

St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin

Oct 3, 2021

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Oct 2, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Oct 3, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM – Olds 7:00 PM ** - Olds
Tues Oct 5, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM** - Olds
Wed Oct 6, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM 7:00 PM - Trochu
Fri Oct 8, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM Olds
Sat Oct 9, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Oct 10, 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,

Grace and blessings! Today's readings give us a wonderful refresher on the Biblical origins of the Sacrament of Marriage, going all the way back to the second chapter of Genesis in our First Reading, and then reinforced by Jesus in our Gospel Reading from St. Mark. Perhaps more than any other time in Christianity, marriage and family life are under attack right now. It is vital that we have a proper understanding of the Church's beautiful and solid teachings in these areas. We call this type of knowledge, "Formation" and it is one of the pillars of a stewardship way of life. Solid formation in the faith not only strengthens us in our own walk with the Lord, but it allows us to pass on this knowledge to others who are thirsting to know the truth about the human person, and it also arms us to defend our beliefs, when necessary. These readings also invite us to reflect on the reality that we are to be good stewards of the vocation the Lord has entrusted to us. If I am married, do I recognize that my spouse and my marriage are a gift from God that must be nourished, developed and tended? This brings to mind the stewardship aspect of "Time." After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my spouse. Do I realize that at the end of my life I will have to give an account to God for how I cared for the gift of my spouse and marriage? I would like to convey my prayerful greetings to those married couples who are celebrating their milestone this year. Let us also pray constantly for all families in our parishes and missions especially those who are struggling in their married life at this time of pandemic. We are united in prayers.

In Christ, the Lord,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

From the Archdiocese - Truth and Reconciliation

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves. A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey. We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit www.cccb.ca





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.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Lover of poverty, pray for us.
Model of artisans, pray for us.

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.

YOUTH

Join Red Deer Catholic Youth Ministers, Jeanette and Peter when they visit St. Stephens in the next three months. Mark your calendar with the following dates; October 14, November 19 and December 9th. Youth grades 6-8 are welcome to attend and youth leaders in grades 9-12 are encouraged to help. Watch the bulletin and social media for details in the coming weeks.

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.

MARIAN CENACLE PRAYER GROUP



All confirmed Catholics – young and old, are welcome to join our Marian Cenacle Prayer Group to be held 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. Starting date to follow once registrations are received. Please contact Jann at 587-444-1100

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. The first evening will be held on Thursday October 14th at 7 p.m. in the parish hall, covid restrictions applying. Entitled "We Remember", it will be an informal gathering 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, the meeting will not be available on zoom or live streamed. Stay tuned for information on future meetings.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Father Forsythe Council would like to congratulate those members who advanced their degree with the Knights on Sunday September 19th as well as acknowledge new members Jonathan David and Daniel Overwater. Congratulations to all!
- Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan to discuss “**Stress-Free Retirement Planning**,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Here are some of the topics to be covered:
 - the importance of “Living a Significant Life” that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth
 - Eight steps to financial security
 - Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
 - The importance of having a plan and a partner
 - Why long-term care doesn’t have to be a financial nightmare
 - How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income
 - Protecting your loved ones with life insurance
 - Why patience pays when claiming CPP
 - Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

If you missed the first presentation, you can still catch the upcoming presentation on Wednesday **October 6th at 7:00 PM MST.**

Click https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HOG8jMRVRuSkA3huAzDi0w

- **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.

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
- The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is celebrated on Monday Oct. 4th. St. Francis and St Kateri Tekakawitha are patrons of the environment. The CWL invites you to read the attachment with this bulletin. The *Season of Creation Activity Guide* has been prepared by the Green Churches Network, whose mission is to provide practical tools to Christian communities who want to improve their environmentally friendly practices. These tools oriented towards action, education and spirituality enable them to successfully integrate the ministry of Creation care into their day-to-day church life. It is an ecumenical movement, endorsed by the Canadian Catholic Bishops.

MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOD DRIVE- UPDATE

A great big thank you to everyone who was involved in the Mt. View Food Bank Drive this month! Over 8000 lbs of food was collected in Olds with a value of \$21000. We were able to collect more than last year. It is great to collaborate with the Church of the Latter Day Saints for this great cause. Well done everyone!

If you are interested in signing up for Automatic Monthly Contributions or wish to use Interac transfer, please see Mia in the office. Forms are also available on our website. www.ststephens-olds.ca