



## April 18, 2021

### Father Nilo Macapinlac

### Calendar of Events

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| Sat April 17, 2021  | Confession – Olds<br>Holy Mass            | 11:00 AM<br>5:00 PM – Live stream*  |
| Sun Apr 18, 2021    | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                    | 9:00 AM – Trochu<br>11:15 – Olds    |
| Tues Apr 20, 2021   | Holy Mass                                 | 6:00 PM – Live stream only**        |
| Wed Apr 21, 2021    | Confession – Trochu<br>Holy Mass - Trochu | 6:00 PM<br>7:00 PM – Live stream ** |
| Thur April 22, 2021 | Holy Mass                                 | 6:00 PM - Olds                      |
| Fri April 23, 2021  | Holy Mass                                 | 9:00 AM - Olds                      |
| Sat April 24, 2021  | Confession – Olds<br>Holy Mass            | 11:00 AM<br>5:00 PM – Live stream*  |
| Sun April 25, 2021  | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                    | 9:00 AM – Olds<br>11:15 AM - Trochu |

**Live stream – St. Stephen's Catholic Parish – Olds Alberta Facebook page \***

**Live stream – Father Nilo's personal facebook pag**

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| <b>PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF</b><br>Pastor – Father Nilo Macapinlac<br>Deacon – Charles Johnston – Retired<br>Pastoral Ass't – Donna Litwin<br>Office Admin – Mia MacDonald<br>4302 57 <sup>th</sup> Ave Olds, AB<br><a href="mailto:Ststephen102@gmail.com">Ststephen102@gmail.com</a><br>403-556-3084<br><a href="http://www.ststephens-olds.ca">http://www.ststephens-olds.ca</a><br>Facebook – St Stephen's Catholic<br>Be sure to follow our Youth group<br>@st.stephens_youth_ on Instagram<br>Office Hours 9-2pm | <b>Sacramental Prep</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion</b><br><del>Mar 13</del><br><del>April 10</del><br>May 1<br>Meetings are via Zoom<br>Packages are available to pick up<br>at the Parish office.<br>Please etransfer \$20 to<br><a href="mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com">ststephen102@gmail.com</a> . As this<br>does not fully cover the cost of<br>materials, donations are<br>appreciated. | <b>CONFIRMATION</b><br>Confirmation classes are scheduled for<br><del>April 10</del><br>April 24<br>May 8<br>May 15<br>Classes are 8:45 – 11:45 AM.<br>Watch for an email with more<br>information.<br>Contact Dana Overwater –<br><a href="mailto:danaoverwater@gmail.com">danaoverwater@gmail.com</a> |
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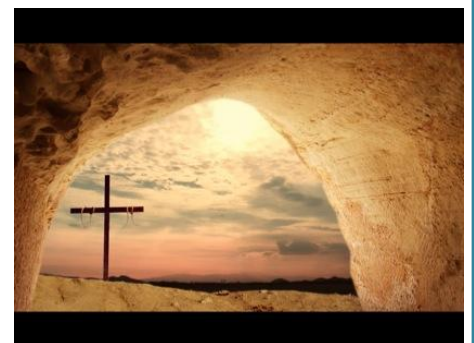
## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends and parishioners,  
Grace and peace in the Risen Lord!

Our First Reading on this Third Sunday of Easter is from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear a lot from St. Peter in the Acts, and it is clear that he felt his main evangelizing role was to tell people the story of Jesus, especially about His resurrection and what that means for each of us. Although Peter is evidently speaking to a Jewish audience, and he makes a point of reminding them that they were part of the crucifixion, Peter is also reminding us that we, too, share in some part in that condemnation and death. Peter of all people is familiar with that because of his own denial of the Lord. Yet, Peter makes it clear that we are forgiven, but it is a forgiveness we must actively seek. God grants mercy to us regardless, but we are prompted to “Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.” We should understand the importance of repentance, but notice that Peter also mentions conversion. Conversion is significant in being able to serve as a disciple of the Lord and to practice stewardship as a way of life. Our Second Reading today is from First John. Like St. Peter we are told again that “...we have an Advocate with the Father, (Who is) Jesus Christ the righteous one.” There is an old hymn titled “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” and that is in part what this concerns. One might say as our Advocate Jesus Himself is our defense lawyer. Imagine standing in judgment before the Lord. Keep in mind that God is not shocked by sin; He has more or less seen it all. God’s forgiveness is always available. Jesus speaks in our behalf. He might say something like “He (or she) is completely guilty. However, he (or she) has made a complete confession to You.” Have we made that confession; have we done it in the way that we should? As St. Peter indicated in the First Reading, forgiveness is available to us, and our sins are “wiped away,” but it is up to us to seek that forgiveness. That is what Easter is all about — repentance, forgiveness, and redemption by our Lord and Savior. The Gospel today is about the story of the two disciples walking to Emmaus who are joined en route by the risen Jesus. When the Lord first joins them, they do not recognize Him. As Biblical scholars have examined this story (which is also reported in Matthew though Emmaus is never mentioned in that passage), many have concluded that the reason Jesus was not recognized is because they were not firmly convinced that He had risen from the dead. This was the darkest of times for Jesus’ followers. Many had probably witnessed the crucifixion, perhaps even these two men. Their hopes for Jesus were in part destroyed by His death. They may well have concluded that Jesus was gone. However, there are key aspects of this journey that revealed to them both the resurrection of the Lord and the absolute reality of His return. One of the more significant parts of the story is when the Lord says, “Have you anything to eat?” A ghost or spirit does not require food. Jesus was real, and in most of His resurrection appearances He dines with the disciples; we need to also understand that Jesus is real. This was the same and real Jesus doing something with them He had done many times before. By the end of this confrontation, the attitudes of the two men had changed completely as they moved from a dark time to a time of light. This is a good thing for us to recall in our own darkest moments especially at this pandemic, when we may doubt and despair. Jesus walks with us as a friend always on our own journeys. He is ever ready to listen to our sorrows and our doubts. If we recognize His presence, we can experience the same healing and joy that the two men walking to Emmaus did. Lord Jesus, you are our Victor-King, truly risen and present in our midst, heal us, keep us strong and grant us the graces and courage to face the challenges of life in this time of pandemic, our hope is in you. Jesus, King of Infinite Mercy, I trust in you!

