



Father Nilo Macapinlac

St. Stephen Our Lady of Fatima St. Anthony

Dear friends in Christ,

Christ's peace and grace be with you!

Our readings today remind us of God's authority. As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as Disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere. He vaccinated us already with His precious Blood on the Cross and the water of Baptism from the worst virus, a spiritual one, the original sin.

He reminded us: "Not to be afraid to the one who can kill the body but the soul, but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28). Christ's authority is both from heaven and on earth and nothing is impossible with him. Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so. Our faith increases when we trust God for He knew what is best for us. We learned wisdom from Christ: "Not my will but your will be done."

As we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, let us reflect why God the Father entrusted His Only Begotten Son and the Blessed Virgin under his protection and care. How God trusted him despite of his age and human limitations. After all who is in control? Let us continue to reflect on the life of St. Joseph which we can read on the pages of the synoptic gospels and some literature in our parish library. St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family and patron of our Archdiocese of Edmonton, pray for us. God bless you richly!

Sincerely 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

My dear devotees & friends of St. Joseph,

His Holiness, Pope Francis has proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021). As we profess our faith, I believe in the Communion of Saints, one of the most humble saints aside from the Blessed Virgin Mary is her chaste spouse, St. Joseph. Since this most challenging year of pandemic is not yet the end of the dark tunnel brought by covid-19 and its variant, let us journey in faith, prayer and reflection why this year is being dedicated to St. Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus Christ. This declaration of Pope Francis coincides with the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX with the document "[Quemadmodum Deus](#)" on December 8, 1870. I myself was formed as seminarian and priest at St. Joseph Regional Seminary in the Philippines and here at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. Two seminaries named after him and wherever I go there is St. Joseph. Who is St. Joseph for you and what is his role and significance in your Catholic faith? St. Joseph, pray for us. Amen



"BarJosef,"

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FAMILY LIFE

We are in the midst of scheduling some events to help us to know St. Joseph, earthly-father of Jesus. To get us started, Father will lead us in a prayer to St. Joseph at every Mass. We will also pray the Litany of St. Joseph before 7 p.m. Mass on the first Thursday of each month.

Father suggested that since many of the things that Joseph did were quiet, that as a parish involving ALL age groups, we could do **100 Acts of Kindness**. Whether it is offering to wash dishes for Mom, sweeping/shoveling the sidewalk for a neighbour, phoning someone who is lonely, etc..

- Write down the deed on a sticky note which can be pinned to the bulletin board in the foyer at church. Our goal is to reach 100 acts each month. You do not need to sign your name. You can either write your deeds at home or bring them to the church or sticky notes will be provided by the bulletin board for you to use there.
At the end of each month, the total will be published in the bulletin. Let us fill up the bulletin board!
- Each week in the bulletin, St. Joseph's Corner will contain a prayer, tradition, activity or a saint who was devoted to St. Joseph. If you have any ideas, please feel free to let Mia know.
- A parishioner suggested that we celebrate May 1st, the Feast of Joseph the Worker by inviting 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 or a woodworking enthusiast, we welcome your contributions!

THE FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

This weekend, we celebrated Santo Niño- the celebration of Christianity brought to the Philippines. This year, 2021, is extra special as it commemorates 500 years of Jubilee of Philippine Christianity. We thank everyone who helped to beautify the altar in preparation, those who helped organize and all who participated in the Santa Niño celebration.



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

Thank you to everyone who is contributing to the Bottle Depot Drive. The Bottle Depot Collection continues to be a great help at this time. You can drop your bottles off at the depot and inform the staff that they are for St. Stephen's Parish. We would like to thank Joseph for giving of his time to run the bottle campaign and to arrange pickups, we welcome Ernie O and Leo who will continue to assist with the Bottle Drive. Please call Ernie at 403-507-1960 who is able to pick up your bottles if you aren't able to get out.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Catholic Education promotes the spiritual, academic, cultural, physical and social development of students. Teaching the foundations of Catholic beliefs, we develop a strong spirit for social justice and citizenship by calling our students to transform the world through Christ. Online registration for Pre K and Kindergarten is now open for the 2021-2022 school year at www.holytrinitycatholic.ca



OFFICE

- Envelopes for 2021 are available. 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.
- Please ensure that you are including your name on the envelope in the month of January as some numbers have changed. This helps Mia in the office make sure that your envelope number is correct. If you have started making Automatic contributions, you will not have a box of envelopes assigned to you.
- Income tax receipts are ready to be picked up. 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 Tax receipt.
- If you have a change of address, please notify the office immediately.
- 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.

Thank You

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

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