

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Nov 19, 2022	Confession - CANCELLED	11:00 AM Olds
	Holy Mass	5:00 PM Olds
Sun Nov 20, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu
	Catechism and Confirmation Preparation	11:15 AM Olds
	today at 10:00 AM.	7:00 PM Olds (Cancelled)
Tues Nov 22, 2022	Morning Prayer	Olds
Wed Nov 23, 2022	Morning Prayer	Olds
Fri Nov 25, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Nov 26, 2022	Confession	11:00 AM Olds
	Holy Mass	5:00 PM Olds
Sun Nov 27, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
	Catechism and Confirmation Preparation	11:15 AM Trochu
	today at 10:00 AM.	7:00 PM Olds

Father Nilo will be away Nov 12-23.

There will be Morning Prayer in place of Weekday Mass.

Please note: Sunday evening Mass is cancelled due to the Turkey Supper.

PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Father Nilo Macapinlac Deacon – Charles Johnston – Retired

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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

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on the first Friday of every month. Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary – 10:00 AM Mass – Dec 2, 2022

St. Anthony

St. Anthony's celebrates Mass on the second Saturday of every month.

Mass – Dec 10, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,

Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is also observed as the "World Day of the Youth." Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable. How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life. Our First Reading, from Ezekiel, describes our Lord as a tender shepherd who knows his flock intimately and actively seeks to heal and save us. "Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep... I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest... The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal." Such love is impossible to fully comprehend. All we can do is marvel at the greatness of our God and resolve to thank Him by giving Him the very best of ourselves — our time, our talents, our treasure — and by imitating His love as best we can. The Second Reading demonstrates that humble as He is, Jesus Christ is indeed King of all, having authority over all, both individuals and nations, both the material world and the spiritual world. He will restore all things and all people to proper order "when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death." As intimately as we are called to love our King, so too, must we revere and respect His authority over us. We must be ever mindful that everything we have, every breath we take, is a gift from this all-powerful King. In justice, then, we must give Him His due. What is it that He expects from us? The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment. This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, nor any "worldly" achievements, in fact. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the last of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, caring for the ill and imprisoned. These are the priorities of our King. And these must be our priorities, too. The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His. This way of life prepares us well for our judgment day and helps us to live in imitation of our King right now. 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 numbers 780-3521524 or 4034156183. Thank you and God bless you richly!

Devotedly yours in Christ the King, 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

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.

ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER IS THIS WEEKEND! DON'T FORGET TO POP IN OR ORDER YOURS TO GO!

FAITH FORMATION

ART FOR ADVENT- To help prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, Artists of all ages are invited to share your artistic talent with Advent or Christmas-themed art. During December, please bring your art to the table by the stained glass window of St. Stephen at the far end of the foyer. All will be displayed during the Advent/Christmas season in the foyer or in the parish hall.

YOUTH RETREAT – Calling **all** youth from grades 5 & up! On Friday Dec. 2nd, and Saturday Dec. 3rd, come and Journey with Jesus! Please contact Donna in the office or Maria at 403-415-6833 if you would like to register. Cost is \$5.

In order to make the retreat affordable for as many youth as possible, we ask for your generosity and cooperation donating any of the food items on the attachment. There will be a basket in the foyer for the items.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE – This Saturday, Nov 19th from 9:30 – 11:00 for those who are have celebrated their First Communion and are interested in becoming an Altar Server. If your child attends Holy Trinity School, they are receiving training directly through the school and are not required to attend.

For more information, call Maria at 403-415-6833 or contact Donna in the office.

ADVENT MISSION – Advent Mission starts on Saturday Dec 3rd to Tuesday Dec 6th with Fr. Dan Gurnick, one of the Franciscan Friars of Mount St. Francis in Cochrane Alberta. See poster attached to bulletin for more detail.

ST. ANTHONY'S CWL - DIDSBURY - ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Didsbury CWL will be holding a Quilt and Table Runner Silent Auction effective November 5TH and closing November 20TH after the Turkey Supper. The quilts and runners have been homemade by a CWL member and will be on display in the lobby along with the bid sheets. For further information email:max22moreau@gmail.com

This is Didsbury's main fundraiser of the year and funds raised will go to support school breakfast programs, High School scholarship and other local donations. Thank you for any support you can give.

ST. STEPHEN'S CWL - OLDS

St. Stephen's CWL members, there will be a meeting on Friday, November 25, in the upper room, followed by a faith development activity and social. Hope to see you there!

FAMILY BALLROOM DANCE

Family Ballroom Dance! St. Stephen's will be having a potluck dinner and dance following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, November 26th. Please come and bring a dish to share at 6pm. We will provide coffee, tea, and juice. Following dinner, there will be dance instruction for beginners. This is a short beginner's workshop, with a fun dance to follow, so no worries if you have no ballroom experience! All ages welcome. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the festivities.

Please RSVP to: ststephendance@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, CONFIRMATION & CATECHISM CLASSES

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION CLASS DATES

Nov 26, 2022

Dec 9, 2022

If you have a child who has been baptized and is in grade 2 or higher, they are ready for First Reconciliation. This is the first step towards receiving their First 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 candidates who are in grades 5, 6 & 7 and up 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We need you - Our Brother Knights have volunteered to fill all liturgical roles on the 5th Sunday of the month when applicable. We are hoping to recruit members of our Knights of Columbus who are willing and able to fill the role of Greeter, Usher, Readers, Eucharist Minister, Music and Sacristan. If you are interested in joining your Brother Knights in this undertaking, please contact Jack Sell. 587-796-1634. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer and available at meetings.

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

The Knights of Columbus Alberta/NWT State Council <u>Charities Appeal Raffle</u> online 50/50 Fundraiser is available. Tickets may be purchased by residents of Alberta, 18 years of age or older at the website: <u>www.koc5050.com</u> Please consider supporting the charitable work of the Knights and select In Support Of "04748 Father Forsythe, Olds". The draw will be on Dec 9th, 2022. Thanks!

4TH ANNUAL MUSTARD SEED BACKPACK PROJECT

St. Stephen's Social Justice Committee is seeking your help to fill backpacks with necessities that provide immediate comfort for the people living in the streets who are dealing with the freezing winter. This year with inflation increasing the cost of food and basic necessary items, the need for help and compassion is even greater. YOUR gift will give them hope and comfort in knowing that someone cares especially for them.

There will be a labelled box in the foyer to place items from the list. 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 Men's T Shirts (small) Hair Brush

• Backpacks Socks Lotion, Body wash, Tissues (travel size)

• Winter Items: Underwear (New) Chapstick, nail clippers,

Coats Jogging Pants Small flashlight
Boots Jeans / Cords (Men/Women) paperback books
Mitts / Gloves Belts notebook and pens
Hand Warmers Down Vests trail mix/ granola bar
Toques Blankets reusable water bottle

• Shoe Insoles Sleep masks/ear plugs coffee thermos

• Foot Powder Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size) Deodorant / Feminine items