



Father Nilo Macapinlac

St. Stephen Our Lady of Fatima St. Anthony

My dear People of God,
Prayerful greetings!

My dear friends, our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of humankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us. Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord." Prayer makes us humble since we surrender not only our needs, our bright future but ourselves before God in meekness of heart. I commend to you to pray in nature around when it is not cold when you are doing your walking exercise, and in a very special way before the Most Blessed Sacrament. We have Eucharistic Adoration every Friday here in Olds immediately (First Friday- 24 hours) and every Wednesday before 7 pm Mass in Trochu. St. John Paul II once said that: "Prayer is the oxygen to the soul, strength to those who are sick and medicine to those who are sick." St. Joseph, patron of Canada, intercede for us! Blessings to all of you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening – 5 PM

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday – 11:15 AM

2nd, 4th Sunday – 9:00 AM

Daily Live stream – 6 PM

**Thursday Eve Mass – 7 PM w/
Rosary at 6:30 PM.**

Friday Morning Mass – 9 am

**Confession – Every Saturday
11am**

**Appt's for Confession are also
available.**

CONFIRMATION

**If you have a child that is Grade
6 / Age 11 and up who will
celebrate Confirmation this
year, please contact Donna in
the office to register. Classes will
run through Zoom and will begin
soon. We are looking for
volunteers to help lead the class**



*Stay Safe
Stay Healthy
God Bless*

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

The Year of St. Joseph – Dec 8, 2020 – Dec 8, 2021

My dear devotees & friends of St. Joseph, My dear devotees & friends of St. Joseph,

St. Joseph is the patron of our country Canada. One of the most devoted of our own saints here in North America was St. Brother Andre Bessette of St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. He became a great healer through the intercession of St. Joseph. St. Joseph could intercede with those infected by the virus and any sickness which was proven in the life and ministry of St. Bro. Andre. This is very relevant since millions are now infected by this deadly novel corona virus and its variants. Here, God has given us the great model and intercessor on this unprecedented time for healing. St. Joseph the Miracle Worker, pray for us. Let us pray:



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.

“BarJosef”
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Tradition- Sleeping Joseph

“I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: ‘Pray for this problem!’” *Pope Francis* (<https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/>)



We will celebrate The Feast of Joseph the Worker on May 1, 2021. We invite all wood workers and crafters in the parish to donate a small project – bird house, bird feeder, shelf, toque, mittens, painting, string art, etc which we could sell/raffle. The proceeds will be donated to a charity – following the theme of “Home”. The items will be placed on display in the foyer and on Facebook. Whether you are a carpenter by trade, a woodworking enthusiast or a weekend crafter, we welcome your contributions.

FAMILY LIFE

Please join us on Thursday evenings for Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. The Rosary offers prayers and reflections for the pandemic as issued by the Vatican. There are so many graces when we pray together! Also, if you are able to attend and can help out with point of entry and registration, please let Maria know at 403-415-6833. As we do on Friday mornings, all those who attend clean their own pew.

Thursday February 11th is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Please see the attached prayers in your email, that we pray before every Mass on Thursdays and Fridays, and join with us, especially for the sick during this pandemic. If you wish to receive anointing of the sick, please approach Father before or after Mass on this day.

CATECHISM NEWS

Youcat For Kids catechisms are available for purchase at the church for \$30.00/book. This is a great resource to read with your child(ren) that will encourage discussion about the truths of our faith! Supplemental activities can be found on their website: www.youcat.org/products/youcat-for-kid

SOCIAL JUSTICE

On February 20, 2021 there will be the Coldest Night of the Year walk to raise money and awareness for homelessness in Canada. A few of our parishioners participated last year in the walk and many more generously sponsored them. The money went to support the Mustard Seed in Red Deer. I am looking to recruit some people to join in the walk and help to raise funds for this great organization. If you are unable to walk with us, I would happily accept any donations. Please phone/text Tara at (403) 507 -1793 or email me at tarabruder@msn.com.

BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The Bottle Drive Fundraiser will be ongoing. You can drop your bottles off at the depot and inform the staff that they are for St. Stephen's. If you are unable to drop them off and require assistance, please contact Ernie O @ 403-507-1960. Thank you to everyone who is contributing to the Bottle Depot Drive and for all who have helped make it happen.

CWL

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

CWL is running a Coco Brooks fundraiser from Jan 21, 2021 to Feb 15. Pick up is scheduled for Mar 1, 2021.

Go to fundraising.cocobrooks.com Buying code frag-coup.

If you require assistance or are interested in seeing a paper catalog, please email dawn.woodbury@gmail.com or text/call 780-872-6174.



ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

St. Stephen's Youth has a new Instagram page! We will be posting challenges, contests, fun faith-based facts, and news on upcoming events. Our aim is to be more involved with the youth in our parish the best we can, given the circumstances.

Be sure to follow @st.stephens_youth_ on Instagram!

We look forward to seeing you!

-The Youth Council

FOOD BOX UPDATE

Thank-you to all those who continue to support our parish foodbank. We have now found a new home for the items and are better able to see what we have. If you drop by with groceries, please leave them in the bin in the foyer as you have done in the past. These will be sorted and stored in the new location. In sorting the donations last week we found we have an abundance of certain items.

Please note that we **DO NOT require donations** of the following items at this time.

canned corn	canned peas	peanut butter	black beans	stove top stuffing
Kraft Dinner	pasta	tomato sauce	tomato soup	

Items that we **ARE in need of** are:

cereal	juice	fruit blend cups	coffee	canned fruit
condiments	jam	granola bar	Cup of Noodles (school)	canned meats/fish
canned vegetables - mixed vegetables, carrots - Reminder: we have enough corn and peas				
Soup - hearty, chunky soups - Reminder: we have enough Tomato soup				

OFFICE

- Income tax receipts for 2020 and envelopes for 2021 are available. Please ensure that you are including your name on the envelope in the first month or two as some numbers have changed. They are on the table right outside the office – we ask that you stop quickly, sanitize before handling, and move forward. If you can, we encourage you to pop in during the week to pick up your box of envelopes or tax receipt. If you have started making Automatic contributions, you will not have a box of envelopes assigned to you.
 - If you have a change of address, please notify the office immediately.
 - If you have donated through Canada Helps, you can find your Income Tax receipt online through their site www.canadahelps.org
 - If you would like more information on setting up Automatic Contribution via Debit or Credit or E-transfers at this time, please contact Mia in the office.
- We would like to remind everyone attending Mass that they are required to proceed directly to the exit following Mass. We ask that you refrain from stopping to socialize or congregate in the foyer as this goes against the AHS and Archdiocesan directives that are in place. Once again, we thank you for your cooperation.

Due to Covid 19, the Archdiocese is looking at offering training sessions via Zoom. This will require the volunteer to have access to a computer and have a valid email address. The first session is scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 7 pm. Electronic handouts will be sent to volunteers who register for training. Each session will have a maximum of 20 volunteers attending. Please contact the office or Deacon Charles if you are interested in attending.