



**St. Anthony      St. Stephen      Our Lady of Fatima**

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## **JULY BULLETIN**

My dear friends and parishioners,

Prayerful greetings! This month of July is dedicated as the month for the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. In every Mass the priest officiating the Holy Mass took the Chalice filled with wine and a drop of water and consecrated it to be the real Blood of Christ whom he shed for the remission of our sins. With His Precious Blood shed on the Cross, we are all redeemed. He paid our eternal debt as the Lamb of sacrifice for the atonement of our sins. All bloody sacrifices in the Temple have ended. No blood of any animals can surpass with the price of the Blood of Christ that paved the way to eternal salvation. Blessed be His Most Precious Blood! What a selfless and humble offering that paid the price of our salvation.

The theme of humility is central to our readings this month of July. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."

What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now and ultimately leads us to heaven. As we receive the Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament let His Precious Blood run also in our veins, that we have the conviction to follow Him through our witness to the faith, through stewardship way of life and as missionary disciples. May the Lord who shed His blood on the Cross for us, preserve us from the contagion of corona virus and all dreaded diseases. Let the Most Precious Blood of Jesus cover us for our protection and vaccinate us. Amen

Thank you for your unceasing support for our parish needs, through your generous donations financially and in volunteering to make our Masses possible. God bless you & all people of good will from coast to coast of Canada!

Yours devotedly in Christ the Lord,  
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor



## Vacation Bible School – Cat Chat at Home

Great news! Our parish is providing your family with a free At Home VBS this summer. Your family can enjoy our “Cat Chat At Home VBS” in the comfort and safety of your living room or maybe in the backyard with a few friends!

**Our fun 5-DAY AT HOME VBS begins on Monday June 29, 2020**

### **Cat Chat At Home VBS includes:**

- A daily Cat Chat Action Song Video for your children to watch, sing, and dance along to
- A Bible Verse Music Video to help kids memorize God's Word and plant seeds of faith
- 10 Cat Chat VBS songs (2 songs daily) to stream from your device anywhere/anytime
- Printable faith and craft activities
- Snack and game activities
- A daily saint story and coloring page
- Prayers
- Connection questions to spark meaningful conversations
- Plus, an opportunity for kids to enter a SUMMER VBS coloring contest and win exciting prizes.

Make sure to select our VBS start date: 06/29/2020 when you sign up.

Then, look forward to receiving your At Home VBS email for 5 consecutive days.

**Note:** You will have access to this At Home VBS starting on your start date up until August 28th, 2020. SIGN UP to receive your AT Home VBS:

[Sample Day 1 and SIGN UP HERE for your At Home VBS Experience](#)

Thank you for being intentional about giving your kids the opportunity to grow in their faith! This At Home VBS experience will bless your entire family. In Christ, Your St. Stephen's Parish Family

## Sacramental Prep – First Communion

Just a reminder that we have Sacramental Prep Books and CD's here at the Church for our little people who are signed up and preparing for their First Communion. These are fantastic resources for you to review as a family with your child.

1 child - \$20

2 children - \$30.

Payment can be made at the office.

## *Community – Prayers for Recovery*

Over the past weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Viviane Ganser suffered a stroke and is presently being treated in the Red Deer Regional Hospital. Due to Covid 19 Restrictions, visitation is limited to only 2 designated immediate family members. Instead of visitation or flowers, Alvin and Viviane are asking the St. Stephen's Catholic Church Community for their prayers for Vivianne's recovery. We thank you for any prayers said for Vivianne's benefit. Thanks, Alvin

## *Birthdays in July*

*Many blessings to those who are celebrating their Birthday in July!*

## *Summer Office Hours*

The office will be open from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm - Mon thru Fri through the summer months of July & August, unless otherwise posted.

If you should require access to the Church between 1-4 (Tues-Fri), you can contact Father Nilo at 403-556-2681 (rectory) or 780-352-1524(cell).

You can email the Parish office – [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com).

## Parish Giving

We are providing some additional links for sites where contributions towards the Church can be made. Your financial contributions at this time are needed more than ever. Thank you to all who have taken time to drop off or mail your donations, every little bit helps to keep us going during this time.

**CAEDM-** [www.caedm.ca/donate](http://www.caedm.ca/donate) - You can select St. Stephen's in the drop down box

**CANADA GIVES** - <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/890356249RR0001-the-catholic-parish-of-st-stephen/>

**E-TRANSFERS ARE AVAILABLE NOW:** A Donation can be sent via interact transfer to St. Stephen's Catholic Parish – use the email address – [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com). Please include your name and or envelope number in the message section, so donations can be recorded correctly. For anyone who has been looking for an alternate method, here is something for you.

