



# St. Stephen's Parish Bulletin

## Sept 19, 2021

*Father Nilo Macapinlac*

Sat Sept 18, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Sept 19, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Olds 11:15 AM - Trochu
Tues Sept 21, 2021	Holy Mass	<b>6:30 PM**</b>
Wed Sept 22, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM 7:00 PM - Trochu
Fri Sept 23, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM
Sat Sept 24, 2021	Confession Holy Mass	11:00 AM 5:00 PM - Olds
Sun Sept 25, 2021	Holy Mass	9:00 AM – Trochu 11:15 AM - Olds 7:00 PM - Olds

### **PASTORAL / OFFICE STAFF**

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Office Hours 9-2pm

### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday – 6:30 PM  
Wednesday – 9:00 AM  
Thursday – NO evening Mass  
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.  
We will run the new schedule  
from Sept thru March as a trial  
run.

### **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 - 7pm  
Nov 13 – Holy Mass - 7 pm

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Grace and peace in the Lord! This week's readings teach us that living as Christian stewards requires us to swim against the tide of our "me-first" culture and stake out a path for our lives that may be different from that of our neighbors, friends or co-workers. Jesus illustrates in today's Gospel. "Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'" In this context, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all "little ones," those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations — the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Calcutta would call "Jesus in distressing disguise." They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them. Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand our actions. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus' name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. And that is a most privileged way of life. This week, ask the Lord for the wisdom to see the little ones in your neighborhood, community, or this parish and to show you concretely how you can reach out to them. Take at least one step. You will be stepping closer to Jesus Christ Himself. God bless you richly!

In Christ always,  
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac, pastor

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



*Saint Joseph*

*Teach us to listen to the Voice of God in our lives  
and to always welcome His love into our hearts.*

*Amen*

## COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

As of Sept 15, 2021, we are limited to a capacity of 1/3 or 108 people in the Nave of the Church. We will continue with a first come, first serve format. IF we reach 108 people, the doors will be locked and we will not be able to accommodate beyond that. It is our hope that our current Mass times of Saturday Evening, Sunday Morning along with the addition of a Sunday evening Mass will be able to accommodate all who wish to come.

Masks are mandatory inside the building for all Parishioners ages 2 and over

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.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:palardyjj@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:theresa.templeton@gmail.com).*

## ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Any child who has received their 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **Knights of Columbus Announcement in the Bulletin**

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 cover:

- 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

We look forward to Joe’s presentation on **Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00**

**PM** MST. Click <https://bit.ly/Stress-FreeRetirementPlanning091521> to register. A second presentation will be done **Wednesday October 6th at 7:00 PM MST**.

Click [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HOG8jMRVRuSkA3huAzDi0w](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](mailto: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.

*If you are interested in finding out more about Automatic Monthly contributions, which can be done through debit or credit or how to process etransfers for your Charitable giving, please see Mia in the Parish office. Forms are also available on the St. Stephen’s website. [ststephens-olds.ca](http://ststephens-olds.ca)*

