

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR September 8—16**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	For + <b>Rose Auburn</b> by Doreen Allen
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	For <b>All St. John Bosco parishioners</b>
		<b>11:30 am</b>	For + <b>Frank &amp; +Rosie Lemiski</b> by their families
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	For + <b>Jaime and + Maria Araujo</b> by Mike & Estrel
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	For + <b>Wayne Huk</b> by the Perras family
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass with St. Elizabeth Seton Students</b> For + <b>Grant Walton</b> by Annie Malucura
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass with St. Maria Goretti School</b>
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <b>Mass, Adoration, Confessions</b> <b>Community Mass Intentions</b>

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> For <b>All St. John Bosco parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	For + <b>Christopher Durante</b> by Mia
		<b>11:30 am</b>	For + <b>Fr. Hagos &amp; Gebremichael Telda</b> by the Gebremichael family

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**REGISTRATION NIGHTS FOR :  
FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**September 11 @ 7 pm OR  
September 13 @ 7 pm**

Registration nights are for parents only and you only need to be at one of these 2 short meetings. \*\*\* Please bring your child's baptism certificate with you



**MINISTRY MEETINGS:**

**September 12 @ 7 pm**

**For All Readers and Eucharistic Minister**

We are in need of new readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Please join us for this meeting. We would love to welcome you to these 2 beautiful ministries.

**SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS:**

<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>Sept. 12 @ 10:00 am</b>	<b>Father Raja</b> at Anne Fitzgerald school
	<b>@ 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Father Raja</b> at St. Bonaventure school
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>Sept. 14 @ 9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Maria Goretti</b> school at church

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: (R.C.I.A.)**

St. John Bosco parish welcomes new members and provides them with appropriate spiritual formation through scripture, prayer, faith sharing, church teachings and Sunday Liturgy in our faith community. Adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and possibly becoming members of the Church are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Any adult who is not baptized or is baptized in another faith and wants to explore joining the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics who wish to complete their sacramental initiation (First Eucharist and Confirmation) may apply. It is also an opportunity for those Catholics interested in reviewing the basics of the Catholic faith to sponsor an RCIA candidate or be a part of the hospitality team. The RCIA program will start September 25 @ 7 pm. For more information please call Theresa at the parish office.

**BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** Children in grade 2 or older who have not been baptized or who have been baptized in another faith are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children. Classes begin Saturday October 20 at 4 pm Children will meet weekly until Feb. 9, 2019 when they will be baptized. For more information call the parish office at 780-478-0198

**POT LUCK DINNER TO CELEBRATE SAN LORENZO RUIZ**

@ 6 pm September 15 Bring your favorite Filippino dish.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:**

**Edmonton ProLife Walkathon at Rundle park 2909-113 Ave:**

*We walk so babies may crawl!!*

**Saturday, September 15 8:30 am Registration  
9—11 am Walk 11-12:30 Lunch and Socializing  
Pledge sheets and info at [www.edmontonprolife.org](http://www.edmontonprolife.org)**

**Life Chain Sunday September 30 ( intersection of 109 St and 104 Ave)**

**2 pm—3 pm**

*For more information [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net)*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**September 26—November 4**

**Help Save Lives In Edmonton**

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers. With God's help, the proven results in 22 coordinated campaigns: 14,643 babies saved from abortion, 177 abortion workers converted, 96 abortion centers closed. Learn more, get involved and visit the web address: [40daysforlife.com/edmonton](http://40daysforlife.com/edmonton)

## History of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14

After the death and resurrection of Christ, both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy tomb, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden (tradition said) by the Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity.

### Saint Helena and the Finding of the True Cross

According to tradition, first mentioned by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem in 348, Saint Helena, nearing the end of her life, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy tomb and attempt to locate the True Cross. A Jew by the name of Judas, aware of the tradition concerning the hiding of the Cross, led those excavating the Holy tomb to the spot in which it was hidden.

Three crosses were found on the spot. According to one tradition, the inscription *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* ("Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews") remained attached to the True Cross. According to a more common tradition, however, the inscription was missing, and Saint Helena and Saint Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, assuming that one was the True Cross and the other two belonged to the thieves crucified alongside Christ, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross.

In one version of the latter tradition, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. In another, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life.

### The Dedication of the Churches on Mount Calvary and the Holy Tomb

In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy tomb and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335, and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on the latter date. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem to other churches, until, by the year 720, the celebration was universal.

### Why Do We Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross?

It's easy to understand that the Cross is special because Christ used it as the instrument of our salvation. But after His Resurrection, why would Christians continue to look to the Cross? Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" ([Luke 9:23](#)). The point of taking up our own cross is not simply self-sacrifice; in doing so, we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross. For Christians, the Cross is the crossroads of history and the Tree of Life. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless: Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life.



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sept. 8/9, 2018**

### ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

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Website: [boscoparish.com](http://boscoparish.com)

**Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB**

**Deacon Jose Huezo**

**Mia Turlock**

**Pastoral Assistant**

**Theresa Wile**

**Pastoral Assistant**

**Sunday's collection:**

**\$ 3,871.00**

**Together We Serve: \$745.00**

**Children: \$35.00 Thank You!!**

**PRAYER CORNER**

**Doreen Allen**

**Louis Painchaud**

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:** A young man was complaining to his father that he doesn't feel the presence of Jesus in his life. His father told him, "Examine your lifestyle. You are always out with your friends or on your computer or phone or watching TV. If you continue with that lifestyle you will really not feel the presence of Jesus in your life".

**How can we have an up close and personal encounter with Jesus?** It's when the environment around us is silent there's no presence of anyone except us and Jesus. It's very difficult to encounter and feel the presence of Jesus we are surrounded by noise.

**In the quietness of your life you will be able to encounter and feel the healing presence of Jesus.** And in the quietness of your life you would be able to hear the voice of Jesus. Telling you what you need to hear so that you can have the motivation and energy to move on amidst the noisy grind of your life.

**Do you feel the presence of Jesus in your life?** If no, then try to live a quiet life and try to give time for Jesus more than you give time in satisfying your pleasure seeking and loud lifestyle. This doesn't mean that you will be isolating yourself from your friends and usual environment. This simply means that you'll lessen the noise in your life and you lessen your engagement with worldly pleasures. Yet you still connect yourself to this world not anymore to seek earthly pleasures. But to seek people who are engaged with earthly pleasures so that you could bring them closer to Jesus.

**The deaf mute man in our gospel was healed by Jesus not in the midst of the noisy crowd.** Jesus instead brought the deaf mute man away from the crowd. To be with Him alone in a quiet place and in the stillness of the environment Jesus healed him (Mark 7:33-35).

**Do you regularly have your own quiet time with Jesus?**