

SALT & LIGHT

MATTHEW 5:13-16

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nilo Macapinlac

Feb 5, 2023

Sat Feb 4, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	4:15 PM Olds ** 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 5, 2023	Holy Mass (<i>Catechism and Confirmation classes at 10:00 am</i>)	9:00 AM -Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds (FEBRUARY)
Tues Feb 7, 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM Olds
Wed Feb 8, 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Feb 10, 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
Sat Feb 11, 2023	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass	4:15 PM Olds *** 5:00 PM Olds 7:00 PM Didsbury
Sun Feb 12, 2023	Holy Mass (<i>Catechism and Confirmation classes at 10:00 am</i>)	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 5:00 PM Olds **

CHANGES TO NOTE FOR FEBRUARY

Confession Will Be Available Prior To Mass On Saturday Evening Beginning At 4:15.

Sunday Evening Mass Will Be At 5:00 Pm For The Month As Fr Wilson Has Another Obligation On Sunday Evening.

PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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Office Hours 9-2pm

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 - Sunde

Mass is celebrated on the first
Friday of every month.

Feb 3, 2023

Adoration 1-6 pm

Holy Mass –7:00 PM

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

St. Anthony

Mass is celebrated on the second
Saturday of every month.

Feb 11, 2023

7:00 PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends & parishioners, Prayerful greetings!

We are on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary time. Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us as Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us. The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here — caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward. Note, too, that these instructions require action — to share, to shelter, to clothe, and to hang in there with your family members, even the demanding ones. But note, too, how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer... Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." Our gracious God commands us to place a high priority on serving the needs of others because He has created us for just this purpose. He knows that the more we give ourselves away, the more we will find ourselves — and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of His grace in our lives and more of His joy and His peace in our hearts. This is the beauty of a stewardship way of life. Our second reading, from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, reassures us that we need not worry too much about our personal skill set in answering this call from the Lord to serve — for it is the Lord Himself who will act through us if we step forward in faith. Paul says of himself, and we can take his words to heart, "I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom... I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." Our weakness is no obstacle for God — He uses even our weaknesses to show His glory if we simply cooperate with Him. This should be an encouragement for those moments when we don't feel qualified to do all that God is calling us to do. Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale, and light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and, above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory. This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all! We are also stewards of relationships, spirituality and mysteries of God. Let us always be ready in looking after the needs of those around us. 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. Thank you!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

We welcome Father Wilson back to our Parish Community. He will be presiding over the weekend Masses for the month of February.

If you are interested in picking up a print copy of Father's synopsis of the weekend's homily from the bulletin, and they will be available before the Masses on the weekend

If you know of someone who is new to the Parish or have crossed paths with an individual 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.



FAITH FORMATION

Coffee Party - Please join the Parish Council for coffee following the 11:15 Mass in the foyer this weekend.

Junior Altar Servers Calling all young people! We have several junior altar servers in training, but we need more! If you have made your First Communion, we can sure use you! Are there any children or young people from Didsbury who would like to serve at St. Anthony's Masses? Please contact Fr. Nilo, Donna at the parish office or Maria at 403-415-6833.

Biblical Walk Through the Passion - During Lent, for five weeks we will be studying *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through the Passion* by Fr. Edward Sri beginning Thursday Mar. 2nd in the upper room at 7 p.m. If you would like to order a book, the cost is \$21.50. You can sign up on the list on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer. Please order by Sunday Feb. 12th so we will have enough time to order them from Ascension Press.

Due to icy conditions in the parking lot during winter months, we encourage everyone to drop off your family at the door of the church.

Spiritual Reading - To start off the New Year with good spiritual reading, you may wish to listen to the *Bible in a Year* podcasts or *Catechism in a Year* podcasts with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins on the *Ascension Press Presents* website. Both will help to deepen and know our faith. Schedules are available on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer.

For families, consider the *Holy Heroes* website or Kendra Tierney's *Catholic All Year* for family faith activities all year round!

Anniversary Celebrations - On Sunday Feb. 12th, at the 9 a.m. Mass, there will be a blessing for those who are celebrating a special anniversary- 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th or 70th. Please let Maria know at 403-415-6833 if you are one of those couples!

As part of our *Journey with Jesus* class, the confirmandi are learning how to do some of the ministries in Mass. We thank you for your patience as we learned how to greet people at the door, and offer assistance last week. Every week you may see a different role being practiced

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

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Youth grades 6 and up - mark your calendars!

Friday March 3rd - All Night Glow Bowling in Innisfail

Thursday May 4th - Mantracker

Thursday June 1st - TBD

Times and locations are coming.

For more information, please email monica.andrew@rdcrs.ca

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & CATECHISM CLASSES

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION - Classes start on Feb 6th with the second class on Feb 20th 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 Fall, 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)

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:

For students in grades 5 and up who haven't yet made your Confirmation, please come for classes resuming Sunday January 15th at 10 a.m. for an hour in the Upper Room. See Donna at the parish office to register. Cost of the book is \$12.50. We are using the *Decision Point* program by Dynamic Catholic.

Our dates for First Holy Communion gatherings will begin in March.

Saturday, Mar 25, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

Saturday, Apr 29, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

Saturday, May 27, 2023, 9 am-noon Children with parents

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASSES

Once a month, we welcome the students and staff from Holy Trinity School to Morning Mass.

They will join us on the following dates:

Tuesday Feb 28th – 9:15 AM

Wednesday March 15 – 9:15 AM

Wednesday April 19 – 9:15 AM

Wednesday May 24th – 9:15 AM

Mass will begin at 9:15 AM on these dates to allow time for the students to be transported by bus. We encourage you to join us at Mass.

OFFICE NEWS

Just a quick reminder to all Parish Committees, Parish groups and all who have occasion to use the Church for meetings and practices that it is necessary to book with Mia in the office. It is important for the office to know when user groups are in the building. We ask that all visitors who come into the church after office hours sign in to the book in the entrance.

For all after hour visitors, we also thank you in advance for ensuring that lights are off, toilets are flushed and a quick clean up is done to the area that was in use. We thank you for your cooperation!

Income Tax receipts are available in the foyer. We encourage you to pick them up from the church to reduce the letters we have to send in the post. However, we will mail them out after two weeks. Again, thank you for your help with this!

Sacred Heart Parish in Red Deer is hiring a Full Time Office Manager. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in this position, please have them contact Karen Boston at Sacred Heart - Reception.SHRD@caedm.ca
P-403.346.2618 for more information.