

MASS INTENTIONS FOR October 20—28, 2018

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	Oct. 20	5:00 pm	For Nenita and Fer Khan (50th wedding anniversary) by Noel and Erna
Sunday,	Oct. 21	9:30 am	For + Zenaia Ulep by the CWL
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Tuesday,	Oct. 23	9:00 am	Mass with St. Elizabeth Seton Jr. High students For + Germaine Paton by CWL
Wednesday,	Oct. 24	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for good health by Max and Agatha and family
Thursday,	Oct. 25	9:00 am	For Doreen Allen by Jim and Olive Brown
Friday,	Oct. 26	7:00 pm	Mass, Benediction, Confessions Community Intentions: +Wendy Lepp, + Judy Bernard

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	Oct. 27	5:00 pm	For + Samuel David by the David family
Sunday,	Oct. 28	9:30 am	For + Robert Barabash by Kevin and Shelly
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Father Raja will be at our schools for the grade 4 Bible presentations on:

Tuesday,	October 23	10:00 am	@ St. Bonaventure
		11:00 am	@ St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday,	October 24	2:15 pm	@ St. Maria Goretti
Tuesday,	October 23	7:00 pm	K.C. Meeting
Thursday,	October 24	7:00 pm	LEGION OF MARY
		7:00 pm	Senior Care Ministry Meeting
Saturday,	October 27	9:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul District Meeting

VISIT WITH ARCHBISHOP RICHARD SMITH

On Sunday, November 4th Archbishop Richard Smith will Celebrate at the 11:30 mass with us. After mass he will have a town hall meeting with all those who wish to stay at the pancake breakfast. After pancake breakfast he will meet with parish council and the parish team.

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 please call Alex 780-984-0417 or Nicole @ 780-850-1076 for more information

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS: The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul extends a huge **THANK YOU** to all the St John Bosco parishioners for your very generous donation of food during the Thanksgiving season. Your donation of canned and dry food will be used in our Food Hampers for the poor and less fortunate in Northeast Edmonton. Blessings to all St. John Bosco parishioners.

SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES: There were a few parishioners who were confused about last week's notice in the bulletin. **If you took home a box of envelopes , you will automatically receive a tax receipt at the end of the year as always.** All envelope users will also have their numbered box waiting for them in November. The only thing that has changed is that I no longer keep the unregistered boxes at the back of the church. Several people were taking single envelopes out of the boxes and using a different number each week. **Donations are recorded to your box number once you have registered them with your name.** This is your account number, the same as your credit card number is assigned to your name. Therefore if you do not already have a box of envelopes at home, please call the parish office or email: turlockm@telusplanet.net and I will put one aside for you.

Also: Did you know? When you use St. John Bosco Envelopes in other churches, they do not keep that donation. Instead they mail the envelope to us. Thank you.

VISITS FOR THE SICK. Our parish is pleased 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.



HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES: No matter how much you are hurting, no marriage is beyond hope. Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages and families...a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. Out next weekend (in Edmonton) will start **November 16.** For more information please contact us at: <https://helpourmarriage.ca> or by telephone 587- 598-4357



GRACE BEFORE MEALS with lines inspired by the Readings for 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You listen to our requests, sometimes by challenging us to seek not for earthly blessings, but for spiritual ones.
(Mark 10:35-40)

All: Lord, on this Mission Sunday, guide us in our discernment of our gifts that we too may join in the mission of the Church

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 live and reigns now and for ever, Amen.

LIVING IN THE WORD: *Continued from last week.*

PUTTING THE WORD OF GOD INTO PRACTICE

WITNESS:

St. John writes these beautiful words at the beginning of his first letter: "We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete." (1John 1:1-4)

Here St. John is expressing what we know from experience to be true. **When we have encountered Jesus Christ and been transformed by his mercy and love, we naturally want to tell others about it and invite them to be one with us in a community of joy!** The making known to others of what God has done for the world in Jesus Christ, and for each of us in our own individual lives, is what is meant by giving witness. The desire and ability to be witnesses to Christ is granted by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:8), whom we have received in a particular way in the sacrament of Confirmation

There are many ways we can put the Word of God into practice through the act of witnessing to Christ. The most effective is by the way we live our lives. People pay more attention to what we do than to what we say. Yet, there are times when we are called upon to speak on the basis of our belief, particularly in those moments when people close to us, co-workers or society in general take directions contrary to the teachings of our Lord.

I ask that we each undertake a careful review of our lives in the light of the call to be witnesses to our Lord in the sight of other people. What message do I communicate to others by my way of living, patterns of thought and speech, or modes of behaviour? Out of concern for reputation or fear of rebuke, do I stay silent when circumstances require that I speak the truth? The Holy Spirit has been given that we might be witnesses. Let us call upon him to provide us with the ability to do so and thus put into practice the Word of God.

SERVICE:

On the night of the Last Supper, after Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, he taught that by this action he was giving us an example to follow, and then spoke this command: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35) Putting the Word of God into practice means serving our brothers and sisters in love. To love as Jesus loved means that we make sacrifices daily for the good of the other. This typically takes place by the gifts we make of time, talent and treasure. Let us consider this carefully and seriously. These are God's gifts to us to be used according to his purpose and in keeping with our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Conclusion next week:



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20/21, 2018

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Sunday's collection:
\$ 4,324.00
Together We Serve: \$ 155.00
Children: \$ 30.00 Thank You!!

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

PRAYER CORNER:

Roger Joyal

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

It has been estimated that Internet start-up companies try to squeeze ten years' worth of growth in just three years. Imagine the grueling amount of work the entire team would have to perform over that time. Imagine the sacrifices each team member would have to make in order to make the company a success.

Now imagine if, one day, one of the employees of such a company stood up in a meeting and asked the founder to make him a key executive over everyone else. Imagine him asking for the corner office and all the other perks that come with such a position. How do you think his coworkers would react? They had all worked hard! Why should this fellow get special treatment?

This scenario is a bit of a modern take on today's Gospel reading, as James and John ask Jesus to guarantee them special seating when he comes into his kingdom. All the disciples had worked hard and followed Jesus faithfully, so why should these two be raised up above the others?

It seems that James and John missed three important points. First, they didn't understand that Jesus was destined to be a heavenly king, not an earthly one. They missed that he wanted to build a kingdom focused on mercy and love, not power and domination.

Second, they didn't realize that Jesus had come to die, not to reign. He had come, not to be served like royalty, but to serve his people—to the point of giving up his very life for them.

Finally, they missed the point that this isn't a competition. Everyone who serves Jesus will be given a seat of honor in heaven!

Like the apostles, you, too, are part of Jesus' team. So think about your role in his organization. How is he calling you to give your life in service to him and his kingdom ?