



## *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**FATHER NILO MACAPINLAC**

*Jan 16, 2022 Bulletin*

Sat Jan 15, 2022	Confession Holy Mass - Celebration of Santa Niño	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 16, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Jan 18, 2022	Holy Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Jan 19, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Trochu
Fri Jan 21, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Jan 22, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 23, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds

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### **NEW 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

The new schedule is in effect until  
March as authorized by the  
Archdiocese.

### **Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre**

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

### **OLF Weekly Schedule**

Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet  
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

### **St Anthony's - Didsbury**

The monthly Mass schedule will  
resume in February on Feb 12,  
2022

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners;  
Most Blessed New Year 2022 to all of you!

We are now on the Second Sunday in ordinary Time. Our scripture readings today bring us closer to the Lord in his humanity, we need to listen attentively. Our Lord Jesus took flesh and clothed himself with our humanity but sin and draws us to His divinity. He became fully human so that He can elevate us to His divinity. In our Gospel today about "The Wedding Feast of Cana" gives us the first of the signs which reveal His glory. That means that if we pay attention we shall see the divinity shining through Christ's humanity. This is another Epiphany, a manifestation of the divine. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah tells us that God cannot be silent any longer. God loves His bride, the Church, the people redeemed by His Son. God wants to rejoice in His people and wants His people to rejoice in Him. It is true that most of us have not seen a miracle such as this one. It is just as true that there are miracles as great as this happening even in our lowest moments at this time of pandemic. The miracle is not just changing water into wine, the miracle is also that Jesus helps others. Jesus snatch away the big disappointments of the newly-weds and the entire family of the Bride and Groom. The changing of the 6 jars of water into wine miracle just is the way that Jesus helps in this situation. Jesus is always willing to help, even when a miracle is not required. Let us ask ourselves these questions: Am I willing to help others when they need me especially those who are suffering at this time? Am I willing to give my time and my energy in helping others when it has no benefit for me? Do I really practice the life of a good Christian Steward? The First Letter to the Corinthians, from which the second reading is taken today, continues this same message. Each of us has gifts and we are to use them to build up the body of Christ, to benefit others. Perhaps we think that our gifts are negligible. Perhaps we think that others have better or more important gifts than ours. That does not matter, whatever we are given, we given to use for the good of others. Today as we remember the Wedding Feast of Cana and the first of the great signs of Jesus, we can also deepen our awareness that life is to be given away and be shared for others, that our gifts are not to bring glory to us but to the Lord. If we live this mystery of the Epiphany, the manifestation of God in the ordinary human reality, we will appreciate so much the life of a good steward. St Francis of Assisi once said: "It is in giving that we receive, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life," As Jesus has shown His Divinity through the first miracle he performed in the Gospel, turning water into wine. At Mass, the mystery continue to unfold, the wine is being transformed into His most precious Blood. The Blood of the new and eternal covenant, shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, Jesus is the Lamb of God who continues to give Himself for the life of the world and to save those who recognize their need of God and His Infinite Mercy. God bless and protect you always!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

## MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

If you are a confirmed Catholic – young or old, you are welcome to join the Marian Cenacle Prayer Group on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 PM prior to Mass. If you have a desire to increase and magnify your love for Jesus and Mary, this is the place for you. A personal Cenacle Purpose/Guide will be provided. Please contact Jann at 587-444-1100 if you are interested in joining.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION COMMUNION

**Session this weekend - Saturday Jan 15, 2022, 9 am – noon.**

Remaining session for Reconciliation gatherings are:

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 9 am – noon

Friday, Mar 25, 2022, after school, retreat and sacrament.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

**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)

### ST. STEPHEN'S CWL

CWL is still taking new membership. If you are interested, please contact Laurel Arvay. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb 11 following morning Mass. If you have any concerns contact Jo Fewster.

### FAITH & FORMATION

**Save the date!** On the weekend of February 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **renewal of vows/blessing of marriages** during the Masses. If you are interested in participating or if you are celebrating a "milestone" anniversary such as your 5th (wood), 10th (tin), 12 ½, 25th (silver), 30th (pearl), 40th (ruby), 50th (gold), 60th (diamond) or 70<sup>th</sup> (platinum) during the year 2022, please let the office or Maria know! **We are looking for a photographer to take pictures to commemorate this event.** Please let Maria know if you are available.

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING:** On Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men, and asking for protection and blessing on the home and all who enter. During this time of pandemic, it is good to bless your home with the initials CMB, which stand for the initials of the three kings as well as **Christus mansionem benedicat: May Christ bless this house.** Items that are required can usually be found in your home, but this weekend, Epiphany kits will be available in the foyer. All kits are blessed.

### MUSTARD SEED BACKPACK PROJECT

Our St. Stephens Social Justice Committee is seeking your help with our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Street Backpack project in partnership with The Mustard Seed. We had an overwhelming response last year which was received with such gratitude! Our Alberta winters can be freezing cold & harsh for those on the streets. This year with the ongoing pandemic the need for help and compassion is even greater. The items we put in a special backpack for these folks are necessities that provide immediate comfort. This gift will ease the suffering of a homeless neighbour. YOUR gift will give them hope and comfort in knowing that someone cares especially for them.

Please pick an item or two from the list below, & bring this item to place in the labelled boxes in the foyer. We will make sure it gets to those special backpacks! Items will be transported to the Mustard Seed until the end of January. Thank- you so much for your generosity!

**Items needed include:**

Backpacks    toilet paper    deodorant    Nail clippers    coat    combs    socks  
disposable razors    Socks    blankets    paperback books    running shoe    sweaters    toques  
small flashlights    scarves    hand sanitizer    ear plugs    sunglasses    small towel    Q tips    brushes  
travel size body wash    t-shirts    notebook & pens    reusable water bottle    toothpaste  
shaving gel & lotion    toothbrushes    trail mix/granola bars    mittens(adult and child  
travel size shamp & cond    travel size tissue    feminine hygiene products  
underwear (male & female all sizes) \*\*Socks and underwear must be new  
If any questions please call Cathy @ 403-556-7784

## SYNOD DISCUSSION



Pope Francis is calling a synod of bishops throughout the world to discuss the topic: *What is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?* To aid in their discussion, he has asked all the dioceses of the world to invite all their parishioners to help identify what they feel the Spirit is doing through prayer, reflection and discernment. This synod is an opportunity to listen to what we have to do as a FAITH community walking together toward God. Please read the attached sheet for a more detailed explanation. Over the coming weeks, we will explore the synod questions one at a time on a weekly basis and provide more information. Our prayerful feedback will be entered onto an online portal to the archdiocese. The upcoming questions can be answered individually or in a group. Starting Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a short video and discussion of a question following the 9 a.m. Mass if you prefer to meet in a group setting. All are invited. We need to hear from everyone!

### *Synod Prayer*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our  
actions.  
Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not  
stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of  
the Father and the Son, forever and ever.  
Amen.

**Envelopes For 2022 Are Ready To Be Picked Up. These Envelopes Begin in January 2022. Please Remember To Provide Your Name And Address On Your Envelope For The First Month To Allow The Office A Chance To Process Changes.**

**Sunday Missals / Youth Missals Are Going Fast. They Are Available At the Window In Front Of the Parish Office**