



May 2, 2021

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Calendar of Events

Sat May 1, 2021	Confession – Olds Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Live stream*
Sun May 2, 2021	Holy Mass Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 – Olds
Tues May 4, 2021	Holy Mass	6:00 PM – Live stream only**
Wed May 5, 2021	Confession – Trochu Holy Mass - Trochu	6:00 PM 7:00 PM – Live stream **
Thur May 6, 2021	Holy Mass	6:00 PM - Olds
Fri May 7, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds
Sat May 8, 2021	Confession – Olds Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Live stream*
Sun May 9, 2021	Holy Mass Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM - Trochu

Live stream – St. Stephen's Catholic Parish – Olds Alberta Facebook page *

Live stream – Father Nilo's personal face book page

PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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@st.stephens_youth_ on Instagram
Office Hours 9-2pm

Sacramental Prep

1st Communion

~~Mar 13~~

~~April 10~~

May 1

Meetings are via Zoom

Packages are available to pick up
at the Parish office.

Please etransfer \$20 to
sstephen102@gmail.com. As this
does not fully cover the cost of
materials, donations are
appreciated.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes are scheduled for

~~April 10~~

~~April 24~~

May 8

May 15

Classes are 8:45 – 11:45 AM.

Watch for an email with more
information.

Contact Dana Overwater –
danaoverwater@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear People of God,

Joy & peace in the Lord! Throughout this Easter season many of our first readings are from the Acts of the Apostles, a recounting of the early Church and its development. That early Church would not have survived and thrived without a strong sense of stewardship. Today's first reading recounts the challenges Saul (St. Paul) had with the disciples in Jerusalem. Paul was not readily accepted, perhaps because they remembered what he had once done in persecuting them, or they were just at a time when trust of others was not high. In any case, note how Barnabas both accepts and introduces Paul to others as one of them. This is a lesson for us in how we treat others. It has a lot to do with the idea of hospitality, which is central to a stewardship parish. Barnabas loves and befriends, just as we are to do. St. John takes that love explained and demonstrated in the first reading and expands it. St. John's point is that we cannot just talk about love; we must carry it out with action. This ties in so directly with the first reading in that once we love others, are hospitable, warm and welcoming, we then must take that next step and reach out to others. That is the action element of stewardship — how do we reach out to and serve the poor and those in need. John also offers the transition to our Gospel message. "...we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as He commanded us." It all ties together. We are called to love through stewardship, but we cannot really have the love we need if we do not seek it through the Lord. Mother Teresa once made reference to a problem in the world in that there were people who more or less loved humanity, but they did not love each person who made up that humanity. When we are called to love one another, it is very specific; we are to love each person individually and directly. "I am the vine; you are the branches." With those words in our Gospel from St. John, Jesus emphasizes the importance of our relationship with Him. It is to be more than a relationship; He abides in us and we are to abide in Him. It is a union that must and will produce fruit. You may not be aware that across the front of the Temple in Jerusalem was a carved golden vine. The vine represented the nation of Israel. Jesus often used references to vines and branches and fruits in His teaching. In this Gospel there are some subtle references that require knowledge of growing, nurturing, and harvesting the fruits of the vine. If you have ever seen a vineyard, the vines are often raised up and placed on poles. This allows them to get more sun and to develop more fully and to bear more fruit. That is part of the message from Jesus in this Gospel. If we will allow Him to lift us up, we, too, will feel His presence more fully; as a result our faith and our actions will develop more fully; and we, too, will bear the fruit to build the Kingdom and to carry out our lives of stewardship more effectively. Thus from the love described in the first reading, to the active type of love to which we are called in the second reading, to the shared love with and of the Lord in the Gospel that allows us to be His disciples, we are more complete, more satisfied. At this unprecedented time of pandemic, this authentic love could be challenged since we are restricted in many ways but we become more creative how to reach out and to live this God's love. I knew God will never stop loving and caring for you! "Do your best and God will do the rest."

