



ST. JOHN BOSCO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH | EDMONTON, AB

June 2025

## Till we meet again...

It has been an incredible journey serving as your pastor, and I am deeply thankful for the moments we have shared together. Over the years, we have celebrated joyous occasions, supported one another through challenging times, and grown together in faith. Your unwavering support and dedication to our parish have been a source of inspiration to me. I have been blessed to witness the strength of our community, the kindness of your hearts, and the depth of your faith. You have taught me the true meaning of fellowship and the power of prayer. I will carry these lessons with me always.

Hubert Luken was one of the first parishioners that I met here at St. John Bosco in April 2017. He used to attend, serve and lead hymns for the daily masses. When he learned of my mum's birthday which is on 11th October, he told me that I should call him maternal uncle as his birthday as well as the year are the same as my mum. I was happy not only to find an uncle but over the years found mums, brothers, and sisters here in everyone of you in this parish. Coming away from home - thousands of miles away - was not easy but you made me feel at home here.

During school visits when the children greeted me, "Good Morning Father, Raja" it not only filled the room, but it filled my heart. All the funny activities we had with the children and youth of our parish, the deep and profound questions our young adults asked me, the sacramental preparations we had in the parish hall, fixing the sound system or the roof above the church with our maintenance group, the pancake breakfasts that I shared or the Christmas food hampers I delivered with our brother Knights, the food, the coffee, cakes and cookies prepared with love by the ladies of our parish, fun games during parish socials, lovely family atmosphere we had working in our parish office, the picnics and the pilgrimages, the rosaries prayed with our Legion of Mary, the lonely days spent in the church and in the office during pandemic are only a few of a million memories that I carry with me. The fun, the laughter, the noise, and the drama, will be greatly missed by me in the coming months and years.

A few times I heard "your homily today went directly to my heart," when I least prepared myself, I knew it was the work of the Holy Spirit that filled that gap. After every funeral, there was someone from the pew who would say, "the service was good", it helped me to reflect on my own death and resurrection. When a little child called me "Father Jesus" I would ask myself, if I am worthy even to be called so. The generosity of so many of our great volunteers from our parish community made my work and life much easier. The few challenges that I faced for the past eight years helped me to grow as a person and as a pastor.

You have taught me so much about what it means to be a Christian community: your resilience, your compassion, and your unwavering trust in God's plan. I have been truly blessed to witness your faith in action, whether it's been through your service to those in need, your vibrant ministries, or simply your presence in the pews each Sunday.

I will carry a piece of St. John Bosco parish with me always, and you will remain in my daily prayers. While it's sad to say goodbye, I am also filled with hope for the future of this parish. I pray that you will continue to grow in holiness, to deepen your relationship with Christ, and to be a welcoming home for all who seek Him.

With heartfelt thanks and prayers,

*Fr. Raja sdb*

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**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Both events at St. John Bosco Church Hall

**Open House**  
1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Banquet Dinner**  
6:00pm  
Tickets \$25 each  
First come, first served

**FAREWELL**

Please join us as we celebrate and honor Father Raja before he begins his new ministry in Ontario.

Tickets on sale starting Saturday, May 24

## Confirmation



## Congratulations

to all our young people receiving sacraments of  
**First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**

God bless their parents and teachers who prepared them for this great day. Thank you.



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## SUMMER CAMP 2025!



July 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>  
or  
August 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>



8:45am to  
3:00pm  
each day

\$50 per child

If you require financial assistance,  
please contact the parish office



Daily Lunch  
and Snacks  
are provided



### Family must be registered at St. John Bosco!

Registration forms are available on the parish website or  
at the back of the church

First come, first registered as space is limited

Volunteers are needed! If you want to volunteer, please contact the parish office.



## Parish Vision

St. John Bosco Parish is a diverse community rooted in the belief of a living God and the sacredness of all aspects of life. We strive to live and share the Good News and grow in discipleship with the Lord.

## Mission Statement

To continue being a welcoming multicultural parish by promoting faith formation for all.

