



April 4, 2021
Father Nilo Macapinlac
Calendar of Events

Sat April 10, 2021	Confession – Olds Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Live stream*
Sun Apr 11, 2021	Holy Mass Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 - Trochu
Tues Apr 13, 2021	Holy Mass	6:00 PM – Live stream only**
Wed Apr 14, 2021	Confession – Trochu Holy Mass - Trochu	6:00 PM 7:00 PM – Live stream **
Thur April 15, 2021	Holy Mass	6:00 PM - Olds
Fri April 16, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds
Sat April 17, 2021	Confession – Olds Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Live stream*
Sun April 18, 2021	Holy Mass Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds

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

Live stream – Father Nilo’s personal facebook page **

(Please note the Triduum Mass schedule can be found in last week’s bulletin.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear People of God & Parishioners,

Alleluia! Christ is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Today is Easter, the greatest feast in our Catholic calendar. On this Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter. The Old Adam has gone and we stripped off our old sinful habits, vices and sin. Now is the day of salvation, we put on the New Adam, Christ through whom we become His new creation. "Welcome to the new self and goodbye to the old self." What a grace of transformation and conversion brought by the grace of God and our Lenten observances. Last night was our Easter Vigil, known as the "Mother of All Vigils." Today, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter culminates with Christ's Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from today to Pentecost. It should be characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of Christians: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection. It is most appropriate on this Day of Resurrection that the First Reading comes from the Acts of the Apostles and recounts part of a sermon made by St. Peter. Hippolytus of Rome, a Third Century theologian, gave Peter the title of "Apostle of Apostles." We recognize Peter as the first Pope. Peter was one of the first Apostles and was present and witnessed events with Jesus, including the Transfiguration. Not only did he play a role on this Easter Sunday (as recounted in today's Gospel), but he initially was the foremost evangelist revealing to people the divinity and resurrection of Jesus. Peter opens his sermon today by saying, "You know what happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John (the Baptist) preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power." Peter no doubt gave this sermon scores of times to untold numbers of people. It is important coming from Peter because he was a personal witness to Jesus' ministry and especially His Resurrection. In today's reading Peter also says, "This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible...to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance." Personal and firsthand witness is the most powerful way to evangelize. Each of us is called to evangelize through our Baptism and by how we live our lives. The personal witness of St. Peter is followed by St. Paul's advice as to what we need to do with our lives, as indicated in the Second Reading from Colossians. Paul is telling us that we, too, were raised with Christ and we need to behave as Christ did after He was resurrected. The first thing Jesus did was leave the tomb. We, too, need to leave the tomb; resurrection means we are not destined to live in a tomb. Jesus ministered, especially to His disciples. Stewardship calls us to live our lives with and to serve others. One of the important pillars of stewardship is indeed service. Jesus used His God-given power and strength to continue to accomplish things. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can do the same. Today reminds us that as Catholics and Christians we are enabled, not just for eternity, but to do things right now and right here. Let us live the life that Jesus offered for us, new life: "a life in abundance" which is deeply rooted in His eternal love and resurrection. Glory to God & thanks to everyone who made our Lenten & Easter seasons more meaningful! Happy Easter to all of you!

Yours in the Risen Christ, 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

"Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow."

For the Year of St. Joseph, please don't forget the *100 Acts of Kindness* to do with your family. During the month of February, there were 20 posted on our bulletin board. Wonderful deeds were done! Remember, if you see an act of kindness done, you can add that as well. Let's see if we can hit 100 this month!

THINK TANK – PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

Our pastor and Parish Pastoral Council are looking forward to a “new normal” when Covid restrictions finally lift. As we plan for the bright future of our parish, we invite you to attend a “Think Tank” on Thursday April 15th in the church starting with Mass at 6 p.m. and session afterwards. Your insights and commitment to building our parish post-covid are welcomed and needed. Please sign up on Eventbrite so we can plan accordingly. Once the 48 person capacity is reached, you can sign onto the waiting list and we can schedule another session.

Link for Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-stephen-parish-think-tank-tickets-146829937295>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus News

- **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. Please consider making your “In Support Of” selection to our council **04748 Father Forsyth**. Ticket sales end April 28th 2021 with the draw on April 30th 2021. Thanks!
- **Mundare Sausage Sale** organized by the Knights is coming to St Stephen Parish Saturday April 17th from 10am to 2pm. Drive through for your purchases. No need to get out of your vehicle! Hope to see you there to help us support our charities.
- **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 Richard Bodnar (403-559-9885 ~ skrbodnar@live.ca).

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!

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. The application process will ask for an essay and two (2) letters of reference. Deadline to submit application is April 30, 2021.

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.

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!

PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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Office Hours 9-2pm



Sacramental Prep

1st Communion

Mar 13

April 10

May 1

Meetings are via Zoom

Packages are available to pick up
at the Parish office.

Please e-transfer \$20 to
ststephen102@gmail.com. As this
does not fully cover the cost of
materials, donations are
appreciated.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes are scheduled for

April 10

April 24

May 8

May 15

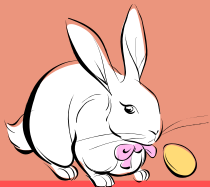
Classes are 8:45 – 11:45 AM.

Watch for an email with more
information.

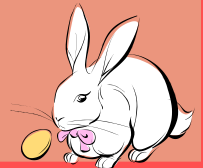
Contact Dana Overwater –
danaoverwater@gmail.com

CATECHISM

Catechism has started again. We are offering in person classes for grades 1-4. Due to Covid Restrictions, we have limited capacity – so please pre register to secure a spot. For more details, please call or text Theresa – 403-559-6843 or Theresa.templeton@gmail.com All Covid protocols will be followed, so please send your child with a Mask. ☺



*Wishing you Peace, Love and Easter Blessings!
The office will be closed on
Good Friday and Easter Monday.*



*He is
Risen*

