



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 2, 2022

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Oct 1, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Oct 2, 2022	Holy Mass <i>Catechism and Confirmation Preparation today at 10:00 AM.</i>	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Oct 4, 2022	Holy Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Oct 5 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Oct 7, 2022	24 Hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass Adoration Confession Holy Mass (First Friday)	24 Hr Olds 9:00 AM Olds 1:00 – 6:00 PM Sundre 6:30 PM Sundre 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat Oct 8, 2022	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass (Second Saturday)	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun Oct 9, 2022	Holy Mass <i>Catechism and Confirmation Preparation today at 10:00 AM.</i>	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds

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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.
Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary – 10:00 AM
Oct 7, 2022

St. Anthony

St. Anthony's celebrates Mass on the second Saturday of every month.
Oct 8, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends and parishioners,

Blessings to all of you on this 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life — a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom — is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakuk. "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?" The Lord knows that the life of a steward is not easy. When we look around us it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources but the needs around us remain great. In spite of all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. "For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint." Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have..." Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to "guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit's strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards. Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom. Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility. The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality. We are also stewards of relationships, spirituality and mysteries of God. In caring our sick and elderly, the dying and those who need 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

If you do not receive the parish bulletin by email and are interested in picking up a print copy of Father's synopsis of the weekend's homily so you can follow along, please sign up on the list on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer and they will be available before the Masses on the weekend



FAITH FORMATION – BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH OF THE MASS

Join us for a *Biblical Walk through the Mass* on Thursdays beginning at 6:15 for a potluck supper in the hall, and then a DVD presentation and study questions in the Upper Room at 7 p.m. Cost of the accompanying book is \$18.00. For more information, call Maria at 587-796-0903

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

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.

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 PREPARATION: *Journey with Jesus* for students who will be 12 yrs or over in 2024 in the Upper Room on Sundays from 10-11 a.m. Meet your fellow disciples as we learn to walk the way Jesus did. This includes children who are presently in Grade 5, 6, 7 or above. All eligible confirmands are asked to come to Journey with us. 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

The second class of the Baptismal Preparation course is on Oct 3rd, 2022. 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)



****SIGN UP NOW ****

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY! Our last Parish Photo Directory was produced back in 2014. We encourage you to sign up to get your professional 8 x 10 family portrait which will go into an updated Church 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 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.

CWL – Special Presentation

We often hear a land acknowledgement made at the beginning of a public event. Do you wonder why this is done and what it means? Candida Shepherd, a parishioner of Sacred Heart of the First Peoples parish, will make a presentation to our parish that will answer these questions and more. The event will take place in the upper room at 7 PM Monday, October 17. This event is sponsored by CWL. For more information contact Jo-Anne Sell 587 796-1634.

ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

EXCITING NEWS! The Annual Fall Supper will be on Sunday Nov 20th, 2022. We have our lovely duo of Joanne Sell and Cindy Boffey organizing the supper this year, but they are hoping to find a small team of volunteers to assist them.

Many hands make light work and we are blessed to have a wonderful community of people always willing to help! Please call Joanne – 587-796-1634 or Cindy – 403-224-3026 to volunteer.

We will also be putting up the sign up board as per past years looking for individuals to contribute food items and sign up for various jobs, so watch for that.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honors the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

.....Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears, of bodies, souls, voices and all relations: you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation. Come upon us, O Divine Healer, and open our eyes to the injustices brought against the Indigenous peoples of this land, their languages and cultures. May you be known for healing and wholeness, rather than being blamed for abuses that were brought about by human weakness and hostility. Make us people of integrity and bearers of hope that we may commit to restoring relationships and to journeying together, as Non Indigenous and Indigenous brothers and sisters to a place of peace in you, where every tear will be wiped away, and every sorrow turned to joy. Give us one heart and one mind to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit, in truth, reconciliation, and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our brother, our Lord, and our hope. Amen (Excerpt taken from the Prayer for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation as found on the Fort MacMurray Catholic Schools website)

