

# All Souls Day

November 1, 2020

## BULLETIN

St. Stephen

Our Lady of Fatima

St. Anthony

Father Nilo Macapinlac

My dear friends and parishioners,

Grace and peace at the communion with all the Saints!

On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and sisters in Christ: the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards and disciples of the Lord. At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship — in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, through the stewardship way of life, and living the Baptismal call that we have, we can each discover our unique path to do just that.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reveals His Beatitudes. In them, our Lord lays out the characteristics that mark His disciples, His saints-in-the-making. As we examine, tweak, and update our commitments to the stewardship way of life, we must always keep these Beatitudes in mind as a measure of our progress towards saintliness.

The "blessed" that our Lord speaks of are not the different types of good people who get to go to Heaven. Rather, the "blessed" are the characteristics of the disciples of Christ. These characteristics — poor in spirit, mourners, meek, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, persecuted for the sake of righteousness, and insulted — can only be obtained with an abundance of grace. But we are children of God, so we have access to the infinite treasury of God's grace.

Armed with that grace and the stewardship way of life and faithfulness to our calling, we can have firm hope that one day we will join our big brothers and sisters in the never-ending joys and glorious celebration of Heaven. Have a blessed All Saints' Day! Please don't forget to write the names of your faithful and beloved departed on our Book of Remembrance so that we can pray and offer our daily Masses for them throughout this solemn month of November. "Lest we forget"....God bless and protect you always!

Yours devotedly in Christ our Saviour,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

### 24 Hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ Mass -First Friday of the Month

We are re-introducing our **Friday morning Mass** with Benediction on Friday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. You will be asked to help with sanitizing your pew following morning Mass. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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### PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Father Nilo Macapinlac

Deacon – Charles Johnston – Retired

Pastoral Ass't – Donna Litwin

Office Admin – Mia MacDonald

### Office Hours of Father Nilo

(Parish)

Tues 8-5

Wed – 8-12 AM

Thurs – Trochu

Friday 8-5

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening – 5 PM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11:15 AM

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 9:00 AM

Daily Live stream – 6 PM

### PARISH EVENTS

Bible Study w/Fr. Nilo – Tue – 7 PM - Zoom

Book of the Month Club - TBD

### COCOBROOKS FUNDRAISER

In place of this year's Fall supper, our committee is running a fundraiser through CocoBrooks. Orders are due on Nov 9, 2020. Items will be available for pick up on Nov 23, 2020.

*God Bless and Be Well*

## COMMUNITY LIFE



ORDERS ARE DUE ON NOV Due to Covid restrictions we are not able to run the fall supper this year. However, we still love connecting with our people and supporting our Parish community, therefore our committee has come up with an alternate way to do this.

We would love to help you stock your freezer with amazing food from Coco Brooks this Christmas to make things a little easier on you.

It really is easy.

1. Go to: [cocobrooks.com](http://cocobrooks.com)
2. Scroll down a little and Click on **Fundraising**
3. On the left you will see a place to put an invitation code, put in **nervy-save**
4. Next you will be asked to **create an account**. This is so we know who orders what.
5. Scroll through their fundraising menu, order what you like and pay for it online. You also have the option to pay for it with cash or cheque with Donna at the church. Just make sure your cheque is made out to St. Stephens Parish and that you label it Coco Brooks on the bottom left. Donna has a copy of the menu and order numbers if you need any help or do not have access to the internet.

You can order online until **November 9th** and collect your frozen food from our Tailgate Party at St. Stephens Parish on **November 23rd**. This is a great way to take some of the burden off cooking as there are many appetizer menu items as well as main dishes available to order.

This is a really great opportunity to help support St. Stephens Parish as all proceeds will go towards St. Stephens.

If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to contact Dawn Elphick-Woodbury 780-872-6174 or [dawn.woodbury@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.woodbury@gmail.com).

## SACRAMENTAL PREP – FIRST COMMUNION

There are Prep Books and CD's at the Parish for those who have begun their Sacramental Prep These are fantastic resources for you to review as a family with your child. ( 1 child - \$20 2 children - \$30.)

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

In lieu of our regular Baptismal Preparation classes, new parents wishing to get their child baptized will meet with Father Nilo for an interview and discussion. We are also advising new parents to use the wonderful resources available through **Formed.org** in preparing for Baptism.

Contact the office for more information.

