



St. Stephen's Parish

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Nov 14, 2021 Bulletin

Sat Nov 13, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Nov 14, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM – Trochu 7:00 PM ** - Olds
Tues Nov 16, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Nov 17, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu
Fri Nov 19, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Nov 20, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Olds
Sun Nov 21, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 6:30 PM
 Wednesday – 9:00 AM
 Friday – 9:00 AM
 Saturday – 5:00 PM
 Sunday – 9:00/11:15AM/7:00PM
 Sunday – 7:00 PM

The new schedule is now in effect.
 This is a temporary trial from
 September thru March as
 authorized by the Archdiocese.

Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre

First Friday of the Month
 Confession – 6:00 PM
 Mass – 7:00 PM

Weekly Schedule

Monday – Marian Cenacle 1:00
 Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
 & Rosary – 10:00 AM

St. Anthony's - Didsbury

Nov 13 – Holy Mass - 7 pm

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Grace and peace to you! We are now on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We've just celebrated the Thanksgiving Holiday and our hearts are filled with gratitude and countless blessings we still we can count despite of the pandemic. Today's readings stand in stark contrast to all this worldly merry-making, warning us of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day. How should a modern-day disciple and steward respond to these seeming contradictions? Keep this question in mind as we take a look at the Word of God presented to us this week. The First Reading, from Daniel, describes a time "unsurpassed in distress since nations began" and warns that "many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." The Second Reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who "waits until his enemies are made his footstool." Even the Gospel Acclamation is ominous: "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man." In the Gospel passage, from Mark, Jesus describes a time of tribulation after which "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." Sobering messages indeed. It's enough to make you lose your appetite for that second piece of pumpkin pie. But for a committed disciple of Christ, these messages are simply a healthy (and vivid!) reminder of why our first priority is God Himself. For when we have firmly established for ourselves as individuals, as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, the warnings we read in the Scriptures today need not cause us alarm. In fact, we can receive them as an encouragement — to "Keep Calm and Steward On," no matter what comes our way. One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is this: In challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces, or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in right order. And when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding. Next week we will be celebrating the final Sunday of this liturgical year, Solemnity of Christ the King. Let us give him a special place in our hearts to reign as truly our Lord and King for indeed He is the King of infinite mercy and endless glory. May the Lord smile upon you and be gracious to you. Blessings!

In Christ the Lord,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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



On the Blessed Year of St. Joseph, let us reflect and pray:

There is another aspect of devotion to St Joseph that is often overlooked nowadays. He is the patron of a happy death. Sensitive souls meditating on Joseph had made the happy supposition that he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary and so had the best possible death. It is very significant in these trying times of a pandemic where over 3 million people across the globe have died already excluding those who have died due to terrorism and war, famine and natural disasters, abortion and euthanasia or assisted suicide. The Holy Mother Church has found significant in making this time of crisis as declared as the blessed year of this great patriarch of faith, St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, patron of the dying, pray for us!

St. Joseph, patron of peaceful and holy death, pray for us!

St. Joseph, our advocate and intercessor in heaven, pray for us!

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have passed and for their families who grieve for them. Especially for those who have passed during this time of Covid, where we have not had the opportunity to support the family as a Church community. We can now do so in our prayers.

MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP



If you are a confirmed Catholic – young or old, you are welcome to join the Marian Cenacle Prayer Group on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 PM prior to Mass. If you have a desire to increase and magnify your love for Jesus and Mary, this is the place for you. A personal Cenacle Purpose/Guide will be provided. Please contact Jann at 587-444-1100 if you are interested in joining.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Please join us on Sunday Nov 7, 2021 following the 11:15 am Mass at the cemetery on HWY 2A for a prayer service honoring our beloved deceased. Our prayers are very helpful to them, as theirs are for us. If you or someone you know is looking to join the Catholic Church, we will be starting sessions in the Fall of 2021. To initiate an interview please leave your name and contact information at the parish office (contact info at the top of this bulletin) or contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627. Thanks!

