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# ST. JOHN BOSCO

CATHOLIC CHURCH | EDMONTON, AB

June 2024

**Pastor:** Rev. Raja SDB

**Deacon:** Jose Huevo

**Parish Staff:**

Shelly and Joyce

**Artists:** Nerissa, Ronan

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Barb

**Parish Finance Committee**

Robert

**Maintenance Committee**

Dave

**Knights of Columbus**

Ronan

**Catholic Women's League**

Nicole

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Marlene

**Legion of Mary**

Marie

**Couples for Christ (CFC)**

Louie and Marifel

**Music Ministry**

Mia

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Barb

**Readers Coordinator**

Ron

**Sacristy Team**

Kathy

**Youth Ministry**

Julianna

**Refugees and  
Migrant Services**

Haimi

**Visitation Ministry**

Joyce

In our Catholic tradition, as May is considered the month of Mary, so June is considered the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion was important to Don Bosco, because it focused on Jesus as our loving friend. He would tell his boys that the Heart of Jesus was filled with acceptance, mercy and love. He would encourage them to open their own hearts to that love, feel the embrace of Jesus, and grow in friendship with him.

In the Gospels, Jesus' heart is moved with pity for the crowds (see Mt 9:36) and He tells us that He is gentle and humble of heart (Mt 11:29). The Sacred Heart of Jesus that began beating in the womb of the Blessed Virgin more than 2,000 years ago still beats today in the glorified humanity of the Risen Christ. And it will pulsate forever, pumping out the grace, mercy and life of God to all of humanity. In the Heart of the Lord, we experience the overwhelming mercy of God and His infinite desire to be in relationship with us.

The apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque manifest a need for a theological correction and a spiritual balance regarding popular perceptions of Christ. Jesus revealed to the saint His heart, burning with love for humanity. Pierced and crucified — offering salvation and mercy — Jesus' heart longs for us to offer our love and devotion in return. If many believers inordinately feared God, here divine love and joy were manifest. If Jesus had seemed distant and unapproachable before, the Sacred Heart beckons us to enter into the divine furnace of charity.

St. Margaret Mary described her experience of the Lord: "My divine Heart is so passionately fond of the human race and of you, in particular, that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out

through you and reveal my Heart to the world, so as to enrich mankind with my treasures." Following this revelation, Jesus united her heart with His in a fusion of mystical love and joy.

As St. John reminds us, God is love (see 1 Jn 4), the One who empties himself out for others, desiring our eternal salvation, seeking out the lost and carrying the wandering sheep home. The whole Christ event is a mission of mercy, as the Son, in radical obedience to the Father, becomes incarnate in our flesh — preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, healing the sick, forgiving the sinner, feeding the hungry and, ultimately, offering His life on the cross. Every

word, action, gesture and attitude of Jesus manifests a perfect, pure and selfless love for each human person. If love means willing the good of the other, completely free of self-interest, we see the perfection of such charity in the burning heart of Christ.

Lest we think that such a love is naive, simplistic or easy, the Sacred Heart shines forth, crowned with thorns, pierced and bleeding. The crucifixion of Christ is the terrifying path through the

valley of darkness and evil which God himself walks, embracing everything sinful, broken and dead that ensnares and destroys us. By remaining silent before His persecutors, praying for His killers, loving a dying thief and asking forgiveness for sinners, Jesus shows that the unconditional, infinite and divine love of His heart is the only force that can heal the world of its hatred, sin and rejection of God. By taking upon himself the totality of human evil committed by every person of every time, Christ refracts this overwhelming darkness into the light of the Resurrection.

**Prayer:** Sacred Heart of Jesus, may we know your acceptance, mercy and love ... and love you and others in return. Amen.



**Kindly Note: No masses on 11 - 14 June as Father Raja is away for the annual retreat.**




June 2024



Taste of India Dinner - Parish Fundraiser Event



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**ZUMBA**  
FITNESS

*Zumba with  
Virivan Bayaras*

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

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**SATURDAY  
JUNE 15, 2024**

**Ticket: \$10**

06:30 PM - DOOR OPEN  
07:00 PM - PARTY START  
09:00 PM - END



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**Summer Camp 2024!**

**July 15-19 or August 12-16**

From 9am-3pm(early drop off available at 8:30am)

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Cost per child is \$40.

Registration Form at the back of the church or  
on our website **boscoparish.com**

Please register early as numbers will be limited. First come, first registered.

Do you need "Called to Protect" training  
in order to volunteer with the parish?  
If so, please sign up for one of the  
following sessions: **June 12, Wednesday,**  
1:00 pm: Online via zoom

**June 24, Monday, 6:30 pm**  
In-person session at Good Shepherd  
Parish, 18407 60 Avenue NW, Edmonton

These sessions will be the only ones  
scheduled for the rest of  
the summer months!

**Please call the office to register ASAP**



# Wine and Charcuterie Night

Join us for a fun-filled evening featuring a silent auction!  
Fundraising Event - Adults Only

Saturday, June 22, 2024 @ 6:00pm  
St. John Bosco Parish Hall

Hosted by the  
Catholic Woman's League



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Tickets \$20 each  
Includes one glass of wine with food  
Variety of wines available for \$5/glass



Our next two dates for  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION**  
are Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 6:30 pm.



If you want to baptise your child this summer,  
please register for the June class ASAP.

Can a person who  
dies by "MAiD" have a  
Catholic funeral?



[hopeanddignity.caedm.ca](http://hopeanddignity.caedm.ca)

## June 2024

- 01 - First Saturday Devotions
  - Sacristans, Alter servers meeting
  - First Holy Communion celebration
  - Youth event
- 02 - **Corpus Christi**
  - Grand Outdoor Eucharistic Procession
  - K of C BBQ after procession
- 05 - School Principals and Chaplains meeting
- 07 - **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 08 - Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 09 - **10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 13 - St. Antony of Padua, Feast
- 15 - Zumba Fundraising Event
- 16 - **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 19 - CWL Meeting
- 20 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 22 - Wine and Cheese Fund Raiser Event
- 23 - **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 25 - K of C Meeting
- 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul, Feast
- 30 - **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- September 7 - 40th Anniversary of our Church
- Multi-cultural Potluck Dinner

Mark your 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.

## ENCOUNTER CHRIST, COMMUNITY & CREATION AT

6-separate  
weeks of  
camp from  
Jul 7 - Aug 15



- Play epic games & sports
- Eat great food
- Learn about their faith
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Make new friends
- Enjoy free time outside
- Try your hand at archery
- Swim or canoe in Gull Lake

**Jul 7-11** | Highschool Week (Gr.10-12)

**Jul 14-18** | All Ages Week 1 (Gr.4-9)

**Jul 21-25** | JPll Leadership Week (15-18 yrs)

**Jul 28-Aug 1** | Elementary Week (Gr.4-6)

**Aug 4-8** | Jr High Week (Gr.7-9)

**Aug 11-15** | All Ages Week 2

**\$350 per camper**

Scan or visit

<https://camps.caedm.ca/summercamp/>

to LEARN MORE:



Scan or visit

<https://olvc.campbrainregistration.com/>

to REGISTER:



The Catholic  
Archdiocese  
of Edmonton

STM YOUTH MINISTRY

### 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

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