



Nilo Macapinlac

Jan 22, 2023

Sat Jan 21, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 22, 2023	Holy Mass (Catechism and Confirmation classes at 10:00 am)	9:00 AM -Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Jan 24, 2023	Holy Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Jan 25, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Jan 26, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Jan 27, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Jan 28, 2023	Holy Mass (Catechism and Confirmation classes at 10:00 am)	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

**CONFESSION WILL BE CANCELLED ON SAT JAN 28TH AS
FATHER NILO WILL BE PRESIDING AT A WEDDING OUT OF TOWN.**

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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 - Sunde
 Mass is celebrated on the first
 Friday of every month.
 Feb 3, 2023
 Adoration 1-6 pm
 Holy Mass –7:00 PM
 Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
 & Rosary – 10:00 AM
St. Anthony
 Mass is celebrated on the second
 Saturday of every month.
 Feb 11, 2023
 7:00 PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends & parishioners, Prayerful greetings! This week we celebrate Prayer for Christian Unity and Sunday of the Word of God. 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. 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. We are also stewards of relationships, spirituality and mysteries of God. Let us always be ready in looking after the needs of those around us. 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 are interested in picking up a print copy of Father's synopsis of the weekend's homily from the bulletin, 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

If you know of someone who is new to the Parish or have crossed paths with an individual who is having trouble finding their way back after the Pandemic, we encourage you to touch base with Father Nilo or the office. We would love to hear from you.

FAITH FORMATION

Spiritual Reading - To start off the New Year with good spiritual reading, you may wish to listen to the *Bible in a Year* podcasts or *Catechism in a Year* podcasts with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins on the *Ascension Press Presents* website. Both will help to deepen and know our faith. Schedules are available on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer.

For families, consider the *Holy Heroes* website or Kendra Tierney's *Catholic All Year* for family faith activities all year round!

During Lent, for five weeks we will be studying *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through the Passion* by Fr. Edward Sri. If you would like to order a book, the cost is \$21.50. You can sign up on the list on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer.

Junior Altar Servers - Calling all young people! We have several junior altar servers in training, but we need more! If you have made your First Communion, you are eligible! Please contact Fr. Nilo, Donna at the parish office or Maria at 403-415-6833.

Anniversary Celebrations - On Sunday Feb. 12th, at the 9 a.m. Mass, there will be a blessing for those who are celebrating a special anniversary- 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th or 70th. Please let Maria know at 403-415-6833 if you are one of those couples!

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, CONFIRMATION & CATECHISM CLASSES

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:

For students in grades 5 and up who haven't yet made your Confirmation, please come for classes resuming Sunday January 15th at 10 a.m. for an hour in the Upper Room. See Donna at the parish office to register. Cost of the book is \$12.50. We are using the *Decision Point* program by Dynamic Catholic.

Our dates for First Holy Communion gatherings will begin in March.

Saturday, Mar 25, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

Saturday, Apr 29, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

Saturday, May 27, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

CALL TO PROTECT – Abuse Prevention Training for all Parish Volunteers

The next Called to Protect training session will be on Monday January 30, at 9:30 a.m., online via Zoom. The two and a half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. To register, click on this link: <https://forms.gle/Qf6ocHNbeVkuwtRJA>

ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

CWL GARGAE SALE IS NEXT WEEKEND.

FRIDAY JAN 27 – 9:30 – 6:00 pm

SATURDAY JAN 28 – 9:00-2:00 pm

REMINDER– Garage Sale Drop off times begin this weekend. If you haven't done so already, take a moment to purge those items you are no longer making use of and bring them down to the church

Items can be dropped off during the following times;

Saturday January 21 between the hours of 9-6pm

Sunday January 22 between the hours of 1pm- 6pm

Monday January 23 at 9am UNTIL Wednesday January 25 at 2pm.

Please note -we do not accept the following items: shoes, undergarments, swimsuits, magazines, encyclopedias, old TV's, VHS cassettes, used mattresses, large sports equipment such as treadmills or spin bikes, no car seats, cribs, strollers, or stuffed animals. No big electrical appliances such as stoves, fridges, washing machines or dryers. Electrical appliances must be in working condition.

We appreciate and rely on the donated items and good will of our parishioners and the volunteer hours that go into preparing and organizing for this huge sale. We ask that you DO NOT drop off anything that isn't suitable for selling as this causes extra work for the volunteers and additional cost involved in disposing of these items. Thank you for your cooperation!!

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

Donations for the bake sale are gladly accepted either January 27 or January 28 at 9am.

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 have an item that is new in box or never used or 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! Items that generate some excitement include: Paintings, woodwork, handcrafted items, decorative items, small appliances, If you have any questions – please contact Sandy Heilman – 403-556-0264.

“To allow Christ to change our hearts

Will involve suffering,

but it's worth the freedom

you will gain”

