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This Month's Issue:

September Events Calendar
- Youth Group Kick Off, African Dinner, Marriage Retreat, Sacrament Registration and much more!

2025 July & August Summer Camp Update
Children's Liturgy

Part 1: Young John Bosco

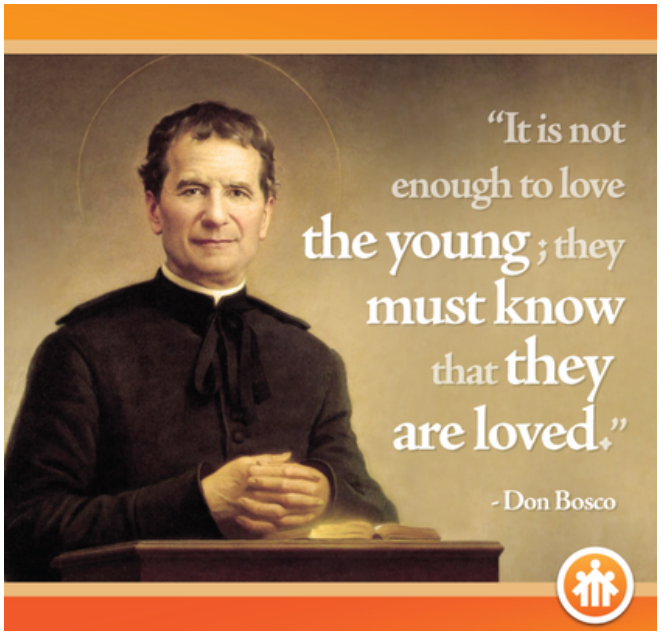
God, it is said, sends the world saints when they are most needed-not men and women of "general holiness," but specialized experts who fit into the pattern of the times and are capable of giving God's tone to their century. And so it was that on August 16, 1815 when one era was closing in Europe with the exile of Napoleon, and the Industrial Revolution was clanging another open, "a man was sent by God whose name was John." He came to the scrubby stone cottage of Francis and Margaret Bosco on the hills of Becchi, at the foot of the Italian Alps. "A fine healthy baby," the neighbors all agreed, "fit for the soil, to take his father's place on the old homestead." But no one went further than that in predicting the child's future.

Francis died only two years after John's birth, leaving Margaret to raise three boys by herself. She taught them that they each needed to carry his weight and help with the keep of their home and farm. There were house chores to do, firewood to cut and gather, fields to plow, and crops to tend. Little John and his older brother Joseph, supervised by their stepbrother Anthony, tackled the endless work with energy. Margaret taught them that work was a privilege and that joy would make the work lighter. She was a woman of character and tenderness. All who knew her called her Mama Margaret. Fathomless was the love she showed her sons, not in coddling words but in deeds; innumerable were the lessons in upright living, Christian fortitude, and fear of God, which she taught by her example. A pillar of goodness, she stood before them as sturdy as the very Alps. At her knee John first heard the voice of the Master calling him to a special assignment. It was a low insistent voice, an urge that once in a while manifested itself in a sudden outburst, like the time Margaret and John were walking along the countryside and met one of the local priests

"Hello, Father," cried the boy, to be acknowledged only by a curt bow of the head. Deeply hurt, he complained that the priest had hurt his feelings. "When I grow up," he told his astonished mother, "I'm going to be a priest, and I'll talk to children all the time, and I'll do everything for them!"

Again the voice urged John to go among the farm boys, not just as a playmate but as a leader. More than once he came home with a battered cheek or torn shirt and in explanation would say, "But, Mama, those boys aren't really bad. They just don't have a good mother like I have, and they don't know their catechism, and their parents don't take them to church. When I'm with them, they behave better. Please, Mama, may I go with them?"

Soon the child took over completely, as God's plan called for. He learned the tricks of magic from traveling showmen. He juggled. He walked the tightrope. Then he opened his own carnival show. Admission: one rosary to be recited by all spectators; added attraction: the Sunday sermon, repeated by the little ringmaster. The show grounds were the field in front of the house, where Margaret Bosco often watched her son at work and wondered what might come of it all.



Father Chinna will be away from September 1 to 5 so there will NO weekday masses on these dates, including Friday evening. First Saturday mass on September 6 will go ahead at 9:00 am.

September Calendar

6 - Youth Group Kick-Off Event
6 - Legion of Mary Event
7 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 - African Dinner & Drinks Event
14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
14 - Sacrament Registration
17 - CWL Meeting
18 - PPC Meeting
20 - Sacrament Registration
21 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 - Knights of Columbus Meeting
23 - 1st Reconciliation Meeting
25 - Baptism Prep Meeting
28 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October Special Events

October 4 - Marriage Enrichment Seminar
October 5 - Knights Pancake Breakfast
October 18 - Young Adult Group Gala



Celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with our Legion of Mary on Saturday, September 6th at 9:30 am in the hall after the First Saturday Mass. Refreshments will be served.



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COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Marriage Retreat

Presented by Couples for Christ - All couples are welcome!

Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:00am to 4:00pm

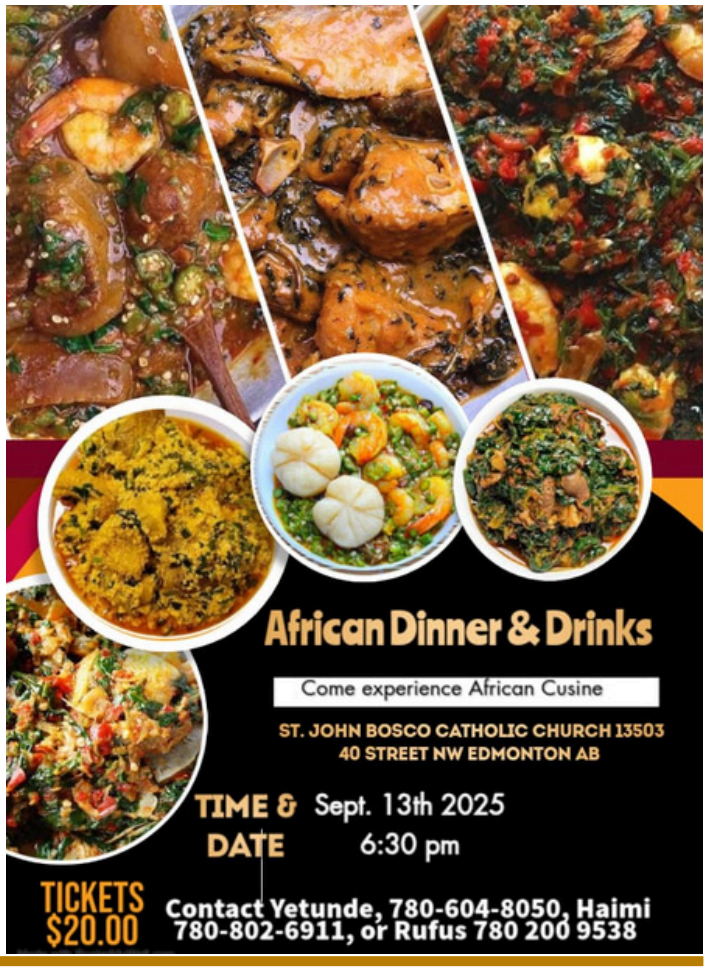
Mass at 5:00 pm with renewal of vows
The mass is part of the program and couples are expected/encouraged to attend the mass.

This is a repeat of Session 1.
Session 2 will be presented next year for those who have done Session 1

Lunch provided
No cost to attend, free will offering accepted

Sign up at the back of the church or call the parish office to register

service to Marriage & Family



Summer Camp 2025

July 21st to July 25th

Our parish welcomed 96 children and youth aged 6 - 16 for a faith-filled camp experience. Guided by the theme " Journey with Jesus - Pilgrims of Hope", the campers explored what it means to follow Jesus. Led by 6 leaders, supported by 20 volunteers and 6 wonderful kitchen angels, the camp offered a welcoming space for spiritual growth and fun.



August 18th to August 22nd

These campers attended Mass, participated in activities, and especially enjoyed the clapping games from Father Chinna. Our parish is grateful to all who gave their time and hearts so generously. St. John Bosco would say, " it is not enough to love the youth, they must know that they are loved. "
This was so tangible! God is so good.



Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage Rome, Italy | Tatoh Gaitano

Over one million young people from 146 countries gathered in Rome from July 28th to August 3rd



Saints and Feast Day Calendar

1 - St. Giles, Abbot
8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12 - Most Holy Name of Mary
13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
20 - Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Korean Martyrs
21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
26 - St. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions, Martyrs, Secondary Patrons of Canada
29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels





Our Children's Liturgy (Sunday School) during Mass will begin again on September 6 and 7. **Please remember, this class is for children in kindergarten to grade 3 only.**

Also, if your child has already celebrated their First Communion, they are expected to remain and attend the full Mass, even if they are in grade 3.

If you would like to help with this program, please contact the office.

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

July & August 2025 Collection

Regular	$33,564
Auto Withdrawal	$8,160
Together we Serve	$4,395
Building Fund	$2,006
Children's	$970

Thank you

Pastor: Rev. Chinna, SDB
Deacon: Jose Huezo
Parish Staff: Shelly and Joyce

Parish Ministries:

Parish Pastoral Council - Barb
Parish Finance Committee - Robert
Eucharistic Ministers - Barb
Maintenance Committee - Dave
Music Ministry - Angie
Readers Coordinator - Ron
Refugees and Migrant Services - Haimi
Sacristy Team - Kathy
Visitation Ministry - Joyce
Young Adult Group - Karen
Youth Ministry - Todd

Parish Groups:

Catholic Women's League - Shelly
Couples for Christ (CFC) - Ed and Eloisa
Knights of Columbus - Ronan
Legion of Mary - Leah and Jannette
St Vincent de Paul Society - Ann Marie

Registration for Sacraments



Sunday, Sept. 14 after each mass **or** Saturday, Sept. 20 from 3pm to 4:30pm

First Reconciliation
First Holy Communion - for Grade 2 or older child/youth
Confirmation - for Grade 6 or older youth
Baptism for Adults - RCIA
Baptism for Children - RCIC

Forms available at the back of the church or from the parish website