Prayerfully yours in Christ,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SILENT AUCTION

Donated woodwork and craft items to be dropped this weekend!! (May 1)

Items on display – Beginning May 8th and all throughout May during the Weekend Masses.

Silent Auction – May 21 - May 30th

Bidding closes – May 30th – 3 PM. Highest bid at 3 PM takes the item.

The official Auction will run on Face book, where you can bid online, and for anyone that cannot access Face book, you can contact Maria at 403-415-6833 to place your bid. All proceeds will go towards our Parish Food Bank, and beautifying the Church property – potential projects include Prayer Garden, Rosary Garden, beautifying the Grotto, Painting etc. Perfect way to get Mom give you hints for a Mother's Day or get ideas for Dad for Father's Day or treat yourself to a beautiful Garden Angel – or outbid your neighbor just for fun and then gift them with the item ☺
Join us to honor St. Joseph, recognize the talents and gifts of our fellow parishioners and support our wonderful Parish.

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

Weekly Excerpt taken from the apostolic letter *Patris Corde* of Pope Francis

"Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture"

FAMILY LIFE



Volunteers needed - Please consider joining the volunteer teams for Masses. Volunteers are especially needed for Thursday 6 p.m. and Sunday mornings. It is because of our Volunteers that we can continue to have Mass -without volunteers, we would be unable to hold Mass during the pandemic!

Make sure you get check out the items that will be available in the St. Joseph the Worker Silent

DIDSBURY CWL SCHOLARSHIP – Tri Parish Area

*** Change of Email address***

If you have forwarded an application for the scholarship, please note that there has been a change to the email address. Please re send your email to Maxine Moreau at max22moreau@gmail.com

Are you Catholic and in your final year of High School? Are you planning to attend post-secondary school after graduation? If so, the **Didsbury CWL** is offering **one (1) \$500.00** scholarship.

The application process will ask for an essay and two (2) letters of reference. Deadline to submit application is April 30, 2021.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

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!

COVID PROJECT – Denim quilt update

Thanks in part to the generous donations of jeans and fabric from parishioners we have been able to create 30 quilts to date. Quilts have been donated to agencies both in Red Deer and Olds. We have also donated a few items to the Parish for the St. Joseph the Worker Silent Auction. Get your bids in!

If you are aware of an agency that would be able to use quilts, we would love to hear from you.

Although our original plea asked for jeans, we can also use pants made of heavier fabrics such as corduroy, wool and khaki. Colored jeans are welcome as well.

Thanks again for your generosity. Keep those jeans coming! Any questions – call Jack or Jo-Anne Sell 587-796-1634.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- The Knights of Columbus is excited to bring you an evening of insightful information by Best Selling Canadian author Jim Ruta ~ **How to Eliminate Essential Financial Insecurity in the Pandemic** (60 minutes). Please register at the link below.
 - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0MvBuO2fSU28PATkKN8DZw
- **Wheelchair Foundation:** The Knights of Columbus organization have sponsored the delivery of thousands of wheelchairs to destinations around the globe, including Canada. St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus are asking for your help in the purchase of some chairs for those in need. Any donation amount is a blessing as each chair is \$195.00. Any contribution, \$20 and over, is tax deductible. If you are interested, information and pledge forms are in the foyer near the wheelchair. For questions concerning this project, please call Paul Caves at 587-796-1179.
- **Highway Cleanup:** The Knights are once again helping the community by cleaning 18kms of ditches in Mountain View County. St Stephen parishioners have been a great help with this project and so we are asking again for your help on Saturday May 1st, 2021 starting at 9am at St. Stephen Church. Please consider helping and call Dave Hogarth at 403-994-0054.
- **Vivat Jesus!**



A Prayer for our Children preparing for First Communion

Lord, We pray that you will surround our children with your grace and favour, in Your mercy and kindness, strengthen them with the fortitude of Your Holy Spirit.

May they be forever filled with your knowledge and wisdom, and help them to make decisions that glorify and honor you.

Help them to follow after you and see your peace, guidance and righteousness.

We believe and trust that your plans for them are good.

Guide them as they complete their preparation to receive you – the most sacred host.