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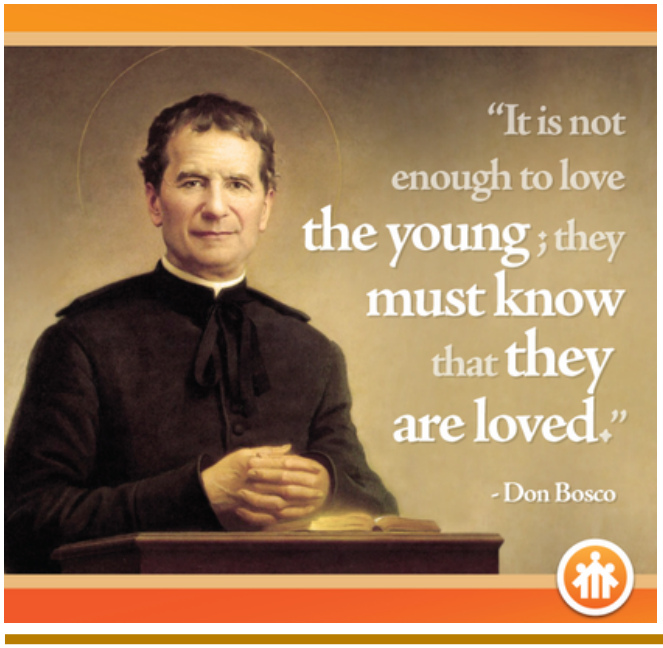
This Month's Issue:
Parish Census, Thanksgiving Message,
RCIA, RCIC & Confirmation Registration,
Marian Devotion, Young Adult Group Activities
Catholic School Trustee Election October 20th

Part 2: The Call of Don Bosco

When John was nine, the Master called him openly. A mission as important as his could not be left to a mere urge. In a "dream," John found himself fighting a large crowd of rowdy lads who were cursing and carrying on abominably. He tried to stop them, but they refused to listen to him. Suddenly, a Man appeared, who motioned to John and said, "Not with punches will you help these boys, but with goodness and kindness!" "Who are you?" gasped the astonished boy.
Then a Woman appeared. Putting her arms around him, she said, "Watch what I do, John." John looked. The boys changed into a pack of snarling wild animals whose growls sent terror to his heart. Then the woman put out her hand. The beasts changed again to a frolicking flock of lambs.

"But what does it all mean? I'm just a farm boy. What can I do?" He burst into tears.
The Lady's answer came to him, ever to resound in his heart, to be repeated audibly several times in his life, "This is the field of your work. Be humble, steadfast, and strong!'"
John now knew his vocation. But priesthood meant studies, and there was no money on the Bosco farm. Even school was almost impossible. Due to the goodness of a farmer who taught him, John learned to read and write and do sums at the age of eight. His first schooling came the next year, when he hiked some three miles every morning to the country school of a priest. But the increasing hostility of his stepbrother, not pacified by John's attempts to put in extra hours on the farm, made life at home unbearable.

And so, for the sake of domestic peace, Margaret Bosco divided the paltry estate left by her husband and allowed her youngest son to go to Castelnuovo to attend public school and board with a good family she knew. Alone in the town, John soon learned the hardships of an orphan's life. He worked after school to support himself. Though he was only 15, he labored in a blacksmith shop, then as a tailor, a waiter, a pin-boy in a bowling alley, a shoemaker--anything to get a few pennies and ease his mother's burden.
At school he did exceptionally well. True, teacher and classmates had looked upon him as a country dolt in the beginning, but his brilliant memory and steadfast application soon won him everyone's respect. In one year, he was ready for secondary studies.



As we look back over the records, we find that John did three years of high school in one scholastic year and one summer. How he succeeded is quite unimaginable, unless we take into account his exceptional memory and intensive study habits.

Throughout his schoolwork John did not lose sight of his vocation which was now, more than ever, an actual conviction. "I'm going to be a priest," he told his friends, "And I'm going to give my life to the care of boys!"

By 1835, when John was 20, he was ready for the seminary, taking with him an enviable record for excellence in studies, a reputation for solid piety, and the friendship of countless people in many walks of life. Prominent among them was a young priest, Father Cafasso, now St. Joseph Cafasso, John's confessor, who best understood him and helped him to interpret God's plan.

Calendars

October Events

4 - Youth Mass & Event
5 - Knights Pancake Breakfast
11 - Legion of Mary Rosary Rally 12pm
15 - Catholic Women's League Meeting
18 - Young Adult Group Activities
18/19 - CWL Promotion Weekend
21 - Knights of Columbus Meeting
23 - Baptism Preparation
25 - Altar Servers Meeting
25 - 1000 Hail Mary's

November Events

1 - All Saints Day
1 - Youth Mass and Event
2 - All Souls Day
11 - Remembrance Day Mass
Commemoration begins at 10:45 am
19 - CWL & KC Memorial Mass 7pm
22 & 23 - KC Sacred Heart Holy Hour

Young Adult Group Gala has been rescheduled to April 25, 2026

Liturgical, Saints & Feasts

October Calendar

1. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
2. Holy Guardian Angels
5. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7. Our Lady of the Rosary
12. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15. Teresa of Jesus, Memorial
17. Ignatius of Antioch, Memorial
19. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28. Simon & Jude, Apostles



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CHARITY SALE

October 23, 24 & 25, 2025

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

St. John Bosco invites our Young Adults to...

