



# St. Stephen's Parish

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Nov 7, 2021 Bulletin

Sat Nov 6, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Nov 7, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM – Olds 7:00 PM ** - Olds
Tues Nov 9, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Nov 10, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu
Fri Nov 12, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
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

## 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

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 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Few days more to go we will be celebrating “All Saints and All Souls days”. Let us light some candles and offer our fervent prayers for their eternal repose, or lest we forget our loved ones who have gone ahead of us and all the faithful departed. Today’s First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards. In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come? It came from knowing who they are, and *Whose* they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour. No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials. These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed. At this challenging time of pandemic, let us reach out to those destitute, the lonely and feeling rejected, the abandoned, poor widows or may be a struggling migrant or foreigner who encounters culture shock or bombarded by homesickness distant from loved ones. Let us also recognize our temporary foreign workers who contributed to the economy of our nation and for being missionaries in their own little ways. Let us pray for our parish to be more welcoming to the unknown strangers at this time of pandemic who are in dire need of the Church and God. May God increase our faith and trust in Him who holds bright future for us as we hope and pray constantly for the end to this pandemic. Have a blessed Sunday and enjoyable week! Keep safe always, we are united in prayers.

Yours devotedly in Christ,  
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac

### 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, humble man of Nazareth. Pray for us  
St. Joseph, mirror of Patience, Pray for Us  
St. Joseph, Great Patriarch of the Faith, Pray for Us.  
St. Joseph, 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.

### GRAVESIDE PRAYER SERVICE – HONORING OUR DECEASED

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.

## RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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](mailto: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. 😊

## CATECHISM CLASSES

~Catechism classes are in session! We are learning more about God through songs, Scripture and fun activities! If you have children in Grades 1 - 4, please call or text Theresa at 403-559-6843 to register them for classes. We meet every Sunday morning at 10am. It is never too late to join!

## 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](mailto:monica.andrew@oldsnet.ca)) .

~ We celebrated All Saints' Day on Monday, which honoured all those in heaven. On Tuesday, we prayed for all those who are not yet in heaven and need our prayers. Please join us on Sunday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> following the 11:15 Mass at the cemetery on Hwy 2A to pray for all who need us to pray for them, especially our beloved deceased, knowing that they are praying for us too! ~

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, couples are invited to participate in a 6 week course on FORMED -*Beloved Mystery and Meaning of Marriage*, beginning Monday October 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is 5 X 100 Gift Cards . See poster on front door for more info.

## 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](mailto: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