WE REMEMBER – UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING

In keeping with the *Day of Truth and Reconciliation*, St. Stephen's is holding a series of meetings in an effort to learn more about the First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures to further understanding and healing. "We Remember" is based on informal gatherings to create the opportunity to share stories and open communication about the residential schools situation and the ongoing struggle to retain the cultures of our ancestors. Due to the personal nature of the stories, these meetings will not be available on zoom or live streamed. The date of the next session to be announced.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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 Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627 or by email at: dankilloran0521@gmail.com

ST. ANTHONY'S CWL – QUILT AUCTION

The ladies of St. Anthony's CWL are auctioning off some beautiful quilts that are on display in the foyer of St. Stephen's in a blind auction. There are 3 large quilts and 2 table runners up for auction. You can enter your bid with your name, contact number and letter of quilt in the bin provided. Make sure you get your highest bid in as you don't want to miss out on these beautiful quilts. You will be contacted if you are the winner. 😊

CALL TO PROTECT – UPCOMING TRAINING

Our next "Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training sessions, "Called to Protect", by zoom is scheduled for **Monday, November 15, 2021**. The 2.5 hours session will start at **7 pm to 9:30 pm**. This is a requirement for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older.

For registration, please contact Lucy Kaakyo by email at lkaakyo@caedm.ca. In your communication; please include the name of your parish. We will limit the number of registered volunteers to 60 on first come basis. Helpful instructions, training material and the link to the zoom session will be sent close to the date. We appreciate your time and talent in the service of the church.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

The next Youth Group event will be on Thursday Nov 19, 2021 from 7-9 pm for Youth in Grades 6 - 8. We are looking for Youth in Grades 9-12 to help as Youth leaders. If you have any questions, please call Monica at (403-994-0323) or email (monica.andrew@oldsnet.ca).

CATECHISM CLASSES

~Join our Catechism group on Saturday Nov 20, 2021 at 3 pm for some outdoor Sports fun ages 5-10. If you have children in Grades 1 - 4, please call or text Theresa at 403-559-6843 to register them for Catechism classes. We meet every Sunday morning at 10am. It is never too late to join!

FAITH AND FAMILY FORMATION

The *Faith and Family Formation Committee* is planning "Welcome Wagons": Teams of two who will visit people new to the parish, new parents and newly married couples. The visit will include sharing "baskets" of baked goods (according to covid restrictions), a pamphlet on the parish and its ministries along with contact information; and gift certificates from Catholic businesses and services in Olds and surrounding area. To help with this initiative, please consider the following:

1. Do you know anyone who falls into these categories? Please let the parish office know, so a visit can be arranged.
2. Do you have a certificate in food handling?
3. Would you like to help on a visiting team? Are you interested in being a mentor for a new mom or a newly married couple? A listening ear is the main prerequisite.
4. Do you have a business card for your business or service? Would you consider donating a gift certificate for the "basket"?

For more information or donations, please contact Maria at 403-415-6833

~Another initiative is *Families Praying for Families*. If your family would like to participate for the year, please bring your name and put it in the basket in the foyer. If you would like to pray for a family, please take out one of the names from the basket.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE- BELOVED: MYSTERY AND MEANING

This year the *Faith and Family Formation* would like to celebrate marriage with all couples! For Valentine's Day in 2022, we plan to hold a special Mass for the renewal of vows and blessing of marriages. A "Reception" will follow as per covid restrictions. To prepare for Feb 14th, couples are invited to participate in a 6 week course on FORMED -*Beloved Mystery and Meaning of Marriage*, beginning Monday October 25th at 7 pm. It will consist of a video, and then discussion on zoom. The second course will begin in January for six weeks entitled *Beloved: Living Marriage*. These are meant to be refresher courses for brides and grooms who have been married for many years as well as those married recently! If your marriage was not held in the Catholic Church, please contact Father Nilo. For more information and to sign up for the zoom link, please contact Maria 403-415-6833

OUR LADY OF PEACE – FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Our Lady of Peace in Innisfail is running a "Groceries for a Year" Raffle. Tickets can be purchased in St. Stephen's Parish office to help support the building of the new church in Innisfail. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Draw is on Dec 12, 2021 at noon. Grand prize is 52 X \$100 Gift Cards for Co-op or Presidents Choice, 2nd prize is 5 X 100 Gift Cards. See poster on front door for more info.