



Jan 21, 2024

St. Stephen's, St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Jan 20, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 21, 2024	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Jan 23, 2024	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Jan 24, 2024	Weekday Mass Marian Cenacle - Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sundre
Fri Jan 26, 2024	Weekday Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet - Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 AM Olds 10:100 AM - Sundre
Sat Jan 27, 2024	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 28, 2024	Holy Mass	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 Unless
 otherwise posted. .

Our Lady of Fatima – Sundre
 1st Friday Mass – Feb 2, 2024 7PM
 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
 Feb 10, 2024 - 2nd Sat Mass – 7PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners, People of God,

Greetings of joy, love, peace and God's manifold blessings!

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do; rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as Disciples of Christ. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our baptism, we, who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin, have been born again into the great light that is God's grace in us. We have become cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His good news to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home. In our second reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul urges us to keep the responsibility of sharing the Gospel our foremost priority. In this passage he addresses the divisions and rivalries that have cropped up in the Christian community in Corinth. He urges the Christians there to "be united in the same mind and the same purpose," reminding them that it was Christ and only Christ who was crucified for us. We owe everything to Him. Our lives are therefore not about us, our egos, our personal ambitions and loyalties. Those things cannot satisfy us, anyway. Our loyalty must be to Christ above all else and our priority must be to bring His light to everyone He puts in our path. We continue to journey on the path to Ecumenism, a sacred journey and a call to Christian Unity. We need to pray and live the spirit of Ecumenism as Christ prayed and willed that we may be one and united in one faith, in one Baptism and one Lord and father of us all. We are called to steward not only the mystery that has been entrusted to us but also our relationship. And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life. We see this in our Gospel passage from Matthew, where we find Jesus on the move. He has left Nazareth and goes to live in Capernaum, fulfilling what was said of Him through the prophet Isaiah, as we recall from today's first reading. "'The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.' From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait! Later in this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord sees Simon and his brother Andrew living an ordinary day as fishermen when He asked them to, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." The two did not hesitate. They didn't think about themselves or how this might disrupt their business. Rather, they "immediately left their boat and followed him." Then, Jesus called two more brothers, James and John. They, too, were living an ordinary day as fishermen, working alongside their father mending nets in their boat. Jesus called them and they "immediately... left their boat and their father and followed him." They did not worry about their personal lives and how their father might react. They put our Lord and His will first and responded without hesitation. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do; it's who we are. This coming February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life. As an act of charity and stewardship of Vocations, let us not forget to pray for vocations especially at the hour of our Eucharistic Adoration. Charity begins at home and family is the cradle of vocations. It is also God's call to care and look after our sick and elderly, the dying and those who need the last rites of the Church whether it day or night, please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-3521524 or 403-4156183. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Please check the Lost and Found area in the closet. There are many coats that have been left behind. If they are not claimed before next Monday, they will be put into the Garage Sale.

MARRIAGE PREP

St. Stephen's will be offering a Marriage Preparation course on the weekend of March 1 & 2nd. The Marriage preparation course is mandatory for anyone planning to get married in the Catholic Church. This includes newly engaged couples and couples who have been married in a civil ceremony that plan to have their Marriage convalidated or blessed in the Catholic Church. Preregistration is required. Please contact Kathy Kemmere (403-994-3364 or Judy Wahlstrom (403) 556-3661 as soon as possible. St. Stephen's offers the course once a year, but there are other courses throughout the Archdiocese that are available.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Congratulations to our candidate who will be completing their First Reconciliation on Friday Dec 8th with a retreat and their First Confession. Many blessings to you all!

CONFIRMATION - If you haven't already booked your date for the Church tour and lunch with Father, please contact Maria – 587-796-0903. Our The Archbishop will be coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with us on June 9, 2024. If you have a child who will be at least 12 yrs old on or before this date, they are eligible to sign up. Registration forms are available in the foyer and can be submitted to Donna in the office. For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903.

