



Oct 1, 2023
St. Anthony's, Our Lady of Fatima
Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Sept 30, 2023	Confession Holy Mass w/ <i>Baptism</i>	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Oct 1, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00 PM - Olds
Tues Oct 3, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Oct 4, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Oct 6, 2023	24 hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer First Friday Mass – Our Lady of Fatima – visiting priest	24 hrs - Olds 9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat Oct 7, 2023	Confession available upon request w/ Fr. Gurnick Holy Mass	5:00 PM Olds
Sun Oct 8, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM - Olds

*** Fr Gurnick will be available for Confession upon request***

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Tue – Thurs 9-2pm

Fri – closed

Stat Holidays - closed

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 – Oct 6, 2023

Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –

Friday - 10:00 AM

St. Anthony - Didsbury

Second Saturday Monthly Mass

Oct 14th – 7 PM - Fr Gurnick

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

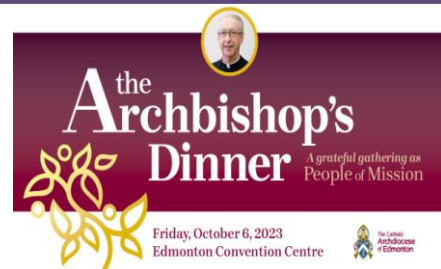
Dear Parishioners: Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! We are now on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Today's readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life. St. Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others. But there is another reason for seeing others as more important than ourselves, a reason that will help us to become better stewards. It is the recognition that the "others" in my life — whether my spouse and children, my next-door neighbor, or even the co-worker that gets on my last nerve — all these others are gifts from God, to be treasured and nurtured for God's glory. And just in case this seems like a bit too much to ask of us, St. Paul gives us another reminder about the Savior we are imitating as we embrace this attitude towards others. "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave... he humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Unimaginable humility. We should not be overwhelmed by this high bar, however. Our God is a loving and patient Father. He embraces every faltering step we take in imitation of His Son. Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. The second son gives the right answer, right away: "Yes, sir." But he does not follow through. Despite the lip service, he has failed to follow his father's will. The first son just can't seem to get on board with his father's command. He responds, "I will not." At least he is honest! And this honest, less-than-perfect response should be consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard? We can be honest with God at these times. He knows already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do. We are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps." We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life. As part of our renewed life as disciples and an act of gratitude, let us always be ready in looking after the needs of those around us. Charity begins at home. 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. Please pray for my holiday for its remaining 11 days from October 5 to 15, 2023. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as I journey on the Footsteps of St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles & St. John the Apostle of the Apocalypse. Rev. Fr. Daniel Gurnick, OFM will replace me on the weekends. Until we meet again. Blessings!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Still time to get your tickets!!

We have a few tickets available to purchase for the Archbishops Annual Dinner in Edmonton on Friday October 6, 2023. If you are interested, please contact Mia in the office for more information. It is a lovely night out with other individuals within the Archdiocese to share in a wonderful meal and fellowship.



Results from this year's Mountain View Food Drive are in!

Olds - 6786 lbs. Carstairs - 3141 lbs Total weight of 9,927 lbs. of donated food X **\$3.21/lb.** of donated food = **\$31,865.67 worth of donated food** that was donated to this year's 2023 MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE!!! Thanks to all of you and all of your family members and friends who worked so hard to make this all possible again this year. We REALLY appreciate all of your help. We couldn't do it without everyone's help ** A little tidbit that was shared with us - Since we have started doing this Food Drive in Sept 2014, we have collected almost 100 000 lbs (99,646) of food in Olds and Carstairs for the Mountain View Food Bank.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - Confirmation

The Archbishop will be coming to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with us on June 9, 2024. Sign up for the *Journey with Jesus* to prepare! Registration forms will be available on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer, and can be submitted to Donna in the office. This is for all youth who will be at least 12 yrs. old on or before June 9, 2024! Registration forms will be available as well as the *Decision Point* books which will be used this year. Cost of books is \$12.50. For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903. Classes will continue for those who began their journey last spring. Our Lady has asked us to commit ourselves to praying the rosary with faith for peace in our families, in countries, and in the whole world. In light of so many pro-life needs, there will be a Pro-Life Candlelight Rosary on Fri. Oct.13th at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Stephen's. If the weather is inclement, the rally will be held in the church. Please bring your winter woollies and a candle or lantern. Afterwards, there will be coffee, tea, and hot chocolate with goodies in the parish hall. Bring your family and friends to pray for those who cannot pray for themselves! For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903.

