



St. Stephen's Parish

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Oct 24, 2021 Bulletin

Sat Oct 23, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Oct 24, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM – Trochu 7:00 PM ** - Olds
Tues Oct 26, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Oct 27, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu
Fri Oct 29, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Oct 30, 2021	Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Olds 7:00 PM - Didsbury
Sun Oct 31, 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

Nov 13 – Holy Mass - 7 pm

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Blessings! We are now on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we walk together with the Holy Mother Church on this World Mission Sunday. All of us, baptized disciples we are called to a lofty vocation and mission despite how difficult it is in this challenging time of pandemic. As missionary disciples, we are also stewards of God's gifts in reaching out to others as we observe the World Mission Sunday. Today's readings give us encouragement and strength to "keep on keeping on" in our stewardship way of life, starting with our First Reading, from Jeremiah. "Thus says, the Lord: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people... I will console them and guide them... For I am a Father to Israel." We know the story of our redemption has a happy ending. In the end, God wins! And that means we, His disciples, "win," too. It's easy to become discouraged when we look at the world around us, perhaps even when we look at the difficulties within our own parish and families. But we know that Jesus has already conquered death and that God's fatherly love will triumph in the end. Clinging to this truth keeps us moving forward in our ministries and marriages, parenting, our work lives and friendships. The Second Reading, from Hebrews, offers another pep talk, reminding us again as in last week's reading, that in Jesus we have a high priest who offers sacrifices for our sins (the sacrifice of His own life) and who is eternally faithful to us. As Christian stewards we are called to devote a regular portion of our time to God in prayer. But perhaps we find it intimidating to find the right words when approaching this great High Priest, our perfect and all-holy God. Today's Gospel shows us we don't really need to have our "act together" before we can spend time with God in prayer. In this passage from Mark, we see that Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. There he sat, begging at the side of the road in a rather undignified manner. His posture wasn't exactly reverent, and his prayer wasn't eloquent, just a desperate, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." But it was a sincere cry from his heart. And Jesus, though surrounded by a sizable crowd, heard it, and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Folks from the crowd called to Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." And right there on the spot, Bartimaeus experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired. How simple it is to encounter Jesus! All we must do is reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us and call us to Himself. So, let's all take courage this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him, the great High Priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow Him, and keep on keeping on in this stewardship way of life. It's a life with the ultimate happy ending. Keep safe always, we are united in Christ's mission.

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, Pray for Us.
Renowned offspring of David, Pray for Us
Light of Patriarchs, Pray for Us
Spouse of the Mother of God, Pray for us
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, Pray for Us
Foster Father of the Son of God, Pray for us
St. Joseph, Pray for Us.

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.

PARISH MEETING – YOUTH MINISTER DISCUSSION

Saint Stephens is looking to hire a new youth minister. Before the hiring process begins we would like parishioners input on what type of attributes, traits, experience and values we would like this new youth minister to have. We will be having a meeting on Thursday, October 28th at 7 PM at the church to discuss this matter. All parishioners are welcome to attend and give their input! If you have any questions please contact John Templeton at 403-438-0548

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The CWL invites you to join us for "On Care for Our Common Home" on Sunday October 24th with Valerie Norman-Organ. It will be an hour walk outside as she shares the First Nations Catholic perspective of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. 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.m. All ages are invited. Come one, come all!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

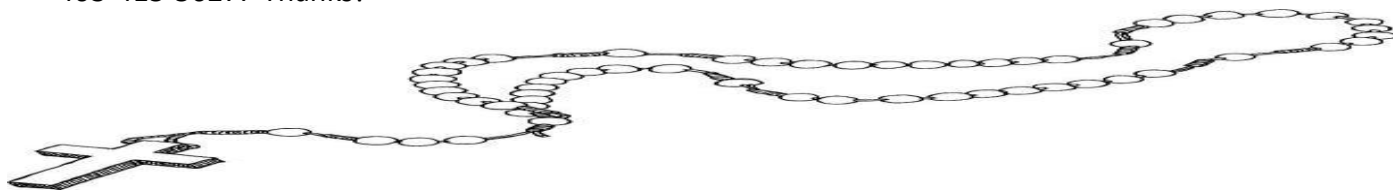
The Finance committee for St. Stephen's has an immediate need for a Chairperson. We have an established committee that is looking to add one or more members, including a person to take on the role of Chair. This individual will work with the committee to guide the Parish in Financial matters including 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.

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

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!



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.

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!

~St. Stephen's Annual All Saints Day party is looking for volunteers to help run games stations for our little saints. The party will be held on Saturday, October 30 at 4pm, right before the 5pm Mass. Please contact Theresa at 403-559-6843. We are also looking for donations of treats to give out to the children. Please drop off in the box under the Catechism table in the church foyer by October 27. Thank You!

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 14th, couples are invited to participate in a 6 week course on FORMED -*Beloved Mystery and Meaning of Marriage*, 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