## BIBLE STUDY W/ FATHER NILO

Father Nilo will be running a bible study on Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom. It's not too late to sign up. He will be using a FORMED.ORG program for all to follow. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or touch base with Father Nilo directly.



## FAMILY LIFE

**Mission of the Family** – the book of the month is available on the table just inside the first set of door.

Each book is \$10. Please pay the ladies in the office.

**Coming Soon:** Theology of the Body – book of the month for November.

Calling all new **homeschoolers**! If you would like to meet other homeschoolers in the area, please call Maria @ 403-415-6833.

**THIS WEEKEND - Cemetery Visit Covid-Style- Sunday Nov 1, 2020** – Fr. Nilo will lead a procession following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from the church to the cemetery. There will be a brief graveside ceremony and Father will give a blessing. The difference will be that we all stay in our cars and park on the lane around Fr. Nilo! Please bring pictures of your departed loved ones, and put them on your dashboard along with battery-operated candles if you have some.

There are many graces given to us when we pray for our loved ones. A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed OR on All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed. The prayers that will be used are posted on Facebook and the parish website or you can contact Maria at [maria@bluemantle.ca](mailto:maria@bluemantle.ca). We are restricted from handing out papers, so please print off your own copy.

Please bring pictures of your **departed loved ones** to display on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church for the month of November, the month of all souls and enter their name in our Book of Remembrance.

## BOTTLE DEPOT – ST. STEPHEN'S FUNDRAISING

Members of our Filipino community have helped us set up an account/bin at the Bottle Depot. You can drop your bottles off and inform the staff that they are for St. Stephen's OR we have a wonderful Volunteer that is able to pick up your bottles for donation. Please contact Joseph at 403-586-45909. Thank you to those who are contributing to this campaign!!

## FORMED.ORG

The Parish office would like to know if you have been able to enjoy all that FORMED has to offer. If you could take a few minutes to email Mia with your recommendation. She will share your suggestion in upcoming bulletins. If you are having issues or need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the office. [Ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:Ststephen102@gmail.com)

THE SEARCH - <https://watch.formed.org/the-search-1> - I have suggested "The Search" in a previous bulletin, but it seems to be getting a lot of attention. It sounds like a wonderful program to add to your list.

"Our Church and its people are facing a time of trial. *The Search* will help encourage and inspire your parish."

"The Search is for everyone, from committed Catholics to adults and teenagers and to those who are outside the church but are longing for meaning and purpose"

"The Search is re-energizing parishioners in ways we haven't seen in years. Everyone is talking about it. "



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

If anyone is interested in joining the CWL & becoming a part of this integral group & women of faith we are taking memberships. Contact Pres. Joanne @403 791 1186 OR membership contact Laurel @403 556 2360.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

**Interested in becoming a K of C Member** - If you are a 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](mailto:skrbodnar@live.ca)).

**50/50 Ticket** - Please consider supporting the Charity Work of the K of C by purchasing a 50/50 ticket online. Tickets may be purchased by residents of Alberta, 18 years of age or older, at the website: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab>. Ticket sales end Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with the draw on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Thanks!

## ESSENTIAL VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of Essential Volunteers to help with our weekend Mass. We need to continue to recruit people to fill our list as we have lost some of our original volunteers due to work schedules, travel, etc. We need someone to help in the role of Videographer, helping to live stream our Saturday Mass – this does not require a lot of technical knowledge, we can show you what to do. We would love to see one of our Youth step up to help in this role.

Point of Entry, Usher's, Cleaner's – all of our Essential roles require more people as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. We hope to have people trained and ready to volunteer for Christmas Masses. Please notify the office if you are interested in helping as an essential volunteer. Thank you!!

The Christmas and New Year's Mass schedules are being finalized, but we need volunteers! Please let Donna know if you can help with point of entry, ushering or sanitizing. Without volunteers, the number of Masses will need to be restricted.

## COMMUNITY

**Snow Shoveling** - Winter is upon us, and with it, the snow.

Mr. Michael McAllister of our Parish, is offering Snow Shoveling to those who are unable to manage this task on their own. You can call Michael at 403-556-7843 or 403-638-7461. Rates will be discussed upon contact.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A few lines from Bulletin's past that might make you smile. It appears that despite our best efforts, we don't always get the message across quite the way it was intended. Thanks to Joe G for sharing these with us. ...more to come next week.

**The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.**

**Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.**

**The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon. ☺**