



# The Second Sunday of Advent

*Father Nilo Macapinlac  
Dec 5, 2021 Bulletin*

Sat Dec 4, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Dec 5, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM –Olds 7:00 PM **- Olds
Tues Dec 7, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Dec 8 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu
Fri Dec 10, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat Dec 11, 2021	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Olds 7:00 PM - Didsbury
Sun Dec 12, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM –Olds 11:15 AM – TROchu 7:00 PM - Olds

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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 now in effect.  
This is a temporary trial from  
September thru March as  
authorized by the Archdiocese.

## Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre

First Friday of the Month  
Confession – 6:00 PM  
Mass – 7:00 PM

### Weekly Schedule

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

St. Anthony's - Didsbury  
Dec 11 – Holy Mass - 7 pm

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends, People of God;

Grace and peace to you! The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time. Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for *eternal* life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure *now*. The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance. Our respective parishes had scheduled Confessions twice a week and twice a year penitential services as well. How do we grab the opportunity in making our hearts ready for the Lord's coming? This Advent, let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about —moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him. May God's mercy and steadfast love be upon you as we celebrate this season of grace and the prayerful season of preparation for the second coming of Christ the Lord.

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



On the Blessed Year of St. Joseph, let us reflect and pray:

Let us reflect on St Joseph whom we see how he can be considered the patron of a happy death. For Christians, no better death is imaginable than one at which Jesus and Mary are present. Their great love accompanied Joseph in the last and most difficult part of this life. Of course in past times (and even today) it was considered desirable to die at home in one's own bed. More than that, our faith makes us long for the consoling love of Jesus and Mary when we die. This thought prompted the prayer to St Joseph asking for the grace to die in circumstances similar to his.

St. Joseph, patron of the dying and of holy and peaceful death, pray for us!

## MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP



If you are a confirmed Catholic – young or old, you are welcome to join the Marian Cenacle Prayer Group on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 PM prior to Mass. If you have a desire to increase and magnify your love for Jesus and Mary, this is the place for you. A personal Cenacle Purpose/Guide will be provided. Please contact Jann at 587-444-1100 if you are interested in joining.



## WE REMEMBER - UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING

In keeping with the *Day of Truth and Reconciliation*, St. Stephen's is holding a series of meetings in an effort to learn more about the First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures to further understanding and healing. "We Remember" is based on informal gatherings to create the opportunity to share stories and open communication about the residential schools situation and the ongoing struggle to retain the cultures of our ancestors. Due to the personal nature of the stories, these meetings will not be available on zoom or live streamed. The date of the next session to be announced.

## 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)

**"Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest"** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is open to all children ages 5 -14. Entry forms are in the foyer of the church. Entries must be in by December 15. Contest Information is on the entry form.

## 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

## ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH GROUP



Join us for our next Youth Night on Dec.9th from 7:00-9:00.

Grades 6-8 are invited to attend a Christmas Carnival with games and activities.

Grades 9-12 are needed as youth leaders.

Please contact Monica Andrew at 994-0323 for questions or to volunteer.

## 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 Sunday Dec 22, 2021. Helpers with big muscles are always welcome.*

**SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED!**

**THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WINDOW IN FRONT OF THE PARISH**

## CATECHISM CLASSES

The Catechism program is hosting an outdoor Nativity play - weather permitting - on Saturday, December 18th at 4 pm on the back lawn of the church. 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.

### Parish Advent Mission – Dec 12 -14th

Our Advent Mission *Finding Hope in God's Embrace* will be live in the Church and live streamed Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Please tell your friends and family!

Weekend Masses will include a homily by Deacon Charles Johnston on *Finding Hope*.

Monday evening at 7 p.m. will include presentations and displays on *Laudato Si- Care for Our Common Home* featuring *Truth & Reconciliation* with the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. (Child care will be provided from 7-8 on Monday evening for those wishing to participate) Tuesday morning will see a paraliturgy on healing with Fr. Nilo and anointing afterwards for those who desire the Lord's healing touch.

Tuesday evening will include Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Advent penitential service at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Maria by leaving a message on 403-415-6833.

### OLDS CHRISTMAS ANGELS SOCIETY

"For over 20 years the volunteers of the Olds Christmas Angels Society have been providing toys during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families and individuals living in Olds and surrounding area. The Olds Christmas Angels Society relies entirely upon the generous donations of individuals, organizations and businesses to provide the cash and gift donations for the hampers."

We have a drop off bin located in the foyer of St. Stephen's. You can grab a tag from a tree around town for gift ideas.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Upcoming dates for Reconciliation gatherings are:**

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021, 9 am – noon

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022, 9 am – noon

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 9 am – noon

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



*Our Community Life committee will be distributing Christmas Goody Bags to the children following Mass on Sunday Dec 12, 2021. Make sure you stop and say Hello!*

WE PRAY FOR

Peace

IN OUR HEARTS

AND IN OUR WORLD

