



# CHRIST *the* KING

## St. Stephen's Parish

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Nov 21, 2021 Bulletin

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
Tues Nov 23, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Nov 24, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu
Fri Nov 26, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Nov 27, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Olds
Sun Nov 28, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM - Trochu 7:00 PM - Olds

### PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

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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

Dec 11 – 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, our last Sunday of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals — that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies. Our First Reading, from, Daniel, predicts a time when Christ will indeed "receive dominion, glory and kingship" and "all peoples, nations, and languages will serve him in an everlasting dominion that will never be destroyed." The Second Reading, from Revelation, describes Christ as ruler of the kings of the earth and describes the day when He will come "amid the clouds and every eye will see him." In the Gospel we hear the words of Christ Himself. As He is questioned by Pilate, Christ declares, "My kingdom does not belong to this world" but that He "came into the world to testify to the truth." This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths. First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control especially corona virus and its variants are still here, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just. Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me. Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others, The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King? This week, on the verge of a new Church year and the holy season of Advent, is an ideal time to take stock of our priorities, to see if we really are allowing Christ to reign in all aspects of our daily lives; to ask if He comes first in our schedules, our budgets, the use of our skills and talents. It's also a great moment to celebrate! We are not only servants of Christ the King, we are also His brothers and sisters. This should fill us with great joy. After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, take some time to celebrate at home, too. Bake a cake, take a walk, put on some music and dance with your kids. Christ is King! Be generous in serving our King in various ministries where He needs you. May Christ, King of the Universe reign in your hearts and in your home and fill you with his enduring joy and peace!

Yours devotedly in Christ the King,  
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:

In the Gospels the figure of the foster father fades away after the episode of the finding of Jesus in the temple. Nevertheless, his name is still spoken of when the people - amazed by the teaching and miracles of Jesus - ask "is this not the carpenter's son?" But Joseph himself no longer appears. Tradition has it that he died having completed his vocation to act as father to the Son of God on earth. To behold and able to see the Son of God is the surest beatific vision and heaven that begins there. Let us ask God's grace that like St. Joseph, we may seek the face of God in any place, in everything we do. Finding Jesus at the Temple after three days and three nights of searching diligently, St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, both found the Temple of the temples, Jesus who is the authentic builder of God's Kingdom. May the Mystical Body of Christ on earth, the Church may grow through the constant intercession of St. Joseph. St. Joseph, patron of Edmonton Archdiocese, of Canada and Universal Church, pray for us.

## RCIA

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!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:dankilloran0521@gmail.com)

## ST. STEPHEN'S CWL

The National Catholic Women's League is undergoing many changes, hopefully to be integrated by 2022. The New Vision, is to empower members with gifts of the Spirit to respond in joyful service of patience, kindness and goodness. If you enjoy some meaningful social time with women of Faith, and want to become more educated on what's happening in Council and feel more welcome and needed, we are accepting memberships now for 2022. Please contact: Joanne Fewster @ 403 791-1186 or Laurel Arvay @ 403 556-2360

## ST. ANTHONY'S CWL

*The Didsbury St. Anthony's CWL would like to thank everyone who took interest in our Quilt Fundraiser. We are happy to report the bids totaled just over \$700 which will go towards our annual donations including the high school scholarship. We truly appreciate the generosity in this fundraiser.*

## 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!

*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.*

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION

Upcoming dates for Reconciliation gatherings are:

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021, 9 am – noon

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022, 9 am – noon

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 9 am – noon

Friday, Mar 25, 2022, after school, retreat and sacrament.

## FAITH AND FAMILY FORMATION

The *Faith and Family Formation Committee* Welcome Wagon Teams are available to visit people new to the parish, new parents and newly married couples. If you;

1. 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”?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, 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.

~ **SAVE THE DATE** - Our Advent Mission *Finding Hope in God's Embrace during this Time of Pandemic* will be live in the Church and live streamed Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Please tell your friends and family! Stay tuned for more details over the next two weeks!

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is 5 X 100 Gift Cards . See poster on front door for more info.

## OLDS CHRISTMAS ANGELS SOCIETY

“For over 20 years the volunteers of the Olds Christmas Angels Society have been providing toys during the Christmas Season to less fortunate families and individuals living in Olds and surrounding area.

The Olds Christmas Angels Society relies entirely upon the generous donations of individuals, organizations and businesses to provide the cash and gift donations for the hampers.”

We have a drop off bin located in the foyer of St. Stephen's. You can grab a tag from a tree around town for gift ideas.