



November 8, 2020 BULLETIN

St. Stephen Our Lady of Fatima St. Anthony

Father Nilo Macapinlac

My dear friends and parishioners,

Grace, wisdom, strength, peace & love of the Lord!

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom. May God grant you the wisdom needed in this time of pandemic and graces necessary for our holy perseverance in the pilgrimage of faith.

Yours devotedly in Christ the Lord,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

Sunday Nov 8, 2020 is Catholic Education Sunday. We recognize all those who are involved with guiding, educating and leading our Children in their Faith. We thank our teachers, administration and support staff at Holy Trinity, our teachers in our Public schools who have their faith to guide them, and all who educate their children within our Catholic Faith.

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Office Hours of Father Nilo

(Parish)

Tues 8-5

Wed – 8-12 AM

Thurs – Trochu

Friday 8-5

MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening – 5 PM

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday – 11:15 AM

2nd, 4th 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



last chance to get your order in.

Place your order before Monday November 9th to make sure you are ready for the holidays. Full house or not, your belly will thank you!

It really is easy.

1. Go to: 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 will be able to pick up your orders on November 23rd at our Tailgate party in the parking lot. If you need have been dreaming about Breakfast pizza, you can Thank Donna for the mouthwatering suggestions in the Mass announcements. . If you need help completing the order, don't hesitate to call Dawn or Donna We thank you for supporting St. Stephen's through the Cocobrooks fundraiser. 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.

FORMED.ORG

I am sharing this a second week in a row. We would love to know if anyone has had time to sit down and watch a bit of this video series. We would love to hear how you are enjoying it.

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. "



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!!

The office will be closed on Wednesday Nov 11, 2020 for Remembrance Day.

Please note that Mia will be out of the office Nov 9 – Nov 13

FAMILY LIFE

Thank you to all who attended the cemetery service last Sunday. The weather was lovely, and the service was beautiful, led by Fr. Nilo with Larry Arvay's music.

Fr. Nilo will be celebrating his 15th anniversary of priestly ordination on Nov. 21st. Everyone is invited to contribute to a spiritual bouquet for Father Nilo. A spiritual bouquet is simply a group of prayers gathered for his intentions. The idea is that each individual prayer, once prayed, becomes like a flower. A group of prayers or devotional acts together form a bouquet mystically offered as a gift to God. Please phone Maria at 403-415-6833 or email bmes@bluemantle.ca with your promise of prayers or devotional acts. Messages will be given to Father Nilo on his anniversary. Due to covid restrictions, we are unable to celebrate with a coffee party at this time.



C & S Filipino Store is running a Fundraiser in celebration of Fr. Nilo's 15th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. \$10 from every ham ordered goes to St. Stephen's Parish. You can pre-order your Ham at the store or call 403-791-7777. Orders are due by Nov 15, 2020. Thank you!!

Book of the Month – November – Theology of the Body - *What does it mean to be a human? Christopher West lays a foundation for understanding the basics of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, making his profound teachings on human sexuality easy to grasp and apply in our lives.*

Mission of the Family . *When asked to name the most important things in our lives, many of us put "family" near the top of our list. But what is the purpose, what is the meaning, of family? How can the family practice the Catholic faith at home, in its parish, and in today's society? In Mission of the Family, Jon Leonetti explains that evangelization, compassion, and changing the world starts with the members of our family. Discover God's important mission and purpose for you, your spouse, and your children.*

Each book is \$10. The book of the month is available on the table just inside the first set of door. Please pay the ladies in the office.

