

St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin

Sept 12, 2021

Father Nilo Macapinlac

Sat Sept 11, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Sept 12, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM - Trochu
Tues Sept 14, 2021	Holy Mass	6:30 PM**
Wed Sept 15, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM 7:00 PM - Trochu
Fri Sept 17, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM
Sat Sept 18, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Sept 19, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

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NEW

There will be a change to our evening Mass schedule.

Tuesday – 6:30 PM

Thursday – NO evening Mass

Sunday – 7:00 PM

Morning Mass will continue on Wednesday and Friday AM with Tuesday switching to Evening Mass. .

The new schedule will begin this week!

Our Lady of Fatima - Sundre
First Friday of the Month
Confession – 6:00 PM
Mass – 7:00 PM

St. Anthony's - Didsbury

** to be announced.

** Monthly Mass to resume in October.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are now the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sometimes, the Sunday readings bring peace and consolation. Other times, they come as a swift kick in the pants. Today's readings definitely fall in the latter category. In the Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus begins to instruct the Apostles in what was ahead for Him – and for them if they wished to follow Him. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” Peter's immediate reaction to Jesus's words probably resonate with many, if not all of us, when we are faced with the prospect of self-denial. He pulls Jesus aside to try to talk him out of this craziness. In Peter's worldly way of thinking, Jesus should not have to suffer (and for that matter, neither should Peter!). But rather than agreeing with him or trying to soften His words, Jesus seems to double down on His message, rebuking Peter with this strong language: “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” It seems Jesus meant exactly what He said earlier. What's more, He was inviting Peter, and all of us, to join him in this way of life that is costly and self-sacrificing. Why? Isn't Jesus all about love? Of course He is. He *is* love. And Jesus shows us by His example that real love requires toughness as much as tenderness. Real faith in Him is displayed through actions, not words. The second reading, from the letter of St. James, helps us to know that our faith and our love are real and not mere words. “If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it: So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” This passage makes it clear that faith and love are not alive in us until they are demonstrated through *works*. “Works” of any kind will involve some self-denial. Getting up early to serve at the soup kitchen on my day off requires sacrifice. Praying in front of the abortion clinic may get me jeered at by passers-by. Making a sacrificial gift each week to the offertory means I have to give up some dinners out or the newest tech product. But when I do these costly works and embrace the self-denial they require, I have the joy of knowing my faith and love are *real*. I attain the peace of soul that only comes from imitating Jesus' way of life. By laying down my life for Him, I gain a life that is really worth living. *My friends there's always joy in giving and in serving. Love and faith makes our life worth living with the blessing of our Lord.*

In Christ always,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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



**St. Joseph is our model when troubled.
He is our comfort in difficulties.
He understands. He is listening. We only need to call out to him.
“St. Joseph, Comfort of the troubled,
mold our hearts in justice to be like your own;
full of unwavering faith and hope in,
and love of God – no matter what.
St. Joseph, help me to see what your example means for me?”**

BOOK CLUB – Starting in September

Who is this Jesus? Is the title of a 133 page book to be used in a book club hosted by John Palardy. It is a very readable life of Jesus in 12 short chapters. Weekly meetings will start in early September. The first class is scheduled to begin on Wednesday September 29th @ 7 pm at 126 Balsam Crescent, Olds, AB. For more info or to sign up contact John Palardy 403 556 7855 or email him at palardyjj@gmail.com

IN HOUSE FOOD BOX – Update

Thanks for all your donations to the food bank. As a result we are well stocked in all areas except canned meats such as salmon, chicken or tuna.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ATTENTION all those who were involved in liturgical ministry prior to Covid. If you were a Greeter, Adult Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, or Usher we would like to know if you will be returning to active duty this fall. Perhaps you were part of the Point of Entry Team during Covid and would like to continue in some capacity, or maybe you are new to the parish and would like to offer up your time and talents by serving during Holy Mass.

Please contact Donna as you are needed to help fill in the next Liturgy Schedule.
(403-556-3084 ext. #4)

MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOD BANK – FOOD DRIVE

On September 25th St. Stephen's is joining the Church of the Latter Day Saints to participate in the Fall Food Bank Drive in support of the Mountain View Food Bank. We are asking for volunteers to help drop the collection bags off on September 20th, 21st or 22nd. The food donations will be picked up on September 25th between 9am and noon. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of the church. Call Tara Miller for more information.

CATECHISM NEWS

Are you in Grade 1-4? Would you love to learn more about God through fun lessons, songs, and activities? Come and join us Sunday mornings at 10am for catechism classes. First class will be on September 19. Please call Theresa to register at 403-559-6843 or email theresa.templeton@gmail.com. She will also be available to chat after Mass on Sundays at the back of the church.

Are you looking for a way to share your talents and give back to our church community? We are looking for volunteers to help teach Catechism and Children's Liturgy this year. The season will run from mid-September to the end of May. Please prayerfully consider and give Theresa a call at 403-559-6843 or email theresa.templeton@gmail.com.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Mundare Sausage Sale: Stop by this Saturday, Sept 11, 2021 between 10-2. They always seem to sell out, early so get there early!

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.



COMMUNITY LIFE – TURKEY SUPPER UPDATE

The Fall Supper Committee regrets that, due to Covid restrictions, we will, for the second year in a row, be unable to host the Annual Fall Supper. We are very much looking forward to the day when we can sit together in fellowship and share a delicious meal. Shelley Bennett, the committee chair, would like to thank the fantastic group of ladies who served on this committee, you are so appreciated! A special thank you goes out to Veronica Dyjur for designing the beautiful sign-up sheet each year for the supper. The time and talent that she puts into what is a work of art has also been very much appreciated. Shelley and the committee would like to also thank all those who had already taken the time to sign up to help out in any way.

COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

Please note, the Archdiocese of Edmonton requires the wearing of Masks upon entering and exiting the Church. They strongly encourage all Parishioners over the age of 2 to wear Masks during Mass. At this time, we will refrain from shaking hands, but will extend peace to our neighbor's through a bow, a head nod, etc.

The offertory procession will be omitted at this time.

Social Gatherings within the church are not allowed, so downstairs coffee will be postponed until we can gather together as a community, however, Faith Based gatherings can continue.

Thank you for your continued patience throughout this time.

Dear Lord,

We lay before you our tiredness and ask for new energy.

We lay before you our frustration and ask for more patience.

We lay before you any resentment and ask for peace.

We lay before you any judgement and ask for inspired understanding.

We lay before you any anger and long for forgiveness

We offer this up to you, oh Lord.