Devotedly yours in the Merciful Saviour

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor



## ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER – The Year of St. Joseph – Dec 8 2020 – Dec 8 – 2021

Excerpt taken from the apostolic letter *Patris Corde* of Pope Francis

“The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*. Only as a result of This acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: “Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” (*Job* 2:10). Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments. Jesus’ appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely”

### FAMILY LIFE



*Volunteers needed* - Please consider joining the volunteer teams for Masses. Volunteers are especially needed for Thursday 6 p.m. and Sunday mornings. It is because of our Volunteers that we can continue to have Mass -without volunteers, we would be unable to hold Mass during the pandemic!

*Attention all wood workers and craft-people!* During the month of May, we will be holding our St. Joseph the Worker Silent Auction. If you have any items that you wish to donate, projects big and small, crafts of all kinds, gift certificates or crocheted wash cloths - please let the parish office or Maria know. All items will be displayed for the month of

May so everyone has a chance to see what is available, covid-restrictions applying. Reserve bids allowed. Proceeds from the auction will go to the parish Food Bank and beautifying the Church property, e.g. Prayer Garden, Rosary Garden or walk, Pro-life grotto, painting, etc. St. Joseph took good care of his family and home and is our inspiration to do the same!

### COVID PROJECT – MATERIAL NEEDED

We need your old blue jeans (in any condition) for a Covid 19 project to supply denim quilts for people in need. Jeans can be dropped off in the container marked for them in the foyer of the church. Any questions call Jack or Jo-Anne 587 796-1634.

### DIDSBURY CWL SCHOLARSHIP – Tri Parish Area

Are you Catholic and in your final year of High School? Are you planning to attend post-secondary school after graduation? If so, the **Didsbury CWL** is offering **one (1) \$500.00** scholarship.

To receive an application, please email Maxine Moreau, president of the Didsbury CWL

at [dumax22@hotmail.com](mailto:dumax22@hotmail.com). The application process will ask for an essay and two (2) letters of reference.

Deadline to submit application is April 30, 2021.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Our humble thanks to all parishioners who have expressed their condolences, offered prayers and Masses for the Sietzema – Arbuckle families. Your love and caring has truly been of comfort to us. God Bless, Murray and Diane Arbuckle, Linda Sietzema and family



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

~ Charities Appeal Raffle by the Knights of Columbus Alberta/NWT State Council is now available. The Charities Appeal is an online 50/50 Fundraiser. Tickets may be purchased by residents of Alberta, 18 years of age or older, at the website: [www.koc5050.com](http://www.koc5050.com). Please consider making your "In Support of" selection to our council 04748 Father Forsyth. Ticket sales end April 28 th 2021 with the draw on April 30 th 2021. Thanks!

~ The Knights of Columbus is excited to bring you an evening of insightful information by BestSelling Canadian author Jim Ruta ~ How to Eliminate Essential Financial Insecurity in the Pandemic (60 minutes). Please register at one of the links below.

o Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SpysT0HuQgyDpmmr73IOSg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SpysT0HuQgyDpmmr73IOSg) OR

o Wednesday April 28th, 2021 at 7:00 pm -

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0MvBuO2fSU28PATkKN8DZw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0MvBuO2fSU28PATkKN8DZw)

~ Wheelchair Foundation: The Knights of Columbus organization have sponsored the delivery of thousands of wheelchairs to destinations around the globe, including Canada. St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus are asking for your help in the purchase of some chairs for those in need. Any donation amount is a blessing as each chair is \$195.00. Any contribution, \$20 and over, is tax deductible. If you are interested, information and pledge forms are in the foyer near the wheelchair. For questions concerning this project, please call Paul Caves at 587-796-1179.

~ Highway Cleanup: The Knights are once again helping the community by cleaning 18kms of ditches in Mountain View County. St Stephen parishioners have been a great help with this project and so we are asking again for your help on Saturday May 1 st , 2021 starting at 9am at St. Stephen Church. Please consider helping and call Dave Hogarth at 403-994-0054.

**Vivat Jesus!**

## CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

St. Stephen's is recruiting CWL members to join our present 70 members to take part in the exciting changes & strategic plans in motion over the next 2 years. There is so much to learn from this group of over 8000 women nationwide. Are you interested in becoming a part of a spiritual, faithful, & active group of local women? If you would like to join or find out more, please contact one of us. Laurel Arvay @403 556-2360 or Joanne Fewster @403 791 1186. Thank you!



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1