept 23, 2022	Morning Prayer w/ Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Sept 14, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Sept 25, 2022	Holy Mass <i>Catechism and Confirmation Preparation begins today at 10:00 AM.</i>	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.

## PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Father Nilo Macapinlac  
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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 - Sunde

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on  
the first Friday of every month.  
Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet  
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

## St. Anthony

St. Anthony's celebrates Mass on  
the second Saturday of every  
month.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Blessings to all of you on this 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives. We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land. Never will I forget a thing they have done!" Lest we think we are off the hook as long as we are not cheating the poor outright, the Lord condemns just as strongly those who are anxious for the Sabbath to be over so they can go back to the more "important" matters of business and the like. Even our thought life is important to the Lord! Perhaps we are not off the hook after all. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote, of course, is to imitate Christ. "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live. How to better serve God and give ourselves to others are the thoughts that should preoccupy our minds. In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless. We do have to give this man credit for his ingenuity. And, in fact, Jesus does just that saying, "The master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." What do we learn from this curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading and give ourselves away as Jesus did as described in our Second Reading? We know this "bad steward" was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success. What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and to the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge. We are called to be forward-thinking, savvy, good stewards of all that our good God has given us. Let's start thinking that way! 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

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

**Family Bar B Q This Weekend-** 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. There is lots for the kids to do!

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

**Mundare Sausage Sale** Have you run out of Mundare Sausage? The K of C have you covered... they will be hosting a Drive thru MUNDARE SAUSAGE SALE on Saturday Sept 24, 2022 from 10 – 2 PM. They seem to sell out quickly, so get there early! The Knights of Columbus appreciate your support for these events – their fundraising efforts go towards helping our Parish and our community!

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> for 5 Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. DVD presentation followed by study questions. Cost of the accompanying book is \$18.00. Come join us for dinner at 6:15 to enjoy a little fellowship before the course. 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 **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 PREPARATION:** Sacramental Preparation for Children who will be at least 12 yrs old by June 9, 2024 will start on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. This includes children who are presently in Grade 5, 6, 7 or above. 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. 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.

## 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, 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.

**\*\*SIGN UP NOW \*\***

## 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.

## ATTENTION: HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SHUT IN PARISHIONERS

Our team of Pastoral Visitors has resumed bringing Holy Communion to parishioners who are permanently or temporarily unable to attend mass.

If you or one of your family members would like to receive these regular visits, please contact:

Theresa Coupal: [coups2@oldsnet.ca](mailto:coups2@oldsnet.ca) or text/call 403-556-6566 OR

Donna Litwin, Pastoral Assistant, Parish Office: 403-556-3084 extension 4

Please provide telephone number, address, room number and name of facility you or your family member is in.



## Farewell Cofee Party

Please join us for coffee and cake after the 11:15 mass this 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.



There will be tables set up representing the various committees in our Parish. Please take a moment to visit each table. Signup sheets will be available if you are interested in getting involved with your Parish.