RCIA

If you know anyone interested in entering the Catholic Church and/or completing their Sacraments of Initiation, please contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627 (call or text) or leave your name at the office. We will be having classes starting this Fall. Before then, we will need to have an interview to get each person's background so proper plans can be made. Thank you

PRO LIFE ROSARY PROJECT - CANDLELIGHT ROSARY RALLY

1. In combination with the Spiritual Adoption program beginning this month, Zoe has made some pro-life rosaries that will be for sale following the Masses this weekend. Proceeds from the sale will go to funding future rosaries, and the rest will go to a non-profit pro-life organization. If you would like to donate towards this worthy project, please write Rosary Project on an envelope with your donation which can be placed in the collection plate, or cash/cheque brought to Mia or e-transferred to the parish office. Donations of beads of all sizes, broken rosaries or ones no longer used would also be gratefully accepted. There will be a basket on the Rosary table.
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CATECHISM

Catechism has started – still time to sign up if you haven't done so already. See the table in the entrance or contact Donna in the parish office

FORMED SUBSCRIPTION - TRY IT TODAY

Have you had an opportunity to check out the videos and programs available on www.formed.org. You can find many devotionals, novenas, videos for your children and families, programs for Baptismal and Sacramental Preparation and more. The topics and options are endless. The site is easy to navigate – no registration or passwords are required, but if you have any questions, contact Mia in the office.

ANNUAL PARISH TURKEY SUPPER

The sign up board is located in the foyer. Please take a moment and SIGN UP early! Please make note of the date and time that the items you are donating are required at the church. The sign up board will be removed on Tuesday October 16th. A phoning committee will be calling on parishioners who did not get a chance to sign up to fill any open spots after the 16th. This is a Parish Function and we need you!

TOGETHER WE SERVE – One Church, One Gift

Together We Serve is an annual appeal in the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. It was launched in 2014 to simplify giving by combining recurring special collections in parishes and inviting Catholics to work together to serve those in need at home, in Canada, and abroad. *Together We Serve* shows both Catholics and those around us that we are all one Church, acting together to advance the Mission given to us by Jesus Christ.

Your gift to *Together We Serve* enables us to do so much more as One Church, than we could ever do individually. That is the POWER OF ONE!

- **Your One Gift** to *Together We Serve* will help our newest recipient, **St. Vincent de Paul Edmonton Central Council**, provide leadership and support to 19 local conferences, serving over 7,000 people in need in our communities.
- **Your One Gift** helped **Our Lady of Victory Youth Camp** re-open this summer to at least 250 young campers – our Catholic leaders of tomorrow.
- **Your One Gift** will bring hope to over 20,000 vulnerable Albertans served by **Catholic Social Services**.
- **Your One Gift** will support 39 Seminarians and almost 200 students at **St. Joseph Seminary** and **Newman Theological College**.
- **Your One Gift** will help to provide a home-away-from-home for 300 students in **St. Joseph's College** residence and hundreds more who take its faith-based courses.
- **Your One Gift** will help to nurture the faith of 28,000 mostly Indigenous [Dene, Métis, and Inuvialuit] Catholics in the northern **Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith**.
- **Your One Gift** to *Together We Serve* shows that we are One Church, commissioned by One Lord, to bring the Gospel to a world in need.

MUSTARD SEED PROJECT

COMPASSION NEEDED

As our weather is getting colder, our hearts go again to the people living in the streets dealing with the upcoming freezing winter. St. Stephens Social Justice Committee is seeking your help with our 5th annual Street Backpack project in partnership with The Mustard Seed. This year with inflation increasing the cost of food and basic necessary items 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.

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. If you would prefer to donate cash, for the Mustard Seed to purchase needed items a cheque can be left with Mia at the office made out to the Mustard Seed.

Thank- you so much for your generosity!

Small Towels	Socks	Deodorant	trail mix and granola bars	Coats
Backpacks	Underwear (New)	Hairbrushes	reusable water bottle	sleep Masks / Ear plugs
Jogging Pants	Hand lotion, body wash, tissues (travel size)	coffee thermos		
Boots	Jeans/Cords (Men/Women)	chapstick, nail clippers, female hygiene products	hand warmers	
Mitts / Gloves	Belts	small flashlight	notebook and pen	blankets
Hand Warmers	Down vests	paperback books	blankets	shampoo/conditioner (travel size)
Mens/Women's T-Shirts	Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size)			

Winter Items: Can be new or clean gently used

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Thought-Ful Corner is on hold until I open up some space in the bulletin and have some more thoughts ;)