

MASS INTENTIONS FOR September 22– 30, 2018

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Sept. 22 5:00 pm For + **Rosario Cabangon Mendoza**
by the Mendoza family
Sunday, Sept. 23 9:30 am For + **Jacinto Pereira** by Mike and Estrela
11:30 am For **All St. John Bosco parishioners**
Tuesday, Sept. 25 For + **Jacob and + Cora Commandeur** by Mia
Wednesday, Sept. 26 For + **Clara Gervais** by her daughter Yvonne
Thursday, Sept. 27 For + **Lester Mathias** by his daughter Rehana
Friday, Sept. 28 7:00 pm **Liturgy of the Word, Adoration**
Community Intentions

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Sept. 29 5:00 pm For + **Joffre & + Clara Gervais**
by Fern and Carmen Morin
Sunday, Sept. 30 9:30 am For + **Irene Brown** by our CWL
11:30 am For **All St. John Bosco Parishioners**

***There will be no week day morning masses while Father is on vacation.

All Mass intentions will still be offered by Father while he is away.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CATHOLIC GIRLS LEAGUE: Calling all girls aged 9-15. Once a month starting on September 22 @ 1 pm upstairs at the Church. Come for faith, friendship, fun and formation. To join us in October please call Alex 780-984-0417 or Nicole @ 780-850-1076 for more information



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone who brought food for our food bank. We can certainly still use some more. Please remember to check the expiration dates on your food before bringing it in. Lots of food had to be thrown out because it was more than 3 years past their expiration dates. If you don't want to eat it, neither does anyone else. Food can be dropped off into the bins in front foyer.

CONDO FOR SALE: Father Raja is selling 3 condos. Price has been reduced. Please see poster on door in front foyer for more information.



SACRAMENT REGISTRATION:

Many families came this past week to register their children for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. If you were unable to attend the registration nights, please drop by the parish office between 8:30am—4 pm before October 1 to register. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We are looking for someone who has experience in book keeping and financial statements to join our finance committee. This committee meets every 6 months . Please call the parish office if you would be able to volunteer.



VISITS FOR THE SICK. Our parish is pleased and excited to have a visitation team to comfort the sick. Father and the team are available for you for either Communion or an Anointing, or perhaps simply just a visit if your feeling alone. Please call the parish office if you or someone you know is in need.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS:

As part of his *Every Life Matters* initiative, Archbishop Smith is asking us all to heed the invitation of our Holy Father and embrace the custom of praying at mealtime.

“To the traditional meal prayers, I'm proposing that we add one line from the Sunday Gospel and one line of prayerful response to it,” says the Archbishop.

Grace inspired by this week's readings:

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You challenge us to be welcoming, especially to the marginalized. (*Mk. 9:36-37*)

All: Lord may we seek justice for those who have no voice.

Together: Bless us Oh Lord and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ Our Lord Amen.

All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who lives and reigns for ever, Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your attitude.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:



ALPHA PROGRAM at St. Alphonsus parish (11828 85 Street) is starting .

If you are new to faith, exploring faith or have questions, we have a great way for you to learn and ask. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. People enjoy great food, laughter, and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile... questions like – Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Join us for dinner and an Introductory Video on Thursday, Sept 20th at 6:30 pm. Come and see why 29 million people around the world have done Alpha. Children are welcome. Visit Alphaedm.ca for more information.

No One Should Be Forced To Flee Their Home ... Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is launching the global **Share the Journey** campaign here in Canada to raise awareness on forced migration around the world and to call on the Canadian government to do more to address the root causes that force people to flee their homes.

The campaign was initiated by Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 160 Catholic development and aid organizations that includes Development and Peace, to respond to the growing crisis of forced migration in the world today. Every minute, 31 people are displaced by conflict, persecution, extreme poverty, climate change, the exploitation of natural resources and large-scale development projects.

“There are currently 68.5 million people in the world who are refugees, asylum-seekers or internally displaced – that is nearly twice the population of Canada. Until fundamental human rights are respected, and inclusive and participatory democracies take root, forced migration will only increase,” says Serge Langlois, Executive Director of Development and Peace.

The campaign illustrates the human distress caused by this global phenomenon through stories from Burma, Nigeria and Syria and invites Canadians to send a message to Prime Minister Trudeau asking that the government commit to: Supporting grassroots organizations working for peace, democracy and human rights; and investing more in diplomatic and peaceful solutions to armed conflicts.

In addition, the organization is asking Canadians to “Share the Journey” with forced migrants by organizing fundraising walks across Canada with the aim of reaching a total of 40,075 km, the equivalent of the Earth’s circumference.

“Here in Canada, we all have a story of migration, including First Nations peoples, who were pushed off their territories. We must show our solidarity with those facing this harsh reality today. At a time when fear is dominating over compassion in many societies, we hope this campaign will contribute towards a culture of encounter, understanding and friendship with migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers,” says Mr. Langlois.

Canadians can also support the campaign by making a contribution to Development and Peace’s programs in the Global South that address the root causes of forced displacement.

To learn more about the campaign, visit www.devvp.org.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 22/23, 2018

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH
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Website: boscoparish.com

Sunday’s collection:
\$ 3,649.00
Together We Serve: \$ 43.00
Children: \$ 35.00 Thank You!!

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

PRAYER CORNER
Doreen Allen, Jean Mercier,
Louis Painchaud, Gary Miller,

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

In today’s Gospel, **we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection** to his disciples. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week’s Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, **Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God’s kingdom must be servants of all.**

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus’ name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? **Jesus teaches that God’s judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.**