

Faith Love Hope

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FATHER NILO MACAPINLAC

Feb 13, 2022 Bulletin

Sat Feb 12, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 13, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Feb 15, 2022	Morning Prayer W/Donna	9:00 AM
Wed Feb 16, 2022	Morning Prayer W/Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Feb 18, 2022	Morning Prayer W/Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Feb 19, 2022	Holy Mass	5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 20, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds

Father Nilo will be away on a Pilgrimage to Israel from Feb 14 – Feb 25, 2021. We welcome Father Daniel Gurnick and Father Joseph Nguyen who will be joining us.

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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 - Sundre

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 March.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear people of God,

Grace, love, joy and peace to you! We are now on the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. I would like to congratulate all those marriages that are being blessed and especially with the great milestones. This February is the month of hearts and we cherish God's unfailing love. Happy Valentine's to all. Let us journey in faith, hope and love, the three theological virtues. Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. Pope Francis will embark to have a jubilee year in 2025 with the theme, "Pilgrim of Hope". According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)." In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now. The First Reading from Jeremiah paints a vivid picture of the difference between the person who puts his trust in fellow humans versus the person who relies on — or, in other words, hopes in — the Lord. "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh... He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste." Not a pretty picture! On the other hand, the prophet teaches, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretch out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green." Notice that the one who trusts in the Lord does not escape the heat any more than the one who has put his trust in human strength — his own or another's. The difference between the two is that the one who fails to trust in the Lord becomes barren in the heat, while the one who trusts in God is given the means to persevere and even thrive in the midst of the challenging times especially at this pandemic. "Its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit."

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is foolish to think of hope in the Lord with only an "earthly" vision, since God desires nothing less than our eternal happiness. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." To aim only for comforts or pleasure or honors in this life is actually an impoverished way of living. In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward. God bless you all!

Yours devotedly in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

LAUDATO SI – Our Parish Community

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. For example, please feel free to add to the *Laudato Si display* on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please write any acts of love on the sticky notes, and attach them to which of the *Laudato Si* goals they fulfill. Examples: writing a letter on a prolife issue to the government, praying the rosary for the unborn, taking bottles and cans to the recycling depot, shoveling the sidewalk for an elderly neighbour, etc. Check the board to see what the school is doing

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 CELEBRATING.

“Walking together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.

1. How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
2. How do they inspire the most important decisions in our life?
3. How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
4. What are the steps that we take to attract non-committed believers to share in the Eucharist?

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.

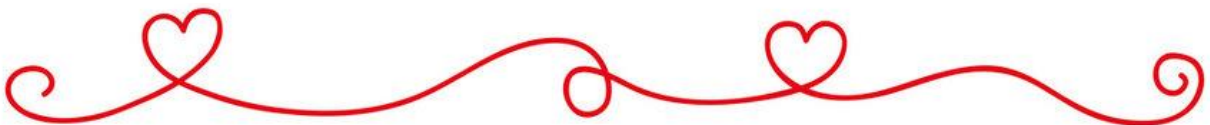
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

Session This weekend – Preparation for Reconciliation.
Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 9 am – noon
Friday, Mar 25, 2022, after school, retreat and sacrament

FAITH & FORMATION

For the month of February, there will be books about marriage and family available for sale in the foyer. If you would like to buy any, please put the money in the envelope provided in each book, and give the envelope to Mia or Donna in the office.

Thank you to all who helped with the *Celebrate Marriage Weekend*. We were able to celebrate many milestone anniversaries! Congratulations to all the newly renewed couples and all who were blessed! Deep-felt gratitude to the many people who helped decorate, celebrate or do behind-the-scenes prep work with invitations and planning. Special thanks to the Knights for their donations of printed material, and to all who donated rosaries.



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

Love

*Love is patient and kind,
It doesn't envy or boast
and it's never proud.
Love is not rude or selfish,
It doesn't get angry easily,
or keep track of wrongs.
Love doesn't delight in bad
things but it rejoices in the
truth. Love always protects,
trusts, hopes and perseveres.
Love never fails.*

— St. Paul to the Corinthians

SOCIAL JUSTICE- Coldest Week of the Year Walk

The social justice committee is planning our 2nd annual “Coldest Week of the Year Walk” to raise money for the Mustard Seed in Red Deer to support their efforts in assisting the homeless in our larger community. They provide warm meals, clothing, basic necessities, overnight shelter, counseling and employment assistance. We are looking for walkers and sponsors!

The walk will be on February 28th at 12:00 noon. We will meet at the Olds College Parking Lot D (across from library), and walk from there. It will be a 2km Covid friendly walk. Come dressed for the weather. If you would like to support our walk for the Mustard Seed you can drop a cheque off with Mia at the church payable to the Mustard Seed or contact Cathy Wright catherine_wright@hotmail.com 403-559-8571

Thank-you for taking the time to consider a donation. I can't imagine what it must be like to be homeless and trying to find help in our crazy cold Alberta winter. Fortunately options do exist with the help of our support.

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 are available to be picked up. They will not be mailed out until Feb 21 2022. If you have had a change of address, please notify Mia in the office.