



**World Mission Sunday**  
**Oct 22, 2022**  
**Father Nilo Macapinlac**

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| Sat Oct 22, 2022  | Confession<br>Holy Mass   | 11:00 AM Olds<br>5:00 PM Olds                   |
| Sun Oct 23, 2022  | Holy Mass<br><i>Catechism and Confirmation Preparation today at 10:00 AM.</i> | 9:00 AM Olds<br>11:15 AM Trochu<br>7:00 PM Olds |
| Tues Oct 25, 2022 | Holy Mass   | 6:30 PM Olds                                    |
| Wed Oct 26, 2022  | Holy Mass   | 9:00 AM Olds                                    |
| Fri Oct 28, 2022  | Holy Mass   | 9:00 AM Olds                                    |
| Sat Oct 29, 2022  | Confession<br>Holy Mass   | 11:00 AM Olds<br>5:00 PM Olds                   |
| Sun Oct 30, 2022  | Holy Mass<br><i>Catechism and Confirmation Preparation today at 10:00 AM.</i> | 9:00 AM Trochu<br>11:15 AM Olds<br>7:00 PM Olds |

**PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF**

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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.**

**Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre**

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on the first Friday of every month.  
Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary – 10:00 AM  
Mass – Nov 4, 2022

**St. Anthony**

St. Anthony's celebrates Mass on the second Saturday of every month.  
Mass – Nov 12, 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear People of God,

Greetings of joy and peace! We are celebrating World Mission Sunday. One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom. In last week's readings we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. The first reading, from the Book of Sirach, gives us the confidence to turn to God with all our needs assuring us that "the Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed." Whether rich and powerful or poor and obscure, our loving Father delights in hearing from all of His children. We are all His favorites! But we learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond. In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus Himself gives further instruction on the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer as He tells a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else! The other man is a tax collector, known by all those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector — and not the Pharisee — who leaves the temple justified. Why? The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in. The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads. The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified! Thank you for all your contribution to our Church by sharing your time, talents and treasures for God's glory. For the pastoral mission and 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,

Fr. 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

### FOOD BANK DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to the Food Bank Drive this year. 10,908 pounds of food were donated, approximately 1000 pounds less than last year. This has once again been a very successful joint project with the Food Bank and the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

## FAITH FORMATION

*LIVING ROSARY* - Come and join a *Living Rosary* at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> in the church to celebrate the Month of the Rosary.

*ALL SAINTS DAY POTLUCK* - All are invited to an *All Saints' Day Potluck and Party* following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to share and be entertained by the little "saints" in games after lunch.

*CEMETERY SERVICE* - There will be a Cemetery Service at Olds Cemetery on Hwy. 2A following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

*BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH 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 all those who have received their First Communion and are interested in being an Altar Server, there will be a first practice on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Please let Father Nilo or Donna know if your child wants to participate.

1. It is very good for families to encourage their children to be an Altar Server to help build a culture of vocations. By participating in the Liturgy of the Mass, we are involved in a very deep way in the parish.
2. We are building unity in 3 very important communities, the family (which is called the Domestic Church), the school and the parish. If we all work together, our youth will receive the foundation in faith that is needed.
3. We are all called to live out our Baptisms, and being an altar server is a great way to do so.

## 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.

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 **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** this Fall. This is considered the first step toward their receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:dankilloran0521@gmail.com)

## ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

EXCITING NEWS! The Annual Fall Supper will be on Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Please take a moment to sign up and see where you can be of service. There is need for food contribution and preparation in addition to jobs the week before and day of the supper. Thank you in advance!

## OFFICE NEWS

In the next couple of months, Mia will be preparing the envelopes for 2023. If you do not have a box of envelope and would like to request one or if you are considering moving to Automatic contributions and have questions, please touch base with Mia in the office. 1-403-556-3084 x 2. If you have any changes or updates you need to make; address, telephone number, email, etc – you can contact Mia. If you haven't had a chance to register with the Parish, please grab a form from the foyer.

If you have a friend, neighbor or family member that is new to the Parish or know of someone 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.

## October is the Month of Mary

