



St. Stephen's Parish

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Oct 31, 2021 Bulletin

Sat Oct 30, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Oct 31, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM – Olds 7:00 PM ** - Olds
Tues Nov 2, 2021	Holy Mass – All Souls Day	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Nov 3, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM - Olds 7:00 PM – Trochu
Fri Nov 5, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Nov 6, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM – Olds
Sun Nov 7, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 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 – 9:00/11:15AM/7:00PM
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 - Sunde

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,

Grace, joy and peace in the Lord! We are now on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And, love your neighbor as yourself. St. Augustine once said: "Love God and do whatever you will." To love the Lord our God above all is the heartbeat of our mission as missionary disciples. Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent and treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. Of course it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him. The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him. The use material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond. When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures to our parish & missions. May God reward you beyond your imagination, bless and protect you always and all your loved ones.

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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



Joseph most just, Pray for us
Joseph most chaste, Pray for Us
Joseph most prudent, Pray for Us
Joseph most strong, Pray for us
Joseph most obedient, Pray for Us
Joseph most faithful, Pray for us.
St. Joseph, Pray for Us.

MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP



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.

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 – 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!

GRAVESIDE PRAYER SERVICE – HONORING OUR DECEASED

Please join us on Sunday Nov 7, 2021 following the 11:15 am Mass at the cemetery on HWY 2A for a prayer service honoring our beloved deceased. Our prayers are very helpful to them, as theirs are 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. "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.

~Thank you for all who joined us for "On Care for Our Common Home" on Sunday October 24th with Valerie Norman-Organ. It was a very informative reminder of how we need to take care of the environment seen through the eyes of our First Nations. *A special Thank You to Valerie for leading this activity.*

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

A special thank-you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution to the restoration of the sidewalk/ramp outside the church. We appreciate that is much safer now, especially for the winter!

ST. ANTHONY'S CWL - QUILT AUCTION

The ladies of St. Anthony's CWL are auctioning off some beautiful quilts that are on display in the foyer of St. Stephen's in a blind auction. There are 3 large quilts and 2 table runners up for auction. You can enter your bid with your name, contact number and letter of quilt in the bin provided. Make sure you get your highest bid in as you don't want to miss out on these beautiful quilts. You will be contacted if you are the winner. 😊

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

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.

CALL TO PROTECT – UPCOMING TRAINING

Our next “Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention” training sessions, “Called to Protect”, by zoom is scheduled for **Monday, November 15, 2021**. The 2.5 hours session will start at **7 pm to 9:30 pm**. This is a requirement for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older.

For registration, please contact Lucy Kaakyo by email at lkaakyo@caedm.ca In your communication, please include the name of your parish. We will limit the number of registered volunteers to 60 on first come basis. Helpful instructions, training material and the link to the zoom session will be sent close to the date. We appreciate your time and talent in the service of the church