



## October 18, 2020 BULLETIN

**St. Stephen**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

**St. Anthony**

**Father Nilo Macapinlac**

My dear people of God,  
Grace, joy and peace! Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and whose we are in every aspect of our lives. Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big.

We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other! On this World Mission Sunday, let us place God at the center of our life and mission. For to love the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission as the Baptized in our world today. All of us are called by Jesus to be missionary disciples to live Christ and to share Christ to others that they may have hope for salvation. Let us not forget today to pray for our persecuted missionaries and Christians across the globe. God bless you richly!

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening – 5 PM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11:15 AM

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 9:00 AM

Daily Live stream – 6 PM

### Office Hours of Father Nilo (Parish/Rectory)

Tues – Friday 10 AM – 2 PM

### PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Father Nilo Macapinlac

Deacon – Charles Johnston – Retired

Pastoral Ass't – Donna Litwin

Office Admin – Mia MacDonald

### PARISH EVENTS

Bible Study w/Fr. Nilo – Tue – 7 PM - Zoom

Book of the Month Club - TBD

Sac Prep – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Oct 24, 2020

### 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*

## FAMILY LIFE

September's Book of the Month are now on sale. They are on the table just inside the first set of doors. Each book is \$10. Please pay the ladies in the office.

October's Book of the month is *Rediscover the Saints*. It will be a great preparation for All Saints' Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like order a book, please let Maria know by Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Calling all new homeschoolers! If you would like to meet other homeschoolers in the area, please call Maria @ 403-415-6833.

## COMMUNITY LIFE



Due to Covid restrictions we are not able to run the fall supper this year. However, we still love connecting with our people and supporting our Parish community, therefore our committee has come up with an alternate way to do this.

We would love to help you stock your freezer with amazing food from Coco Brooks this Christmas to make things a little easier on you.

It really is easy.

1. Go to: [cocobrooks.com](http://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 can order online until **November 9th** and collect your frozen food from our Tailgate Party at St. Stephens Parish on **November 23rd**. This is a great way to take some of the burden off cooking as there are many appetizer menu items as well as main dishes available to order.

This is a really great opportunity to help support St. Stephens Parish as all proceeds will go towards St. Stephens.

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](mailto:dawn.woodbury@gmail.com).

## SACRAMENTAL PREP – FIRST COMMUNION

We are now accepting Registrations for children who will be taking their First Reconciliation/ First Communion this year. Classes will start via Zoom on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please call the office to register your child.

There are Prep Books and CD's for those who started their Sacramental Prep in Fall of 2019. These are fantastic resources for you to review as a family with your child. ( 1 child - \$20 2 children - \$30.)

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

In lieu of our regular Baptismal Preparation classes, new parents wishing to get their child baptized will meet with Father Nilo for an interview and discussion. We are also advising new parents to use the wonderful resources available through **Formed.org** in preparing for Baptism.

Contact the office for more information.

## **BIBLE STUDY W/ FATHER NILO**

Father Nilo will be running a bible study on Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom. It's not too late to sign up. He will be using a FORMED.ORG program for all to follow. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or touch base with Father Nilo directly.

## **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!!

## **FORMED.ORG**

The Parish office would like to know if you have been able to enjoy all that FORMED has to offer. If you could take a few minutes to email Mia with your recommendation. She will share your suggestion in upcoming bulletins. If you are having issues or need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the office. [Ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:Ststephen102@gmail.com)

**Soccer & Scripture** - <https://watch.formed.org> – A pro soccer player's conversion to Catholicism. A Discussion of the journey of Taylor Kemp – a natural progression of high level soccer throughout his youth, to College, to D.C United. During his soccer career, he experienced a Conversion to Catholicism and has found a place at Formed.org.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We are still in need of Essential Volunteers to help with our weekend Mass. We need to continue to recruit people to fill our list as we have lost some of our original volunteers due to work schedules, travel, etc.

- Videographer - We are looking for someone to help in the role of Videographer, helping to live stream our Saturday Mass – this does not require a lot of technical knowledge, we can show you what to do. We would love to see one of our Youth in the Parish step into this role.
- Point of Entry, Usher's, Cleaner's – all of our Essential roles require more people as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. We hope to have people trained and ready to Volunteer for Christmas Masses. Please notify the office if you are interested in helping as an essential volunteer. If you require Call to Protect Training, there is a class scheduled on Oct 17, 2020.

## **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 Holy 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 be more educated in what's happening in Council, feel more welcome and needed, we are accepting memberships.

Due to COVID19, we have postponed our Annual Garage Sale.

We have been asked by Diocesan to extend our executive terms by one year, so if you have any questions, please contact: President – Joanne Fewster @ 403-791-1186, or Laurel Arvay, membership chairperson @ 403-556-2360.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

**Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney**, founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified on Oct 31st of this year by Pope Francis. The Saturday Oct 31st Mass at 5 pm at St. Stephen's will be for Father McGivney in thanksgiving, as well as for his canonization. Brother Knights, please plan to attend with your families, if possible. The Rosary will be said before Mass. As usual, the volunteer team will open the doors at 4:30 pm.

**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](mailto:skrbodnar@live.ca)).

**50/50 Ticket** - Please consider supporting the Charity Work of the K of C by purchasing a 50/50 ticket online. Tickets may be purchased by residents of Alberta, 18 years of age or older, at the website: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab>. Ticket sales end Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with the draw on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Thanks!

## PARISH GIVING

We continue to be thankful to our Parish Community who has been able to continue to give to the Church during these unprecedented months. We are seeing a **decrease** in our weekend contributions at Mass, but we have seen Contributions coming through E-transfers and the use of Automatic withdrawals. If you are interested in finding out more about our Alternate methods to contribute, please see Mia in the office.

**CAEDM-** [www.caedm.ca/donate](http://www.caedm.ca/donate) - You can select St. Stephen's in the drop down box

**CANADA GIVES** - <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/890356249RR0001-the-catholic-parish-of-st-stephen/>

**E-TRANSFERS ARE AVAILABLE NOW:** A Donation can be sent via interact transfer to St. Stephen's Catholic Parish – [ststephen102@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen102@gmail.com). Please include your name so donation can be recorded correctly.

**Automatic Contribution** – Forms are available at the church to set up your weekly donations through Debit/Credit Automatic withdrawals.

## OCTOBER – MONTH OF MARY

