



St. Stephen's Parish

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Oct 17, 2021 Bulletin

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| Sat Oct 16, 2021 | Confession Holy Mass - Confirmation Mass | 11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds |
| Sun Oct 17, 2021 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM – Olds 7:00 PM ** - Olds |
| Tues Oct 19, 2021 | Holy Mass | 6:30 PM** - Olds |
| Wed Oct 20, 2021 | Holy Mass - Live stream w/ Holy Trinity | 9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu |
| Fri Oct 22, 2021 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM Olds |
| Sat Oct 23, 2021 | Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass | 11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Olds 7:00 PM - Didsbury |
| Sun Oct 24, 2021 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM - Trochu 7:00 PM - Olds |

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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 / 11:15 AM
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

Oct 23 – Holy Mass - 7 pm
Nov 13 – Holy Mass - 7 pm

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear friends and parishioners,

My dear brothers and sisters, our readings today are wonderfully consoling and wildly challenging. If we take them to heart, they just might change our lives. For they should call us to profound gratitude for all that God has done for us and inspire us to live lives of thanksgiving and obedience in response to His overwhelming love and mercy. The First Reading, from Isaiah, reminds us just how much our Father in Heaven loves us and wants us to be with Him in Heaven — so much that He was “pleased” to allow His Son to be “crushed in infirmity” for our sake and to give His very life as an offering for our sins. “Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.” What profound love this is that Jesus took on our sins, laying down His life to save us. How can I remain indifferent to such love? The Second Reading, from the letter to the Hebrews, gives further insight into this deep love that our Father, through His son, Jesus Christ has shown us. Such love that Jesus took on flesh to experience all the weakness and frailty of life on this earth — all except for sin. Jesus endured all this so that we could feel close to Him, so that we would not hesitate to approach Him and embrace Him as our own Brother. “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” Not only did He come to save us through His suffering, He came to stand with us in our own suffering, offering mercy and help whenever we call upon Him. How can I offer Him my thanks for such love? In the Gospel Reading, from Mark, Jesus tells us in His own words how we can thank Him and how our lives can reflect greatness in His eyes — we can imitate Him. He tells us “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Our God has ransomed our lives. In truth, this “ransom” means our lives are not our own but belong to God. We must do what He asks us to do with them. And He has told us clearly what to do — serve others in love as we have been served in love by Him. This is why service for the Christian Steward is not an add-on to our already busy lives. It *is* our life. Over the course of the next week, take these readings to heart. Reflect on the remarkable love God has shown for you. Then look carefully at your daily life. Is it an imitation of the servant-love of your Brother and Savior? What changes do you need to make, perhaps just in attitude, or perhaps to the trajectory of your life as a whole, to live in grateful service to the One who loves you so? This 4th wave of pandemic became a barometer that tests how much we became patient, caring, compassionate and ever loving and considerate with others and how deep is our love for God, no matter the circumstances in life. May God protect you with His loving embrace!

Devotedly yours in Christ, Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER – The Year of St. Joseph – Dec 8 2020 – Dec 8 - 2021



St. Joseph, patron of Archdiocese of Edmonton, Pray for Us.

St. Joseph, patron of Canada, Pray for Us.

St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, Pray for us.

Let us Pray:

O god, in your effable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be spouse of your most holy Mother, grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector. You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, Pray for us.

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. Join us on Oct 24th for a walk outside with Valerie Norman-Organ, as she shares the First Nations Catholic Perspective of Pope Francis encyclical on the environment for "Care for our Common Home" This gives people the opportunity to move around and ask questions and also creates an authentic presentation of the information. Please meet at Holy Trinity School at 4 p. "We Remember", is focused 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. All are invited, and please bring your own beverage. Due to the personal nature of the stories, these meetings will not be available on zoom or live streamed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance committee for St. Stephen's has an immediate need for a Chairperson. We have an established committee that is looking to add one or more members, including a person to take on the role of Chair. This individual will work with the committee to guide the Parish in Financial matters including Committee budgets, future planning and fundraising efforts. Please see Father Nilo if this is something you would like to dedicate our time and talents to.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

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

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

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Any child who has received their 1st Communion and is at least in grade 3 is eligible to serve on the altar during Mass. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an Altar Server, contact the parish office, ASAP, as we are trying to put together a training session.

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 – online by Zoom. 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!

FAITH AND FAMILY FORMATION

The *Faith and Family Formation Committee* is planning “Welcome Wagons”: teams of two who will visit newcomers to the parish, moms with new babies and newly married couples. This will aid in connecting with the parish’s hospitality. The visit will include “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 of any or are you a newcomer to the parish, a mom with a new baby or a newly married couple, 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?
4. Would you like to be a mentor for a new mom, or a newly married couple? A listening ear is the main prerequisite!
5. 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

Calling all couples! This year the *Faith and Family Formation* would like to celebrate marriage! For Valentine’s Day in 2022, we would like to hold a special Mass for the renewal of vows and blessing of marriages. “Reception” following as per covid restrictions. As preparation for the big day, we invite you to the first part 6 week marriage course *Beloved Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* as seen on FORMED. Beginning Monday October 25th 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

MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP



The Marian Cenacle group has had their first session. 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.

Just a friendly reminder that we still have our bin at the Bottle Depot. You can drop off your bottles and inform them that you are with St. Stephen’s Parish. This has been an ongoing fundraiser for us.