



ST. JOHN BOSCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH | EDMONTON, AB

Summer 2025

NEW PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings to St. John Bosco Parish!

My name is Fr. Chinnapparaj Balraj (Fr. Chinna), and I am blessed to have been assigned as the new Pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church. It is a great privilege to serve you.

Before I give you my message, I would like to appreciate and thank the outgoing pastor Fr. Adaikala Raja John for his hard work and great legacy that he has imprinted in the parish. I am deeply grateful for his inspiring life and service in the parish community. I give thanks to the Lord for the love, compassion and dedication that he has shown me in the past year. As he takes leave from this beautiful and cherished place, let us remember him fondly and pray for him always. May God bless him as he begins his new ministry at Toronto. May he find joy and fulfillment in his new ministry, and may his work be a blessing to all those he serves. Though we are sad to see him leave, we celebrate his new appointment and pray that God will continue to bless him in all that he does. His spirit of selflessness and generosity in responding to God's continued call inspire us.

My dear brothers and sisters, a parish is, first of all, a community where everyone should feel welcomed. It is a place where we come to celebrate and commemorate events of our lives. Like a personal family, a parish is always ready to help one another and share in each other's lives. It is a place of prayer, renewal, and strengthening of our faith through the reception of the Sacraments. We should feel the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding us to Jesus Christ, who is our salvation.

Let us try to follow the holy life and teachings of St. John Bosco, the patron saint of our church. St. John Bosco's teachings on love emphasize that love is the foundation of true education and is expressed through kindness, patience, and unwavering support. He believed that love

should be demonstrated through actions, not just words, and that it should be accompanied by reason and religion. His motto, "Give me souls, and take away the rest," highlights his dedication to saving souls through love and care. That should be our goal. We are proud to be one in spirit, one in Jesus Christ. St. John Bosco church is our family. Let us try to love each other, share with each other, respect each other, correct each other, forgive each other, help each other, and encourage each other. As we are children of God, let us open the doors of our hearts for others. Come, let us work together. Come, let us proclaim Jesus together. Come, let us share our time and talents with others. Unity is our strength. Our continuous prayers, unity and cooperation will make wonders in our parish.

With great hope I look forward to ministering to, and working with, the Parish staff, parish council, committees, and many volunteers. The many graces that we, as a parish, receive are great! It is my prayer that the parish flourishes in faith and love for our Lord and one another, for many years to come. Please keep me in your prayers.

"Love one another, advise one another, correct one another and never be carried away by envy or rancour."
— St. John Bosco.

With prayers and love,
Fr. Chinnapparaj Balraj SDB

A Thank you Note from Fr. Raja

Dear Friends, I sincerely thank you for the many farewell notes, gifts and dinner. I appreciate your good wishes and warm send off. I thank Shelly and Joyce, members of PPC, K of C, CWL, Legion of Mary, SSVP and maintenance committee for organising a BIG surprise send off party for me. Your active participation and concern shown to me is much appreciated. Be sure that you are in my thoughts and prayers though we may be miles apart. Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Raja SDB

Father Chinnapparaj Balraj, a Salesian of Don Bosco from Tamilnadu, South India was born on 29th December 1979. He became a Salesian on 24th May 1999. He did his schooling from the 6th grade with the Salesians and fascinated by the life and charism of St. John Bosco, he felt the God's call while doing his 8th grade and he entered the Salesian aspirantate for his initial Seminary formation and kept growing positively by the motivation and the guidance of Salesians, with the blessings of Lord Jesus and Blessed Mother Mary. Studies of Philosophy was done at the Salesian Institute, Yercaud and Theology at the Ecclesiastical institution of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, both affiliated to Rome. He was ordained a priest on 26th December 2009.



