

October 25, 2020

BULLETIN

St. Stephen

Our Lady of Fatima

St. Anthony

Father Nilo Macapinlac

My dear People of God,

Grace, love, joy and peace to all!

Today's readings are all about the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is the greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the call to discipleship and stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up." This month the mother Church recognized two outstanding in living the new covenant of love whose beatification will be celebrated by Pope Francis this month of October. We have Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the outstanding organization of Catholic gentlemen, the Knights of Columbus who will be beatified on October 31, 2020. The second one is Carlo Acutis whose body was found incorruptible. He was an Italian Roman Catholic teenager who was best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. He was beatified October 10, 2020. Let us imitate their heroic virtues in loving and placing God at the center of their lives that overflow in their love to those around them. God loves you dearly and bless you richly!

Yours in the love of the Lord,

Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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Office Hours of Father Nilo (Parish)

Tues

Wed – 8-12

Thurs – Trochu

Friday

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

Sac Prep – 1st Communion – Oct 24, 2020

Cemetery Visit – Nov 1 – All Saint's Day

Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney –
Oct 31, 2020 – 5 pm

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



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
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.

SACRAMENTAL PREP – FIRST COMMUNION

There are Prep Books and CD's at the Parish for those who have begun their Sacramental Prep 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.

You Should Love the Lord our God with all your Heart

Matthew 22:37

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 1st.

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

Thank you to all who joined the "**Bring Mary Home**" **Rosary Rally** last Friday evening despite the weather conditions. Thank you to all the groups who participated in the Rosary (Couples for Christ, Third Order Franciscans, CWL, Youth and Boutwell Family) the procession (Couples for Christ) and the lighting of the candles (Anna and Ella Leischner). Fr. Nilo led us in prayers for the end to the pandemic, the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer for the Reverence for Life. Dan Killoran, Grand Knight, prayed for the canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you also to the K of C for the rosary materials.

Cemetery Visit Covid-Style- Sunday Nov 1, 2020 – Fr. Nilo will lead a procession following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday Nov. 1st from the church to the cemetery. There will be a brief graveside ceremony and Father will give a blessing. The difference will be that we all stay in our cars and park on the lane around Fr. Nilo! Please bring pictures of your departed loved ones, and put them on your dashboard along with battery-operated candles if you have some. There are many graces given to us when we pray for our loved ones. A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed OR on All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed. The prayers that will be used will be posted on Facebook and the parish website or you can contact Maria at maria@bluemantle.ca. We are restricted from handing out papers, so please print off your own copy. Please bring pictures of your **departed loved ones** to display on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church for the month of November, the month of all souls and enter their name in our Book of Remembrance.

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

Mother Theresa – Seeing the face of Jesus -

<https://watch.formed.org/mother-teresa-seeing-the-face-of-jesus> - This movie presents the life and work of Mother Teresa with words and pictures that even the youngest child will enjoy. Children will happily learn that Mother



Theresa was a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her to make incredible changes in our world.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The "MAPLE LEAF SERVICE PIN" was introduced in 1971 for members who have served the League in an exceptional manner with the criteria being determined by the council. Some of the criteria that our recipients were considered for includes the following; Involvement in Sacramental Preparation, Volunteering in many Liturgical and Parish roles including Adult Server, Communion visits, Eucharistic Ministry, Parish pastoral Council and Archdiocesan councils, helping with our Youth, leading and planning fall suppers and coordinating the annual garage sale. Also considered was holding executive council positions for extended periods, being a student of lay formation, volunteering and leading key community groups including Meals on Wheels, Volunteering time and energy in the Parish kitchen, volunteering with the Hospice Society, being a Mentor for new CWL members, a Chaplain at Bowden penitentiary, members of the Choir, and overall incredible women who are reputable, caring, passionate about Social Justice and deserving of this recognition.

The recipients of the Service Award were Judy Wahlstrom, Shelley Bennett, Charlene Schramm, Kathy Kemmere, Marion Kasawal, Laurel Arvay, Louise Schille, Diane Arbuckle, Maureen Gustafson, & Joan Palardy. We also presented 25 year pins to Kathy Kemmere & Donna Scholar and we presented 50 year pins to Gerry Wiper & Florence Buckley

We wish to congratulate the above ladies on their awards & thank them for their dedication & their service " to GOD and CANADA.

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 Laurel @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).

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 21st, 2020 with the draw on Oct 28th, 2020. Thanks!

ESSENTIAL 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. We need 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. Thank you!!