

# SEVENTH SUNDAY

## ORDINARY TIME

### FATHER NILO MACAPINLAC

#### *Feb 20, 2022 Bulletin*

Sat Feb 19, 2022	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 20, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds
Tues Feb 22, 2022	Morning Prayer W/Donna	9:00 AM
Wed Feb 23, 2022	Morning Prayer W/Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Fri Feb 25, 2022	Morning Prayer W/Donna	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Feb 26 2022	Holy Mass	5:00 PM Olds
Sun Feb 27, 2022	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 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

Prayerful greetings! In today's Gospel taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." It seems so unfair! Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory. Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus understands human nature well. He knows that we naturally desire only good and nothing bad for ourselves. And there is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love! In fact, Jesus tells us that anything short of this is not love at all. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same." We are made for much higher than that. Jesus says instead, "Love your enemies and do good to them and lend expecting nothing back." That is true greatness in God's view. When we love like that, He promises our "reward in heaven will be great." A stewardship way of life is a life worth living because it is modeled after nothing less than our Most High God. And if that is still not incentive enough to embrace this way of life, Jesus gives us one more bit of loving motivation. "Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Our wonderful God and Father simply will not be outdone in love. Be generous with your gifts — with your life — and just watch what He will do! God bless and protect you always!

Prayerfully yours 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.

"Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk or bike when you can, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances when it's time to replace the old. Look for Government grants to assist you in moving towards energy efficient appliances, toilets, etc.

## SYNOD DISCUSSION – *Companions on the Journey*

The Synod on *Synodality in the Church* will be focusing on how the Church journeys together. **Synodality is at the service of the Church's mission, in which all her members are called to participate.** The next topic and question we will explore is:

### CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION

1. How is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the church?
2. What hinders the baptized from being active in mission?
3. What areas of mission are we neglecting?
4. How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)?
5. How does the church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way?

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program. On Saturday March 5th, 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 4:25pm. 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.



"A reminder to all members that dues for the 2022 Fraternal Year can be paid by sending an e-transfer to [matthewcadrin@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewcadrin@hotmail.com)."

## 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 &

Final Weekend – First Reconciliation - Friday, Mar 25, 2022, after school, retreat and sacrament

## 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](mailto:monica.andrew@oldsnet.ca)

## FAITH & FORMATION

Thank you to all who participated in the *Celebrate Marriage* weekend. Please help yourself to the blessed candles, gift bags and valentines on the table in the foyer.

Unfortunately, the photos taken in the trellis at the 9 a.m. Mass did not turn out, due to a camera malfunction. For that reason, the wedding trellis will be left in the foyer for the rest of the month, so please feel free to take photos there.

Also, to celebrate Marriage month, there are books on marriage and family life for sale on the table under Mia's window. Please sign your name by the book you want on the list on that table. Please put the money or cheque in the envelope that is in each book, and give the envelope to Mia or Donna.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE- Coldest Week of the Year Walk

The social justice committee is planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

*Help me Overcome any Hurdles*

*Thank you for the opportunity to see this new day.*

*I pray for your love and your strength today.*

*Please help me overcome any hurdles that may come my way.*

*Please give me wisdom and guidance in everything that I do today,*

*In Jesus' Name I pray.*

