



The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FATHER NILO MACAPINLAC

Jan 30, 2022 Bulletin

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| Sat Jan 29, 2022 | Confession Holy Mass | 11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds |
| Sun Jan 30, 2022 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds |
| Tues Jan 31, 2022 | Holy Mass | 6:30 PM Olds |
| Wed Feb 2, 2022 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Trochu |
| Fri Feb 4, 2022 | 24 Hr Adoration Holy Mass | 9:00 AM Olds |
| Sat Feb 5, 2022 | Confession Holy Mass | 11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds |
| Sun Feb 6, 2022 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds |

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NEW 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

The new schedule is in effect until
March as authorized by the
Archdiocese.

Our Lady of Fatima - Sunde

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass
on the first Friday of every
month.

OLF Weekly Schedule

Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

St Anthony's - Didsbury

The monthly Mass schedule will
resume in February on Feb 12,
2022. .

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends & parishioners,

Grace, joy and peace! We are now on the fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Apostle Paul exhorts us in the second reading today: "Strive for greater gifts, I will show you a still more excellent way." God spoke eloquently in the Book of prophet Jeremiah about the precious gift of life. All of us, we are the apple to His eye. As God said: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you and before you were born I consecrated you, I appointed you prophet to the nations." Every born child is a gift formed in the womb of a mother and has a gift of vocation from God. Few weeks ago, we've just celebrated Christmas and we continue to contemplate how God consecrated the womb as He Himself entered our fragile world. He clothed Himself with human flesh, our human condition but sin. He undergone the stages of human development to show us the way, our model how to live, relate and connect with the world and God. Today, let us reflect at the gift from the finest of gifts, Jesus Christ. The gift of the Eternal Father for our sanctification and redemption. He is our Emmanuel means God-with us. If He is the Eternal Father's gift wrapped in human skin, a brother to all of us in all things except sin, we should not be intimidated and not fearful of His presence. God the Father spoke of HIM and the heavens opened at least in two accounts in the Gospels namely, at Christ's baptism in the Jordan and at Mt. Tabor where he transfigured. The Father's voice was heard saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him." The people in Nazareth did not pay attention to him. They closed their eyes from His acts of mercy, of his healing and miracles. Human nature is always challenged by truth. He said in the Gospel today: "No prophet is accepted in his own town." They drove Jesus out of the town and almost hurled him off the cliff. Love is patient, love is kind and with faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love as passionately proclaimed by St. Paul in his epistle today. Jesus is the embodiment of the Father's unconditional love for us. He died out of love for you and for me even by shedding His Blood on the Cross and gave Himself totally for our salvation. How do we recognize God's love today? How do we welcome Jesus in our lives and in our homes? Love begets love and how do you reciprocate the gratuitous love of God at this most challenging time of pandemic? May our New Year 2022 be a fruitful year of friendship with God through Lectio Divina, prayer, Sacraments, daily readings of the Word of God or Bible Study, living the life of a good steward and by acts of charity for the poor, the suffering around us and to the needy. Have a fruitful and blessed week!

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

MONTH AT A GLANCE – JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

| Date | Ordinary Receipts (Weekend envelopes) | Together We Serve |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| January 2, 2022 3 Masses | \$2247.15 | \$265.00 |
| January 9, 2022 3 Masses | \$1413.30 | \$75.00 |
| January 16, 2022 3 Masses | \$1637.10 | 0 |
| January 23, 2022 3 Masses | \$1085.00 | |
| January 30, 2022 3 Masses | | |

Our automatic contributions are not included in the weekly contributions. They are processed on the 18th of each month. The automatic contributions have been a constant source throughout the Pandemic as our weekly contributions can fluctuate quite drastically. The chart reflects the collection throughout January at weekend Masses.

SYNOD DISCUSSION – *Companions on the Journey*

The Synod on *Synodality in the Church* will be focusing on how the Church journeys together. The next topic and question we will explore is LISTENING

Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

- a. How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
- b. How are the people listened to, especially women and young people?
- c. What facilitates (*helps*) or inhibits (*stops*) our listening?
- d. How well do we listen to those who are on the peripheries (*edges*)?
- e. What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own?
- f. What space is there for the voice of minorities (*not only race, but any type of minority*), especially people who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?
- g. How well do we listen to the social and cultural context in which we live?

On Wednesday, February 2nd following the 9 a.m. Mass, if you prefer to meet in a group setting, we will discuss the second question in the Upper Room, following a short video by Archbishop Smith. All are welcome. Starting in February, there will be an online opportunity to submit your feedback if you prefer to do it individually.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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

ST. STEPHEN'S CWL

CWL is still taking new membership. If you are interested, please contact Laurel Arvay. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb 11 following morning Mass. If you have any concerns contact Jo Fewster.

LAUDATO SI – *Franciscan Society*

Following Pope Francis' leadership and the 1.3 billion Catholics who care for creation, Laudato Si has come up with ways for you, your family and community to pray and take action for God's creation this year. To get started, we suggest;

- Start reading or re-read Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si for better understanding. If you have not read it yet, start with a page a day for a week. If you have already read it, re-read it and pay attention to which parts stand out that maybe didn't the last time you read it. Think about inviting your friends and family to read it with you as well. A copy is available in the Franciscan mailbox in the photocopy room.
- It can also be found here - https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

We will follow up next week with some ways for you to take action.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

Upcoming sessions for Reconciliation gatherings are:

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 9 am – noon

Friday, Mar 25, 2022, after school, retreat and sacrament

FAITH & FORMATION

EVERYONE is invited to the Celebration of Marriage weekend to be held on Feb. 12-13th. We will be especially honoring those with milestone anniversaries of 5th, 10th, 12 1/2th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th or 70th during the year 2022. They will have an opportunity to renew their vows. There will be a special blessing for all those with in-between anniversaries. All parishioners are encouraged to come to support the honorees. In order to plan, we request that all people register for Masses, only for this weekend. Please use the attached Eventbrite links to register. There is no cost. There will also be a live streamed Mass that weekend. More details later.

Eventbrite links

Saturday 5 PM - https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebration-of-marriage-weekend-saturday-5pm-mass-registration-248189279817?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Sunday 9 AM - https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebration-of-marriage-weekend-sunday-9am-mass-registration-251530493477?aff=erelpanelorg&keep_tld=1

Sunday 7 PM - https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebration-of-marriage-weekend-sunday-7pm-mass-registration-251535849497?aff=erelpanelorg&keep_tld=1

If you prefer not to register on Eventbrite, please call Maria at 403-415-6833 and leave a message indicating the names of the couple, which anniversary you are celebrating, and how many family and friends will be attending with you OR stating your name and number of people who will attend with you if you are just coming to support the community by attending Mass.

There is no need to bring the ticket with you, but please come to the table in the foyer when you arrive so we will know that you are present.

Epiphany Blessing Kits are still available in the foyer.

YOUTH GROUP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of a youth committee to help with planning and supervision of events. The activities themselves are taken care of but there are organizational pieces to go along with these. If this is something you feel like you can help with or have any questions, please contact Monica Andrew at 403-994-0323 or monica.andrew@oldsnet.ca

OFFICE NEWS

- Don't forget to pick up your envelope for 2022. Please remember to provide your name on your envelope for the first month to allow the office a chance to process changes.
- If you have signed up for Automatic Contribution, there will not be an envelope for you, however, if you have occasion to do an extra contribution, just make sure your name and /or # is on a blank envelope or cheque. Mia will make sure it is recorded.
- Income Tax Receipts will be available during to be picked up the first week in February. They will not be mailed out until Feb 15, 2021. If you have had a change of address, please notify Mia in the office.