



The First Sunday F of Advent

Father Nilo Macapinlac
Nov 26, 2021 Bulletin

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
Tues Nov 30, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Dec 1, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu
Fri Dec 2, 2021	Holy Mass Holy Mass w/ Confession at 6:00 PM	9:00 AM Olds 7:00 PM Sundre
Sat Dec 3, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Olds
Sun Dec 4, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM –Trochu 11:15 AM – Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

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Office Hours 9-2pm

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 People of God;

Prayerful Advent Season! We are now in the new liturgical calendar of the Church. We are now on the year of St. Luke. Most of our Gospels are taken from the gospel of the said evangelist. We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetime. In other words, Advent is a steward's season! Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season. The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps this we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us." During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Get ready dear Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder. Maranatha!, Come Lord Jesus without delay! May your eyes and heart fix on the one who holds bright future for us and unfold salvation before our eyes. God bless you richly!

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:

St. Joseph must have left this world by the time Jesus reached maturity, as it would be difficult to explain his absence when Jesus began his ministry or why he was not there at the foot of the cross on Calvary. His death came while he was enveloped in the love of those two most perfect hearts: the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us entrust our faithful departed through the intercession of St. Joseph who himself, patron of the departing souls who can be their intercessor and advocate to enter the glory of heaven.

St. Joseph, most just, most chaste and terror of demons, pray for us!

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 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.

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

"Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is open to all children ages 5 -14. Entry forms are in the foyer of the church. Entries must be in by December 15. Contest Information is on the entry form.

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.

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.

FAITH AND FAMILY FORMATION

~ **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. 12th-14th. Please tell your friends and family! Stay tuned for more details over the next two weeks!

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.

CATECHISM CLASSES

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!

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.

Oh God, as light comes from this candle,

May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,

*W*arming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world

And to us, as we wait for his coming

Amen.

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