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 will return next week 😊

CONFIRMATION

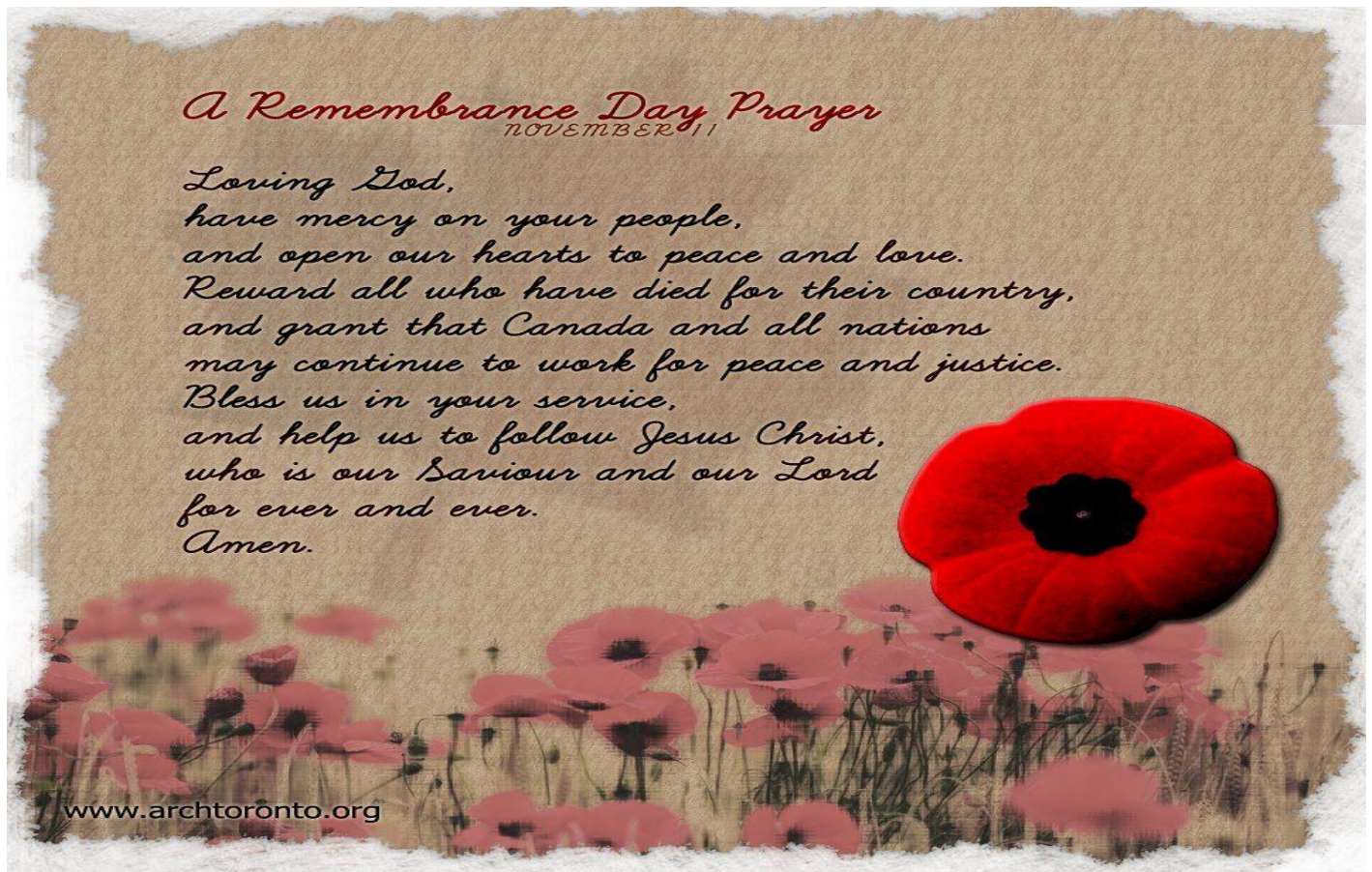
June 6, 2021 is the date for our next celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. Any child who has been baptized and made their 1st Communion in the Catholic Church and who is currently in at least grade six, is eligible to receive this final sacrament of Christian initiation. It is our hope that classes would begin in January and would be conducted via Zoom. We are also looking for individuals who would be interested in forming a Confirmation Team to help plan and implement our program. Please contact Donna in the Parish Office for more information and to register your child or to join the Team.

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).



November is our Month of Remembrance. Please take a moment to include the deceased in your prayers. We invite you to visit the Parish during the week to write down the names of family and friends who have passed in the Book of Remembrance located on the table in the foyer.