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April 2024



DIVINE MERCY

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

- **A** Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- **B** Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the

revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Forms of Devotion

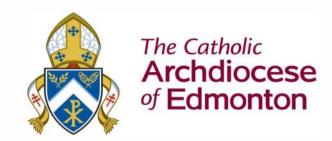
Through St. Faustina, the Merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, *the Hour of Great Mercy*.

Although these means of receiving God's mercy are new in form, they all proclaim the timeless message of God's merciful love. They also draw us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucharist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him. As Jesus told St. Faustina:

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners... It is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. (*Diary*, 367)

Kindly Note: No masses on weekdays from 15-30 April as Father Raja is away for the pilgrimage.





Pastoral Priorities 2024-2027

Be It Done:

Living in the Word through Worship, Witness, and Service



Receiving the Word (Worship)

Formation for Eucharistic Worship



Proclaiming the Word (Witness)

Forming Confident Witnesses



Pointing to the Word (Service)

Formation for Service to Families and Marriage

As part of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, we, the parishioners of St. John Bosco are called to act on these pastoral priorities of the Archdiocese for 2024-2027. What are your thoughts, ideas and suggestions? Please call Joyce at the office (780-478-0198) or email her at joyce.labelle@caedm.ca The Parish Pastoral Council will take it up for study, discussion, and implementation in the fall 2024. Thank you.

Bible Study on Psalms on Sunday afternoons from fall 2024. Look out for further announcements.











ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

ENCOUNTER CREATION

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2024 Summer.

July 6: Summer Kick-off BBQ

July 7th- July 11th: High School Week (Grades 10-12) July 14th-July 18th: All Ages Week I (Grades 4-9) July 28th - August 1st: Elementary Week (Grades 4-6) August 4th-August 8th: Jr High Week (Grades 7-9)

August 11-August 15: All Ages Week II (Grades 4-9)



Antiques · Jewellery · Housewares & More

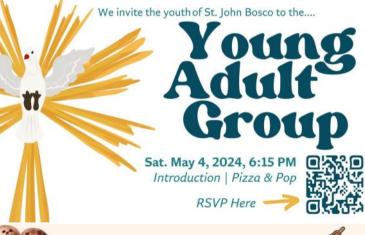
Don't miss it -new stock added daily!

April 11-12-13, 2024

Thursday-Friday 12 noon-7 pm Saturday 10 am-4pm

St. Andrew's Centre Auditorium 12720 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton

Proceeds help support the society's work with those living in poverty



BAKE SALE

hosted by Confirmation Youth

April 13 & 14 after each Mass

Yummy baked items for you to enjoy Come support these youth to raise funds for our community!

Cash Only Please!



April 2024

05 - First Friday Devotions

06 - First Saturday Devotions Youth Mass / Youth event

07 - **Divine Mercy Sunday** (Pancake Breakfast)

08 - Feast of the Annunciation

13 - Bake sale by Confirmation youth

14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

15 - 29 Pilgrimage to Spain, France and Portugal

17 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha (CWL meeting)

21 - 4th Sunday of Easter

23 - K of C meeting

28 - 5th Sunday of Easter

May 4 - K of C - Highway Cleanup

May 25 - Taste of India Fundraising Dinner

June 2 - Grand Outdoor Eucharistic Procession

September 7 - 40th Anniversary of our Church Multi-cultural Potluck Dinner



Calendar please

St. John Bosco 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.



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. Holv Communion 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 office parish 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 6.05-6.40pm 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