


The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nilo Macapinlac

Feb 19, 2023

Sat Feb 18, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	4:15 PM Olds ** 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 19, 2023	Holy Mass	9:00 AM -Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds **
Tues Feb 21, 2023	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM Olds
Wed Feb 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday 	9:00 AM Olds 5:30 PM Olds 7:00 PM Innisfail (OLP) 7:30 PM Trochu
Fri Feb 24, 2023	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM (Olds, Didsbury, Sundre)
Sat Feb 25, 2023	Confession Holy Mass	4:15 PM Olds *** 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 26, 2023	Holy Mass	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 Sat Eve Beginning At 4:15. Sun Eve Mass Will Be At 5:00 PM during Feb. as Fr. Wilson Has Another Obligation On Sun Eve.

PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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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

First Friday Mass

Mar 3, 2023

Adoration 1-6 pm

Holy Mass –7:00 PM

Friday's – Divine Mercy Chaplet &

Rosary – 10:00 AM

St. Anthony - Didsbury

Second Saturday Mass

March 11, 2023

7:00 PM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends and parishioners, Grace & peace to you! We are now in the 7th Week in Ordinary Time. Next Wednesday begins another liturgical season, the sacred season of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday. We have a vocation to respond to holiness and universal call to perfection, perfection in charity. "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Talk about setting the bar high! This verse, at the end of today's Gospel passage from Matthew, sets the tone for all of the readings this week. In embracing stewardship as a way of life, we have a custom-made plan that, with a big dose of God's grace, will move us towards the holiness of life to which Christ is calling us in this verse. Our first reading, from Leviticus, lays out this theme immediately, as God instructs Moses to tell the whole community to, "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." The call to holiness is for everyone because every one of us is made in the image and likeness of an all-holy God. This call should therefore not seem strange or unattainable — on the contrary, it is a call to become our truest selves. And even in this ancient passage, we find practical instruction in how to begin to attain holiness: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." The first few verses of our second reading from Corinthians give a further reminder as to why we must live holy lives with this thought-provoking question, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" What great dignity we have as God's own dwelling place. And what encouragement this should bring us — the call to holiness is possible because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling right within us! The following verses from this passage show us that a life of holiness will not make sense in worldly terms, however. "If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God." The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, our talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, our Lord takes this "foolish" concept even further with these illustrations of how we should give of ourselves and our things: "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles." And further still: "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Jesus teaches that this is the kind of action and attitude that will make us "children of [our] Heavenly Father." This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us. If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around you to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too. So, with God's grace and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less. 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 Thankachan back to our Parish Community for the month of February. He will be presiding over the weekend Masses for the month of February in addition to Ash Wednesday Masses as well...

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.

**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.**

FAITH FORMATION

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 - Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be studying *A Biblical Walk through the Passion* during this Lent. Instead, we will be watching episodes from *The Chosen* as seen on FORMED. Notes on the Catholic commentaries will be distributed, and discussed. Beginning on Thursday Feb. 23rd, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Stephen's, it will run for 5 weeks.

Confirmation Journals- The season of Lent is upon us. As we *Journey with Jesus* towards the Lenten season, the confirmandi are taking notes in their journals during Mass. If you, too, would like to write down something that really touched you during Mass, such as a line of music, a verse from one of the readings or one of the prayers, or an idea that Father expressed during his homily, there will be pencils and paper available on a table in the foyer. Please don't let your children write in the songbooks.

Mark your calendars for upcoming dates during Lent;

The Parish Mission - Thurs Mar.9th and Fri Mar. 10th.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays throughout Lent – Olds, Sundre, Didsbury .

Parish Penitential Service - Fri Mar. 24th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Pro-Life Program. On Saturday March 4th, prior to the 5pm Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be offering the rosary and an act of consecration and displaying the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon with the Silver Rose. We will start about 4:20pm. The Silver Rose program is a prayer service promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

CWL

St. Stephen's CWL is hosting World Day of Prayer on FRIDAY MARCH 3@ 3P.M.

The program has been prepared by the WDP committee from Taiwan.

The theme is "I Have Heard Your Faith" (Ephesians 1:15-19).

All men & women are invited to attend & bring your friends.

The format is different this year so please come & join us for great fellowship, prayer & song.

Coffee & goodies in the Parish Hall following service.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

Deacon Charles will lead Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout lent – 7:00 PM .

All are invited to join him.

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.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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 - The second class will be on Feb 20th in the Upper Room of the Parish. If you are planning to have a child baptised, it is necessary 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

OFFICE NEWS

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. These will be mailed out early next week. Thank you!

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.