## Mark your Calendar please!

### JUNE 2025

#### 1 - Ascension of the Lord

Pancake Breakfast

Young Adults meet (12.30pm)

6 - First Friday devotions

7 - First Saturday devotions

#### Youth Event

#### 8 - Pentecost Sunday

11 - Volunteers' Dinner

#### 15 - Holy Trinity Solemnity

17 - Confirmation

19 - First Holy Communion

CWL meeting

21 - Farewell

#### 22 - Corpus Christi

Grand outdoor Procession

24 - K of C meeting

#### 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul

## May 2025 Collection

Regular - \$22,238.60

TWS - \$2,539.00

Building fund - \$175.00

Children's - \$319.15

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- Move forward about your career plans, relationship, and life journey



## PARISH REGISTRATION

Have you registered with the parish? Have you moved? Please make sure you are registered and that your contact information is up to date. Parish registration is important for these reasons:

- Celebration of the Sacraments – we require you to be registered in order to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, or to have your child baptised/celebrate their first reconciliation, communion or confirmation

- To support you with pastoral letters, documentation, or refugee sponsorship. If you need a letter to have your child baptised in another parish or any other documentation, you will need to have been registered in our parish for at least six months

- To communicate with you and to know who is a part of our community, so we can support our parishioners better

- To easily be able to prepare tax receipts for donations to the parish. Donations to the parish are the only way that we pay our bills and provide pastoral and spiritual services. We truly appreciate all contributions to our parish. Please consider using automatic monthly bank withdrawal or donation envelopes if you are not already

- Call the parish office for more information

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS

# SALESIAN



## VOCATION TALK!

JUNE 1, 2025 | 1:00 PM  
BRUNCH PROVIDED

Register for Nametags,  
Dietary Restrictions and  
share questions on  
vocations, faith  
journeys, etc.



Thank you, Sr. April Cabaccang and Br. Rafael Vargas!



## Blessed Carlo Acutis Foosball Tournament



June 7, 2025



## Youth Group Event

5 pm Youth Mass  
6 pm Gather/Supper  
6:30 pm Event Starts



Please RSVP for this event by  
contacting parish office or  
through the QR code



# Bake Sale

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass  
and  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> after both masses

Cash and Card accepted

Hosted by the Confirmation Youth for  
their Service Project





## Visitation Ministry

Our parish is pleased to have a visitation team to provide Pastoral Care to individuals who feel isolated from the community due to ageing, loneliness, or infirmity. Holy Communion is available upon request. Referrals can be made to Fr. Raja for the Sacrament of the Sick. If you or someone you know would like a visit please call the parish office at 780-478-0198.



## Mass Times

### Weekends

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 9:30am & 11:30am

### Weekdays

Tuesday to Thursday

9:00am

### Friday

6:00pm Holy Hour

and Confessions

6:45pm Adoration

7:00pm Mass

Confessions on other days  
by appointment

### Office Times

Tuesday to Friday

8:30am to 3:00pm

### Lunch time

12 noon to 1:00pm



## Pilgrimage to India

led by Fr. Susai OMI and Fr. Raja SDB  
with the expertise of Melvyn Lobo of  
Lobo Travel Agency, Edmonton

**15 JAN 2026 – 02 FEB 2026**

Pilgrimage to India to visit the places of Mother Theresa of Kolkata, the tomb of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India in Chennai, The "incorruptible" mortal remains of St Francis Xavier at Goa along with the cultural diversity of New Delhi, Agra, Mumbai and Cochin.

15 nights stay in 5 star hotels with daily breakfasts and buffet dinners  
**at CAD 7700 per person**  
(on twin sharing)

**Non-Refundable deposit CAD 1330 per person based on Double Occupancy is due by 25th June 2025**

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**Pastor:** Rev. Raja SDB

**Deacon:** Jose Huezo

**Parish Staff:** Shelly  
and Joyce

**Artists:** Nerissa and  
Ronan

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Barb

**Parish Finance Committee**

Robert

**Maintenance Committee**

Dave

**Knights of Columbus**

Ronan

**Catholic Women's League**

Shelly

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Ann Marie

**Legion of Mary**

Marie

**Couples for Christ (CFC)**

Jun and Leah Amo

**Music Ministry**

Angie

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Barb

**Readers Coordinator**

Ron

**Sacristy Team**

Kathy

**Youth Ministry**

Todd

**Refugees and**

**Migrant Services**

Haimi

**Visitation Ministry**

Joyce