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**we serve**  
**ONE CHURCH. ONE GIFT.**

*Oct 22, 2023*

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

*Nilo Macapinlac*

Sat Oct 21, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Oct 22, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Oct 24, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Oct 25, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Oct 27, 2023	Weekday Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Oct 28, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Oct 229, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass – Nov 3, 2023**  
**Marian Cenacle – Wed - 7:00 PM**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary –**  
**Friday - 10:00 AM**

**St. Anthony - Didsbury**  
**Second Saturday Monthly Mass**  
**Nov 11, 2023 – 7 PM - Fr Nilo**

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear Parishioners: Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you on this World Mission Sunday! We are now on the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and whose we are in every aspect of our lives. Our First Reading, from Isaiah, takes us back to the very foundation of our faith. The prophet, serving as the "voice" of God, proclaims, "I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me." This is a powerful reminder of a fundamental truth. But it is easy to lose sight of this truth in our fast-paced, stressed-out, digital world. As disciples of Christ, we must make intentional choices each day as to how we spend our Time, Talents and Treasure so that each of these aspects of our lives proclaim that we indeed serve God and God alone. Putting God first in all areas of life takes real courage, especially in this day and age. But we should not be afraid to live boldly for Christ. St. Paul reminds us of the power we have been given along with the gift of our faith. He says to the Thessalonians in our Second Reading (and we can claim these words for ourselves) that "our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Through our Baptism, and with the graces given to us in the Eucharist, Reconciliation, the Word of God, and the strength we find in each other in our faith family, we have everything we need to embrace the call to the stewardship way of life. We belong to God, and there is no other, after all. Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. This tax was a daily reminder to the Jewish people of their humiliating status of occupation by the Roman Empire. The Pharisees thought they had laid a perfect trap for Christ. If He agreed that the tax should be paid, He would disappoint His followers. If he replied that it should not be paid, He and His followers would be in real trouble with the Romans. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big. We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him. Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other! 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. Blessings and Congratulations to all our volunteers and those who just commissioned for various ministries!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

## *Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child*

Our babies are continuing on their journey. They are growing at approx a millimeter a week – and their little itty bitty hearts are the first organ to develop and a heart rate begins to beat. A new mother might not be showing yet, but the new life inside them is growing every single day. Every day something new is happening as growth is continuous and ongoing. A miracle is in the making!



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** - Classes start on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 with a second class on Oct 30, 2023 in the Upper Room of the Parish. Anyone who is planning to have a child baptised is required to attend this two evening program. Please note, the next course is not planned until the New Year, so if you are expecting in the upcoming months, you are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of your baby. Please contact Tara Miller for more information and to register (403-507-1793)

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** –Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation and First Communion will begin for children ages 7 and up and their parents. Children must receive their First Reconciliation before receiving First Communion.

**Sat Nov 5** – 9 -12 Children and Parents

**Nov 25** 9-12 Children and parents

**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 this weekend – Sunday at 10AM.

## 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 are for sale in the foyer. 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.
2. Due to the success of the Rosary Rally this past weekend, there is another date scheduled. Join us on Friday Oct 27, 2023 for Rosary Rally II. Thank you to all who participated in the first Rally. We continue to respond to Our Lady's request to commit ourselves to praying the rosary with faith for peace in our families, in countries, and in the whole world. Afterwards, there will be coffee, tea, and hot chocolate with goodies in the foyer. Bring your family and friends to pray for those who cannot pray for themselves! For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903.

## 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

## CALL TO PROTECT – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Training

*Called to Protect* training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **Monday October 30, 2023, 7 pm to 9:30 pm**. The two-and-a-half hour session is mandatory for all clergy, employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session open for all. Contact the office to register. Zoom link is also in the email attached to bulletin.

## HOSPITALITY

If you, your family or your group would like to host a coffee party, please sign up on the Hospitality Calendar in the foyer. It would also help organizing if the groups could write their activities on the calendar as well once you have checked with the office, so that everyone could see what dates are still open. E.g. Thanksgiving Supper, All Saints' Day Party. .

## ANNUAL PARISH TURKEY SUPPER

The sign up board has been removed, however, there are still many spots to fill. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, but you are available to bring food items, serve at the supper or help with prep, please contact Bibianne Munksgaard. A phoning committee is currently reaching out to people to recruit help! Thank you in advance for all who have volunteered – this is a wonderful Parish event and is enjoyed by the entire community!

## 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

## World Mission Sunday

“On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.”

“In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.”

In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, we, as parishioners, can support Together We Serve “ONE CHURCH, ONE GIFT” . Our contributions go towards a number of missions served by the Archdiocese in following the Pope's example to help the vulnerable and those in need.