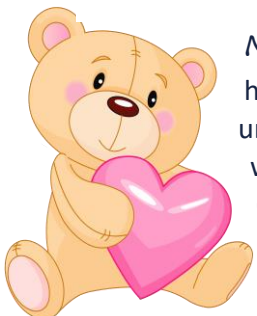
PRO LIFE ROSARY PROJECT

Rosaries are available to purchase on the table in the foyer where proceeds will go towards a nonprofit pro life organization and to rosary supplies. If you would like to donate towards the Rosary project, you can place money in the envelopes provided or write Rosary Project on an envelope with your donation can be placed in the collection plate or e-transferred to the parish office @ Ststephen102@gmail.com Donations of beads of all sizes, broken rosaries or ones no longer used would also be gratefully accepted. Thank you to Zoe Ginter who is running this project and is responsible for making the beautiful Rosaries

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next Baptism Prep Course will be held Feb 5th and 12th at 7 PM. The Baptism preparation course is mandatory for anyone planning to baptize their first child in the Catholic Church. The course helps guide your preparation – to ensure that all new parents understand what it means to baptize their child, to be fully engaged and knowledgeable about your child's first sacrament. If you have any questions, please call Tara at **403-507-1793**. If you are currently parents of a new born or are expecting and will deliver following February, this class is for you.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD



Month 4 – Baby's Development – Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this time, rapid eye movements (REM) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!

ST STEPHEN'S GARAGE SALE – JAN 26 – 27

Notice to ALL Parishioners- It is time to drop off those items you have been saving.

The CWL Garage Sale will be held on Friday, January 26, and Saturday, January 27.

Items can be dropped off this weekend, starting Saturday, January 20 at 9 am until Wednesday, January 24th

Please note –we do not accept the following items: shoes, undergarments, swimsuits, magazines, encyclopedias, old, outdated TVs, VHS cassettes, used mattresses, stuffed animals, or baby car seats. No big electrical appliances such as stoves, fridges, washing machines or dryers or large exercise equipment. All small electrical appliances must be in working condition.

Please DO NOT drop off anything that isn't suitable for selling as this causes extra work for the volunteers and additional costs involved in disposing of these items.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

Remember – If you work a shift, you can shop early!! SIGN UP NOW!

Note all sales are cash only.

BAKE SALE ITEMS - Donations for the bake sale are gladly accepted either January 24th or January 25th

RAFFLE TABLE ITEMS - Once again, we will have a Raffle Table at the Garage Sale. We are collecting donated items to be included in the Raffle. If you are a talented and crafty person who would like to donate a piece of your work, we appreciate the donations. The Raffle table is always well received by those in attendance and we appreciate the donations from our Parishioners! If you have any questions or would like to arrange a pick up – please contact Marilyn at 403-415-4447. Items can also be dropped off to the Parish Office.

IN HOUSE FOOD BOX

We are in need of non-perishable items for the In house food box. We have been able to assist a number of families through Christmas and into the New Year's and are finding our shelves bare. All staples including pasta, rice, soup, cereals, kids snack items, tea, coffee, peanut butter, jams, canned beans and vegetables, canned tuna, ham and chicken etc are needed. If you have any questions or need help deciding what to donate – please call Donna in the Parish office. 403-556-3084 x4

OFFICE NEW – ENVELOPES

The envelopes are out on the back table ready to be picked up. They are in alphabetical order by first letter of last name. If you cannot find your envelope, check with the office .

If you need envelopes or automatic contribution for the upcoming year, please see Mia in the office. If you have not used your envelopes or envelope # for more than a year, the number will be reassigned. If you are in this situation and would like to continue with envelopes, please see Mia.

Income tax receipts will be available before the end of January – watch for them on the back table where the envelopes are.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

If you are interested in learning more about The Secular Franciscan Order, we will be beginning an Inquiry Phase here at St Stephen's in February. This introduces you to the formation process of the Secular Franciscan Order. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Audrey Gross – 403-556-2288 or Kathy Caron – 403-507-7288.