



Oct 29, 2023

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

Sat Oct 28, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Oct 29, 2023	Holy Mass <i>Join us at the Annual Turkey Supper</i>	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds - Cancelled
Tues Oct 31, 2023	Weekday Mass	6:30 PM Olds
Wed Nov 1, 2023	Weekday Mass - <i>All Saints Day</i>	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Nov 3 2023	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Weekday Mass First Friday Mass - OLF	24 hrs 9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM - Sundre
Sat Nov 4, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Nov 5, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

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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 – 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! Thank you for all the members of the team that made our Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner for this year a great success! We are now on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate Father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another. Our First Reading, from Exodus, is an example. In this ancient text God says, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan... If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset... If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." This love of neighbor was a radical departure for the people of this era. But this is the radical God that we serve. Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments. He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love. Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up." The "how" of loving God first and neighbor as self is unique to each individual. Perhaps God is calling you to love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind by committing to a daily time of praying with the Scriptures. Maybe He is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration or a weekday Mass. It might be that He is asking you to put Him first as a family with a time for evening or morning prayer together. Maybe He wants you to spend a bit less time watching the news or surfing the internet, and a little more time pondering the blessings He has given you throughout the day. And how is God calling you to love your neighbor as yourself? Maybe it is by checking on a relative or neighbor who is isolated. Or by patiently listening to a colleague at work who is overwhelmed. Or by getting involved in a ministry that serves children or the poor. The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies the two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love. 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 were just commissioned for various ministries last Sunday, World's Mission!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

Our babies are continuing on their journey. Blue or pink – its hard to determine just yet, but within a few weeks, the doctor will be able to determine whether it's a little boy or a little girl growing in the belly of the momma. We continue to pray for the unborn children of our world, to pray for mothers who are journeying through this process that they have support and guidance and faith in their lives.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION - Classes have been rescheduled and will begin this coming Monday 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. If you have a child who will be at least 12 yrs old on or before this date, they are eligible to sign up. Registration forms are available in the foyer and can be submitted to Donna in the office. For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903. Classes this weekend – Sunday at 10AM.

*The Journey with Jesus (Confirmation) class would like to invite parishioners of all ages to their All Saints' Day Potluck and Party on Sunday Nov. 5th following the 11:15 Mass. Please bring a dish to share in the parish hall and enjoy all our little "saints."

*Following the 11:15 Mass on Oct. 29th, one of our young people desires to start a sports and games event at the church. If you and your family would like to bring a lunch and participate in board games or a sport outside, please sign up in the foyer. Adult supervisors are welcome and socializing is a must!

PRO LIFE ROSARY PROJECT – CANDLELIGHT ROSARY RALLY

*8In combination with the Spiritual Adoption this month, Zoe has made some pro-life rosaries that are for sale in the foyer. Proceeds from the sale will go to Rosary supplies and the rest will be donated 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.

There will be a Culminating Rosary Rally for the month of the Rosary on Friday Oct. 27th at 7 p.m.

Please bring your family and friends to pray for those who cannot pray for themselves. Refreshments will be offered following the rally in the foyer. For more information, contact Maria at 587-796-0903.

CALL TO PROTECT – Oct 30th – 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. Ex. Thanksgiving Supper, All Saints' Day Party. .

ANNUAL PARISH TURKEY SUPPER

Our annual St. Stephen's Turkey Supper is happening this Sunday from 4:00 – 6:30. Thank you to our committee and all our Volunteers who put in many hours to help make this a success. Make sure you pop in for a wonderful Turkey Supper or call Cindy Boffey to arrange for pick up.

MUSTARD SEED PROJECT

St. Stephens Social Justice Committee is seeking your help with our 5th annual Street Backpack project in partnership with The Mustard Seed. As our weather is getting colder, our hearts go again to the people living in the streets dealing with the upcoming freezing winter. . 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 items, a cheque can be left with Mia at the office made out to the Mustard Seed. Thank- you so much for your generosity!

Backpacks Coats Toques/Mitts Jogging pants boots jeans/ cords socks Small Towels
Deodorant trail mix and granola bars Underwear (New) Hairbrushes reusable water bottle
sleep Masks / Ear plugs Hand lotion, body wash, tissues (travel size) coffee thermos belts
blankets chapstick, nail clippers female hygiene products hand warmers down vest notebook/pen
small paperback books shamp/cond (travel size) Mens/Women's T-Shirts
Winter Items: Can be new or clean gently USED

THOUGHT- FUL CORNER

Get Busy Living

“You are going to die... You are going to die and everyone you know is going to die. We don't know when we will die or how, but we do know we will die” This is the beginning into of the Get Busy Living Chapter of Matthew Kelly's Book – Resisting Happiness.

As faithful people, this isn't a concept we are afraid of, we have been raised with the understanding of death, judgement, heaven and hell, but nevertheless, when faced with the reality of this information, we seem to look at things differently. Matthew Kelley reflects on the visit to the doctor where one is told they have so many months to live – how this ultimately impacts how one would live those next few months. He tells us that is why it is healthy for us to reflect upon death, because in reflection of what we know to be inevitable leads us to live our lives differently.

In this chapter, Matthew Kelley interviewed nurses who had worked with the sick and dying and shared a number of things dying people wished they had done differently; spend time with the people they loved, express their feelings more, loved more, taken better care of themselves, been a better spouse, a better parent, made spirituality a priority, taken more risks, realized that happiness is a choice and many more that were listed in the book.

When we “Get Busy Living” and bring God into the everyday reality of living – we focus our time and energy in a way that brings us and the people around us fulfillment and joy. This leads us to ask ourselves the question “If you died today, what would you have wished you would have done differently? Once you have that answer – ask yourself the follow up question – Why aren't you doing it?