



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 9, 2022

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Oct 8, 2022	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass (Didsbury)	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun Oct 9, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Oct 11, 2022	Holy Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Oct 12 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Oct 14, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Oct 15, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Oct 16, 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 Trochu

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Office Hours 9-2pm

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 - Sunde

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on
the first Friday of every month.
Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Rosary – 10:00 AM
Mass - Oct 7, 2022

St. Anthony

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear People of God,

We are now on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation. We see the power of gratitude at work in the response of two individuals in today's readings who received the gift of physical healing: one in our First Reading, from the book of Second Kings, and the other in our Gospel reading from Luke. In the First Reading, we hear the story of Naaman, a commander in the army of Syria, who presents himself to the prophet, Elisha, "the man of God," to ask for healing from his leprosy. The prophet agrees to this request and intercedes on his behalf before God, telling Naaman to wash in the Jordan River. Naaman receives complete healing from the disease. Overjoyed, Naaman returns to Elisha, filled with gratitude to God and wanting to offer a gift in thanksgiving for his healing. Though Elisha refuses to accept a gift, Naaman declares that for the rest of his life he "will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord." Naaman recognized the great blessing he had received from the Lord, and as a result of his gratitude to God, is led to worship Him for the rest of his life. We find a similar instance of healing in the Gospel passage, this one involving 10 lepers seeking healing. They cry out to Jesus in their affliction, and feeling pity for the 10, Jesus tells them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they go on their way, all ten are healed. Yet, what we learn in the very next verse is surprising. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned." Only one of the 10 recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank Him. It's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus. But how often do we fail to recognize blessings, great and small, answered prayers, healings (both physical and spiritual) that the Lord showers upon us, day and night? The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are, and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from — our merciful and loving God. Eucharist means thanksgiving and as Eucharistic people, we are able to thank God above all for all His countless blessings upon us, above all for the gift of His salvation he offered us through His Son, Jesus. Thank you for all your contribution to our Church by sharing your time, talents and treasures for God's glory. For the pastoral care for our elderly, the sick and the dying, please do not hesitate to call me for a visit to offer the Sacraments of God's saving love for them. My emergency number 780-3521524 or 4034156183. Thank you and God bless you richly!

Devotedly Yours in Christ,

Father Nilo Macapinlac

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FAITH FORMATION – BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH OF THE MASS

A *Biblical Walk through the Mass* continues on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. Please come even if you have missed the first couple. Please bring your Bible.
For more information, call Maria at 587-796-0903

Come and join a *Living Rosary* at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 30th in the church to celebrate the Month of the Rosary.

All are invited to an *All Saints' Day Potluck and Party* following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday Oct. 30th. Games for children after lunch.

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION – Classes for Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation will begin soon.

Oct 15, 2022

Nov 5, 2022

Nov 26, 2022

Dec 9, 2022

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** this Fall. 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: All eligible confirmands in grades 5, 6 & 7 are invited to come to *Journey with Jesus* in the upper room on Sundays at 10 a.m. We will be using the *Decision Point* program by Dynamic Catholic. For more information or to sign your child up, please see Donna or contact Maria at 587-796-0903. If any adults would consider helping lead a discussion for a session or two that would be great!

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.



****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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Open to all

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 a team organizing the supper this year, but they are hoping to find a small group 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 – 403-224-3081 to volunteer.

The sign has gone up this week. Please take a moment to sign up. There is need for food contribution and preparation in addition to jobs the week before and day of the supper. Thank you in advance!

