



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat May 8, 2021	Confession – Olds Holy Mass – LIVE STREAM ONLY - <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Livestream*
Tues May 11, 2021	Holy Mass - LIVESTREAM**	6:00 PM – Livestream **
Thur May 13, 2021	Holy Mass – LIVESTREAM**	6:00 PM – Olds- Livestream**
Fri May 14, 2021	Holy Mass – LIVESTREAM**	9:00 AM – Olds- Livestream, **
Sat May 15, 2021	Confession – Olds Holy Mass – LIVESTREAM +	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Live stream*



SACRAMENTAL MASS

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

**Live stream – Father Nilo's personal face book page

ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to the new AHS restrictions of May 5, 2021 and directive from the Archdiocese of Edmonton, St. Stephen's will move to a Livestream ONLY Mass for the next three weeks. During this time, we will continue with Sacramental Masses for our families with First Communion and Confirmation candidates. The Livestream Mass on Saturday evening will continue to be posted on our St. Stephen's Facebook page, while Father will continue to post the weekday Masses on his personal Facebook 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

Please etransfer \$20 to
ststephen102@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.

Class this weekend!
Contact Dana Overwater –
danaoverwater@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear friends & parishioners; I wish all of our Mother's a Happy and Blessed Mother's Day! Alleluia! There is something impressive about St. Peter as reflected in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter has clearly grasped what Christ meant when He instructed His followers to "Love one another, as I have loved you." The passage begins with Peter arriving at the house of Cornelius, who in deference to Peter, falls at Peter's feet to pay him homage. Peter's response says everything to us about how to treat others and how we ourselves need to view our own lives. Peter says, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Prior to that Peter lifts Cornelius up. The deep faith of Cornelius is well documented in Acts. We learn that Cornelius sent his servants to get Peter and bring him there. Cornelius had certainly heard of Peter and knew of his past and his involvement with Jesus. However, Cornelius also realized that he was a Gentile, and so there may have been some fear on his part that Peter might reject him, or even hesitate to enter his house. Peter's response to this show of respect from Cornelius is an example of the love about which we are speaking. Peter felt that Cornelius should not show this reverence to Peter, and Peter also felt he should not receive it. Peter would be the first to tell Cornelius and others that the reverence offered him should be offered to Jesus Christ Himself. As Jesus said, we are to love as He loves us. Peter did that.

The passage from the First Letter of John that comprises our Second Reading could not be more specific on our call to love one another. John opens with "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." We have reflected previously on what words are used for "love" in the Bible. There are two Greek words that are the originals translated as "love" in these instances. *Agapao* is a verb, and *agape* is a noun. This is not romantic love; it means affection certainly, but it also means benevolence and concern for the welfare of the one loved. It is deliberate rather than emotional or impulsive. As mentioned in the opening of this reflection, it involves action, demonstrating the forms that this Christian love should take.

St. John is explaining to us that if we know and experience God, then it will be shown in the ways we love one another. We may realize that this kind of love cannot be perfected on this side of eternity. Nevertheless, it must be present in our lives, and it needs to grow throughout our lives. This is a self-giving love that gives without demands or expectations of re-payment. It is God's kind of love, and for us to love one another more we need to grow closer to God. In today's Gospel from the Book of John, Jesus says, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." The Lord closes this passage by saying, "This I command you: love one another." In one form or another Jesus tells us to "Love one another" eleven times in the Bible. St. Paul also includes this commandment in his writings as do others, including passages in the Old Testament. Obviously, one could do an entire reflection on what this love means, what it entails, but it has a much greater depth than just talking about it. "Love," like "stewardship" implies action. Let us live the love of God the way Jesus has loved us for God is love. The world knows that we are children of God because we love one another this was the mandate of Jesus during his last supper. May God bless you richly & love you so dearly!

Devotedly in Christ,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SILENT AUCTION

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 Facebook, where you can bid online, and for anyone that cannot access Facebook, 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

That child would go on to say: "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (*Mt 25:40*). Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is "the child" whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying. Consequently, the Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From Saint Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor.

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!

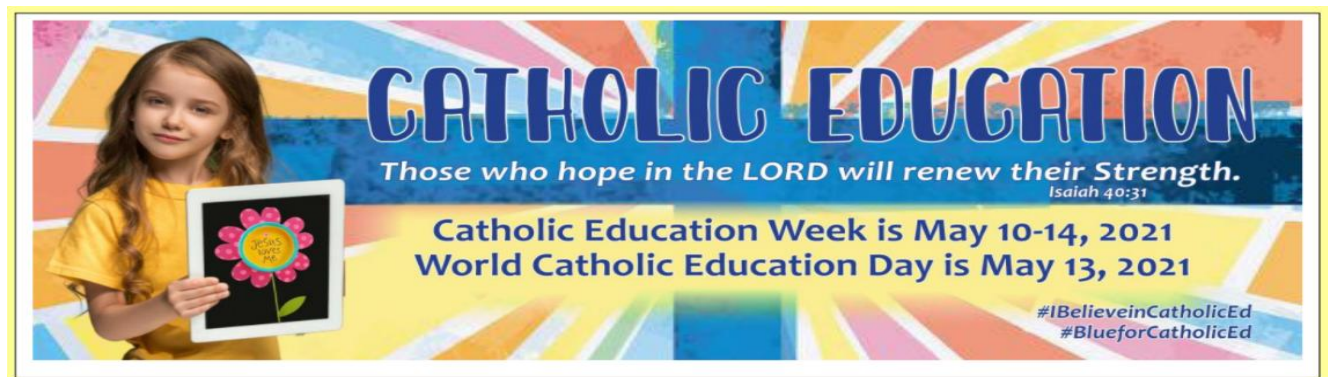
COVID PROJECT – Denim quilt update

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.



This week we celebrate Catholic Education. In Alberta, about one in four kids attend a Catholic school — that's more than 160,000 students. Our province's publicly funded Catholic education is a gift that we acknowledge with deep gratitude and embrace with unwavering determination. Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is grateful for the opportunity to provide a faith-based education to more than 10,360 students in 19 schools. We are grateful for the teachers, administrators, parents, students, trustees, priests, and parishioners who are committed to Catholic Education. Please join us in celebrating Catholic Education with this small tribute to our Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGu6AlWWQ&t=5s>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **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.
- **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 Richard Bodnar (403-559-9885) skrbodnar@live.ca
- **Highway Cleanup** – We would like to thank all those who helped us with the Highway Cleanup. We had a great group and a very successful day. Thank you all so very much – in getting a day out and working in our community.
- **Vivat Jesus!**



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!

WHAT'S ON TAP

The Religious and Moral Education Council has just formalized their program for their virtual pub night to celebrate World Catholic Education Day on May 13 - 7:00 PM. This event is not just for Alberta teachers, but for everyone who believes in Catholic Education who would like to join in the celebration.

Back for the second year in a row is comedian Lars Callieou. He will be joined by Elvis Iginla, who is an Edmonton lawyer and the father of Edmonton-born Calgary Flames hero JAROME IGINLA! They will have musical interludes from Archbishop MacDonald and Bishop Carroll High School Bands. Appropriately for a pub night, they have Bartender Jacob who will be teaching us how to pour the perfect drink. Lastly, Pete Lavorato, CFL alumni from the Edmonton team, will join to share his faith journey as a professional football player.

In order to sign up, go to www.tinyurl.com/WCEpubnight. They will then send you a Zoom link and recipe details for the cocktail you will be making.

