

# Advent

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## Father Nilo Macapinlac Dec 19, 2021 Bulletin

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| Sat Dec 18, 2021  | Confession<br>Holy Mass  | 11:00 AM<br>5:00 PM - Olds                       |
| Sun Dec 19, 2021  | Holy Mass  | 9:00 AM Trochu<br>11:15 AM Olds<br>7:00 PM Olds  |
| Tues Dec 21, 2021 | Holy Mass  | 6:30 PM Olds                                     |
| Wed Dec 22 2021   | Holy Mass  | 9:00 AM - Olds<br>7:00 PM – Trochu               |
| Fri Dec 24, 2021  | Christmas Eve Mass  | 5:00 PM – Sundre<br>7:00 PM Olds<br>9:00 PM Olds |
| Sat Dec 25, 2021  | Christmas Day Mass  | 9:00 AM Olds<br>11:15 AM Olds                    |
| Sun Dec 26, 2021  | Holy Mass  | 9:00 AM –Olds<br>11:15 AM Trochu<br>7:00 PM Olds |

Just a reminder that Registration is required for the Christmas Masses. If you are planning to attend, submit your registration to [nanajudy@oldsnet.ca](mailto:nanajudy@oldsnet.ca). Registrations have been emailed, mailed out and are available in the Church lobby. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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/7:00PM  
Sunday – 7:00 PM

The new schedule is in effect until  
March as authorized by the  
Archdiocese.

### Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre

Christmas Eve – 5:00 PM

### Weekly Schedule

Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet  
& Rosary – 10:00 AM

### St Anthony's - Didsbury

Christmas Eve - Parishioners  
from St. Anthony will be  
hosting the 7 PM Mass in Olds  
at St. Stephen's.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My friends, my dear People of God;

**"Ad Jesum per Mariam!"** meaning "To Jesus through Mary", an old Catholic Marian dictum which I learned from my childhood. It is through Mary and the Holy Spirit that our Lord Jesus has come to our world. Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life. Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service. What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth. Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In doing so, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today. We will be stewards after our Blessed Mother's own heart. Hail, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. May our Mother will dispense generously necessary graces for our salvation especially at this time of pandemic. And after this earthly exile, may she show us the Holy Face of Jesus, our salvation. Amen

Yours devotedly in the Lord Most High,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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



As we have closed off the year of Saint Joseph, we cite Saint Teresa of Ávila who wrote, "Those who give themselves to prayer should in a special manner have always a devotion to St. Joseph; for I know not how any man can think of the Queen of the angels, during the time that she suffered so much with the Infant Jesus, without giving thanks to St. Joseph for the services he rendered them then." In that vein, recite and memorize the prayer from *Patris Corde*:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

Shawn McAfee, author and contributor to the National Catholic Register suggests that you commit to always allowing the importance of St. Joseph, worker, earthly father to Jesus, and faithful husband to the Virgin Mary, stay with you always as you labor through your earthly pilgrimage to heaven, always open to God's plans.



## HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – PLAQUE FUNDRAISER

There is a poster attached to this week's bulletin with information regarding the Plaque fundraiser that is happening at Holy Trinity. The school is providing an opportunity for Parishioners and families to sponsor a portable classroom by picking a Saint Name and dedicating the plaque in honor of your family, a loved one, etc. The plaque will hang over the classroom door for all to see.

## 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](mailto:dankilloran0521@gmail.com)

## ST. STEPHEN'S CWL

Dear CWL & Ladies of St. Stephens Parish

I would like to welcome you to our CWL meeting on Friday December 10th at 10 a.m. (after mass)

We will be asking for your membership renewal or if you are not a member now would you want to join? (first year of membership is paid by St. Stephens CWL)

We will have a meditation on Advent & discussion on "refocus"(what is of greatest importance)?

We will also be deciding on our annual garage sale, plus current update from Diocesan, collection for Refugee bags, & reports from our conveners.

If you think you might want to join us for more information, let me know.

We would love to see you.

Blessings Joanne

## ART & ENVIRONMENT – CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas Flower donations can be dropped off up until Monday Dec 20, 2021. Anyone wanting to help decorate should be here after the 9:00 AM Mass on Wednesday Dec 22, 2021. Helpers with big muscles are always welcome.

## CATECHISM CLASSES

Join us this Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm – weather permitting – on the back lawn of the Church where the Catechism program is hosting an outdoor Nativity play - Come and walk with Mary and Joseph as they search for a place to stay in Bethlehem. All are welcome to attend! They are also looking for a few more adult volunteers to help out. If you are available to help, please meet Theresa behind the church after the 11:15 Mass this Sunday.

**SUNDAY MISSALS & YOUTH MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED!**  
**THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WINDOW IN FRONT OF THE PARISH OFFICE.**



## PARISH ADVENT MISSION

Thank you to all who braved the cold to attend our Advent Mission, and to those who watched virtually. A special thank you to Deacon Charles for his inspiring homily at the weekend Masses, and Doreen Bergum for sharing her touching spiritual journey as a Metis elder. Thanks to Fr. Mirek Kostarzewski and Fr. Leon Kler for their pastoral care at the penitential service. Much appreciation to Audrey and Alvin for their music ministry and to our "tekkies", Donna, Maria and Terry. Much to ponder as we prepare for the coming of the Christ-Child. Also, all those who helped to sanitize after each service! Thank you Fr. Nilo, for your vision and working hard to provide all the facets of this mission: sacraments, healing, and the proclamation of the Word.

## OLDS CHRISTMAS ANGELS SOCIETY

*Thank you to all who dropped off items for the Olds Christmas Angels Society Bins. We are so blessed with a wonderful and generous congregation who always respond with open hearts to the needs of those who aren't as fortunate. There will be many happy children in our Community this Christmas Season. Blessings to you all.*

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Next Session is scheduled for Saturday Jan 15, 2022, 9 am – noon.**

Upcoming dates for Reconciliation gatherings are:

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 9 am – noon

Friday, Mar 25, 2022, after school, retreat and sacrament.

## ST. STEPHEN'S NATIVITY DISPLAY

The Franciscan Society invites you to bring your Nativity set to be displayed in the Foyer leading up to Christmas Weekend. There is a table set up for the displays. We encourage our young people to share their Nativity inspired crafts as well.

*Envelopes for 2022 are ready to be picked up. These envelopes begin in January 2022. Please remember to provide your name and address on your envelope for the first month to allow the office a chance to process changes.*

