

MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 6—January 14, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday,	Jan. 6	5:00 pm	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Sunday,	Jan. 7	9:30 am	For + Mary Malowany by her daughters
		11:30 am	For + Jacinto Pereira by Mike and Estrela
Tuesday,	Jan. 9	9:00 am	For + Juanita Bagnol, by Fannie and Bert
Wednesday,	Jan. 10	9:00 am	For + Beatris Pantollano by Betsy Cabunilas
Thursday,	Jan. 11	9:00 am	For + Roland Delisle by Knights of Columbus
Friday,	Jan. 12	7:00 pm	Mass, Benediction, Confession +Marcella Gillis

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	Jan. 13	5:00 pm	For + Rose Hui by Doreen Allen
Sunday,	Jan. 14	9:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
		11:30 am	For + Michael Malowany by his daughters

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK :

Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00 pm RCIA
Thursday, January 11 @ 7:00 pm Legion of Mary. Everyone is welcome to attend



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION : If you have a child in grade 6 you are invited to attend one of the registration and information meetings. You may choose to attend either Saturday, January 20 @ 12 noon OR Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm. Please call the parish office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Confirmation program.

YOUTH GROUP: We invite all young people ages 13-18 to join.

There are sign up sheets on the back table in the church and on January 20th there will be a registration meeting upstairs @ 1 pm—3 pm.



Faith & Fun Day at Rogers Place

The Archdiocese is sponsoring an afternoon game between the Edmonton Oil Kings and Red Deer Rebels at 1:30 p.m. on **Saturday February 10**, featuring a special price of \$18 a ticket (regular \$29). The first 400 ticket buyers will be rewarded with an invitation to an exclusive pre-game meet & greet event, including opportunities to meet your bishops, have fun in the photo booth, and shake paws with Louie the Lion.

To purchase your tickets at the special price, visit <http://bit.ly/ArchHockey> and click on Find Seats. In the Enter Promo Code box, type CAEDM, and then click on Go to get to the ticket purchase page.

Questions? Contact Steve Defer in the Office of Life and Family at 780-469-1010 ext. 2159.



Grace with lines inspired by the Readings for January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

Leader: Lord Jesus, you bring us joy through your abundant grace. God is revealed in the person of Jesus. Like the Magi, may we pay him homage by stretching out our hands to all people, regardless of ethnicity, culture, social status and creed.

All: Lord grant us the wisdom and the courage to make choices that will lead us to you.

Together: “Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen”

After the meal: We give thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever.

Looking back at 2017

As we look back at 2017 we have lots of events to be thankful for. We were so fortunate to have many of our parishioners celebrate Marriages, Baptisms, Confirmations, and First Holy Communion.

We were also very saddened to have parishioners pass away. Of course the loss of our very own and dearest pastor; Father Romano, left us heartbroken. It was so sad to watch Father Romano suffer for so long. He was so brave and never complained.

Father Romano loved the parishioners of St. John Bosco so much and we will miss him.

As we begin this new year of 2018 we will continue with Father Raja to encourage and welcome our young people to the Sacraments. Please always feel welcome to contact the parish office for information on how to register to have your child be prepared for each Sacrament. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our 2017 Statistics:

Baptisms: 48 First Communions: 72 Confirmation: 84
Baptism and Confirmation of Adults: 4
Marriage: 7 Funerals: 12

CHURCH ETIQUETTE: We would like to remind you to be gentle with our church and all that you find within it. We have found gum stuck between the pages in our hymn books and on the pews and carpets. This is YOUR church—please treat it with respect as you do your own home.

GIVING MADE EASY: As we begin our new fiscal year, we again encourage all parishioners to support our parish by signing up for pre-authorized giving. Forms are available in the front foyer and can be dropped off at the parish office.

**Message of His Holiness Pope Francis
For the celebration of the 51st World Day of Peace
January 1, 2018 (Part 2 of 3)**

With a contemplative gaze:

The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us “belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth, whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded.” These words evoke the biblical image of the new Jerusalem. The book of the prophet Isaiah and that of Revelation describe the city with its gates always open to people of every nation, who marvel at it and fill it with riches. Peace is the sovereign that guides it and justice the principle that governs coexistence within it.

We must also turn this contemplative gaze to the cities where we live, “a gaze of faith which sees God dwelling in their houses, in their streets and squares, fostering solidarity, fraternity, and the desire for goodness, truth and justice”. In other words, fulfilling the promise of peace.

When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce.

A contemplative gaze should also guide the discernment of those responsible for the public good, and encourage them to pursue policies of welcome, “within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good” -bearing in mind, that is, the needs of all members of the human family and the welfare of each.

Those who see things in this way will be able to recognize the seeds of peace that are already sprouting and nurture their growth. Our cities, often divided and polarized by conflicts regarding the presence of migrants and refugees, will thus turn into workshops of peace.

Conclusion next week.

Quotes for Peace:

“Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:

- I shall not fear anyone on Earth.
- I shall fear only God.
- I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.
- I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.
- I shall conquer untruth by truth. And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.”



The Epiphany of the Lord. January 7, 2018

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH
13503-40 Street, Edmonton
Phone: 780-478-0198
Website: boscoparish.com

Last Sunday's Collection
\$ 3127.00
New Year's Collection: \$ 3078.00
Thank you for your donations!

Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB
Deacon Jose Huevo
Mia Turlock **Pastoral Assistant**
Theresa Wile **Pastoral Assistant**

PRAYER CORNER:

Rose Auburn

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

The journey to conversion, the complete commitment of heart and head towards Jesus' good news, is a real odyssey. We, like the Wise Men, return home to where we came, but by a new way. It is fitting that the Wise Men, after having met Jesus, ‘go home by another road’ – They have been converted... They are Changed people!! New men... in fact... they will never again be able to go down the old paths... Everything is different now, having met and discovered Jesus.

In the Bible, a change of path symbolizes conversion. And after encountering Christ, everything looks different, because Jesus invites us to see it all through his eyes. We now see the world around us more and more through the lens of the Good News. We now see life through the eyes of Christ's compassionate care for those most in need. We deepen our vision for the inclusion of all.

As the Bible passage mentions: “**Bethlehem, by no means the least of all the cities.**” Like Bethlehem, which, at first sight, seems slight and insignificant, and “lesser” – yet, here is where Jesus is born; humble, vulnerable, poor. So too, the poor and the forgotten may appear insignificant to some, but it is through them that the Lord's presence is revealed.” God has given us a new perspective with which to see the world and its values very differently.

The Wise Men searched and found, that first Christmas, a new lens, to be able to see and weigh-up the world around them. **This changed everything.** It changes everything for us too.

Come let us worship!