He has two university degrees on two various disciplines namely, Sociology and History and a master's degree in History, he also has qualified himself with a special degree on School Education in order to be a teacher in the School. He has served the Church as Associate Pastor, School teacher, Youth Director, Social work Coordinator, Administrator at various parishes and Salesian institutions in Tamilnadu. He has served as Vocation Director for the Salesians in Tamilnadu for 3 years and he has served as the Administrator and School Teacher at the St. Mary's School, Fujairah, United Arab Emirates (UAE). May 2024, he arrived in Edmonton, Canada and served as Associate pastor at St. Charles Parish. 1st July 2025, he took charge as administrator of St. John Bosco Church.

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!

JULY 2025

- 03 - St. Thomas, the Apostle
- 04 - First Friday
- 05 - First Saturday
- 06 - 14th Sunday in Ord. Time
- 13 - 15th Sunday in Ord. Time
- 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 20 - 16th Sunday in Ord. Time
- 25 - St. James, the Apostle
- 27 - 17th Sunday in Ord. Time

AUGUST 2025

- 01 - First Friday
- 02 - First Saturday
- 03 - 18th Sunday in Ord. Time
- 06 - Transfiguration of the Lord
- 10 - 19th Sunday in Ord. Time
- 15 - Assumption
- 17 - 20th Sunday in Ord. Time
- 24 - 21st Sunday in Ord. Time
- 31 - 22th Sunday in Ord. Time

JUNE 2025 Collection

Regular	- \$17,541.65
Auto withdrawal	- \$3,980.00
T W S	- \$2,265.00
Building fund	- \$3,122.00
Children's	- \$504.90



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SUMMER CAMP 2025!



**July 21st to 25th
or
August 18th to 22nd**



**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 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

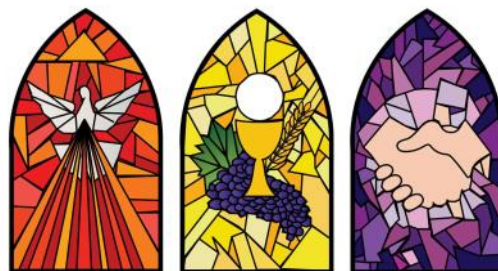
- To communicate with you and to know who is a part of our community, so we can support our parishioners better

- 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

Sacrament Registration 2025 - 2026

The sacraments in our Catholic faith are beautiful signs of God's love which enhance our faith journey. Faith formation is a lifelong process and preparing our children and youth to receive these sacraments is a time honored practice of the Church.



Registration for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA/RCIC (baptism for children, youth and adults) on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21 - after each of the weekend Mass. Please bring your child/youth baptism certificate (for Reconciliation/ Holy Communion sacrament), baptism and Holy Communion certificate (for Confirmation sacrament) and birth certificate (for RCIA/RCIC faith program). Forms will be available on this weekend or on our parish website. If you have any questions email Joyce.Labelle@caedm.ca or call the parish 789 478 0198.

"People will know you are my followers when you show love for one another." adapted from John 13:35



Children's Liturgy

for children in Kindergarten to grade three will resume on **September 6 and 7.**

Next baptism preparation

July 24 at 6:30 pm

ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH GROUP

KICK-OFF

Registration and Games Night

September 6

5 PM YOUTH MASS
6 PM REGISTRATION / DINNER
6:30 PM EVENT STARTS

Grade 10 - 12

Grade 7 - 9

Grade 4 - 6

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

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

African Dinner & Drinks

Come experience African Cuisine

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH 13503
40 STREET NW EDMONTON AB

TIME & DATE Sept. 13th 2025
6:30 pm

TICKETS \$20.00

Contact Yetunde, 780-604-8050, Haimi
780-802-6911, or Rufus 780 200 9538

CANADA DAY MASS

Join us for Mass
on July 1st at
9:00am

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safe and
enjoyable
summer**

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Joyce

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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

Leah and Jannette

Couples for Christ (CFC)

Ed and Eloisa

Music Ministry

Angie

Eucharistic Ministers

Barb

Readers Coordinator

Ron

Sacristy Team

Kathy

Youth Ministry

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Migrant Services

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