Oct 18 | 6:00PM | Upstairs

Bible Study + Meet and Greet



Book of Numbers!
Lead by Tim and Emmanuella!



Rev. Chinnapparaj Balraj, SDB
Introduction



Productivity Café

Oct 18 | 7:30PM | Upstairs

Come and review your Korean Lessons, write course essays, or prep for midterms with prayer and coffee!

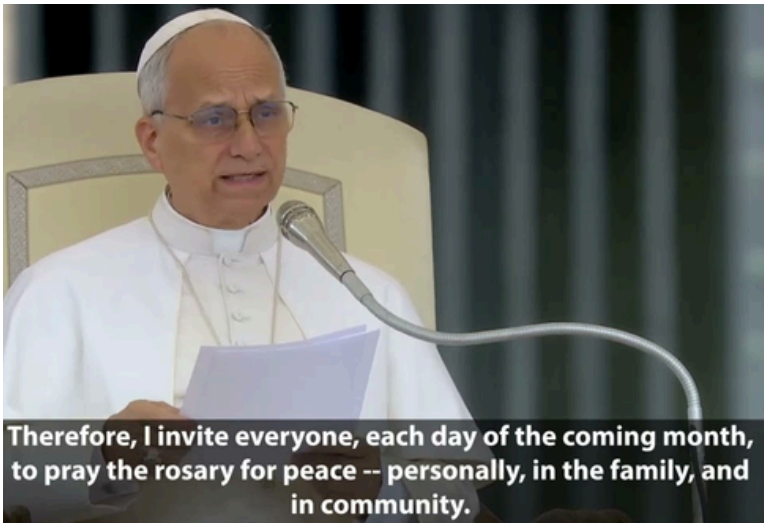
Lead by Trizha and Karen!



October is dedicated to Marian devotion. In an effort to foster peace through the intercession of Mother Mary, our parish will organize a day dedicated to the recitation of 1,000 Hail Mary's.

Each parish group or ministry, as well as individuals and families, will have the opportunity to lead the rosary on **Saturday, October 25th.**

Watch the bulletin for more details and sign up at the back of the church!



Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace. He announces that a Rosary will be prayed in St. Peter's Square on October 11 as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. Join us here on October 11 at noon for a Rosary Rally hosted by the Legion of Mary.

Prayer for the New Archbishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who governs your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless love a pastor who will shepherd the church in Edmonton with integrity and compassion dedicated to the pastoral care of your people.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen







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Parish *Census*



Our parish is taking part in a new Archdiocesan pilot project to update parish family records.

Even if you're already registered, we ask all parishioners to complete the new census form so our records are accurate and up to date.

You can fill it out online using the QR code or link below.

www.boscoparishedmonton.flocknote.com/register

Thank you for helping us strengthen our parish family!

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 - Fridays at 6 pm &
First Friday of the month
from 9:30 to 10:15 am
Other days by appointment

Office Times

Tuesday to Friday
8:30am to 3:00pm
Lunch time - Noon to 1:00 pm

September 2025 Collection

Regular	$21,863.00
Auto Withdrawal	$3,990.00
Together we Serve	$2,239.00
Building Fund	$475.00
Children's	$602.00

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

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton



The Archdiocese is hosting a half-day workshop for parishioners who would like to bring Holy Communion to shut-ins at home, and the sick in our care centers and hospitals.

The workshop will be held here at St. John Bosco Parish on Saturday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Please register by October 10
Using the QR code or link below.

https://bit.ly/eucharistoct2025

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving, we give thanks to all our parishioners whose presence, prayers, and support have enriched the life of our parish.

A special word of gratitude goes to our volunteers and parish groups. Through your time, talent, and dedication, you bring life to our parish in so many ways, from organizing events, leading ministries, and serving behind the scenes.

May God bless you and your families abundantly this Thanksgiving season!

Fr. Chinna, SDB





2025 EDMONTON CIVIC ELECTION

In preparation for the upcoming municipal elections on October 20, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta encourage all Catholics to engage in the electoral process, especially in the election of Catholic school trustees. This is a matter of profound importance for the mission of the Church.

Our Church is in Ward 73 of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division. We encourage all Catholics to vote for an Edmonton Catholic School Trustee.

The 3 candidates running for Catholic School Trustee in Ward 73 are: Ron Fernandes, Kara Pelech, and Mark Swanson.