**Automatic Contribution:** Paperwork is also available for anyone wishing to sign up to have their monthly contribution automatically applied through debit or credit. Please contact Mia in the office for assistance.

*Please note:* There will not be a regular collection, however, a collection basket will be available before Mass. If you prefer to continue to give through e-transfer or alternative methods – your Contribution is greatly appreciated.

## Holy Mass

Mass has returned to our normal weekend schedule.

Saturday evening – 5:00PM

Sunday – 11:15 (1st, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

Sunday – 9:00 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

Live stream will continue on Saturdays at 5 pm for those still unable to attend.

We would like to thank all of our Volunteers who have assisted us in getting our Holy Mass back up and running. We would also like to thank our Parishioners who have joined us for weekend Mass – for your patience and understanding as we navigate these new waters.

We will be offering more Volunteer sessions in the near future, please contact the office if you are interested. If you feel like you have indicated interest but haven't heard from the office, please follow up. This has been a busy time, and we apologize if we have missed you in our original sessions of training.

We are using Google Forms to help our Parishioners sign in. This is not mandatory to attend, but it does help expedite the process when you arrive to Mass. We are still required to Social Distance, therefore we are limited by our ability to seat everyone safely. This sign in form is available on Facebook, has been sent via email, and on our website.

**YOU ONLY HAVE TO FILL OUT THE INFORMATION ONCE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SIGN IN PROCESS, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO IT EACH WEEK.**

### **You can expect the following:**

Arrive

Line up

Masks are required before you proceed further

Volunteer will guide you through the Health & Safety Questions

Proceed to foyer – Confirm sign in or fill our Information

Line up to be ushered in

Ushers will seat you.

Ushers will guide the procession to Communion

Ushers will guide the exit of Parishioners.

Hand Sanitizing is required

Masks are required to enter the Church, while you are signing in and being seated and to and from Communion, and upon exiting. You are able to remove your mask while seated in the pew.

We thank you for your patience and your prayers during this time. We understand that this isn't the way we are used to doing things, but we are doing our best to follow the directives that have come down from the Archdiocese in communication with Alberta Health.

## *Resources*

**Quid Novum:** [www.caedm.ca/quidnovum](http://www.caedm.ca/quidnovum)

**EWTN:** [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

**Find Dynamic Catholic on You Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/DynamicCatholic>

**Follow Father Mike on Ascension Presents:**

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=ascension+presents](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ascension+presents)

Living with Christ – free download - <https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/index.php/intentions>

<https://caedm.ca/covid-parishes> - for more info regarding reopening of Mass



Financial Report – Month ending May 2020

Income by Month and Year				Expenses by Month and Year			
	2018	2019	2020		2018	2019	2020
Jan	\$28,191.00	\$28,252.15	\$28,881.56	Jan	\$17,932.00	\$22,988.00	\$25,070.00
Feb	\$21,615.00	\$18,123.98	\$19,441.41	Feb	\$29,310.00	\$21,500.00	\$17,365.00
Mar	\$25,061.00	\$20,022.20	\$15,296.98	Mar	\$17,352.00	\$19,484.00	\$19,999.00
Apr	\$23,004.00	\$24,740.27	\$18,206.46	Apr	\$56,630.00	\$11,599.00	\$23,124.76
May	\$23,526.00	\$26,753.60	\$22,233.88	May	\$23,954.72	\$16,351.00	\$19,922.15
Surplus (Deficit) by Month and Year							
	2018	2019	2020				
Jan	10,259.00	5,264.15	\$ 3,811.56				
Feb	\$7,695.00	\$3,376.02	\$ 2,076.41				
March	\$7,709.00	\$538.20	\$ 4,702.02				
April	\$33,626.00	\$13,141.27	\$ 4,918.30				
May	\$428.72	\$10,402.60	\$ 2,311.73				
Cumulative Position	\$ 23,781.71	\$ 25,970.20	\$ 1,420.62				



*A Summer Blessing*  
 May you walk with God  
 this summer  
 In whatever you do  
 Wherever you go

Walking with God means...  
 Walking with honesty  
 And with courage,  
 Walking with love  
 And respect  
 And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God  
 this summer  
 And every day and in every situation.

Talking with God means...  
 Praying words of praise  
 For the beauty of creation  
 Saying prayers of thanks  
 For friends and good times,  
 Asking God's help  
 In all your decisions  
 Expressing sorrow  
 When you have failed

May you talk with God  
 Every day. Amen.  
 - Author unknown