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This Month's Issue:
No morning mass - Nov 4, 5 &6
Honouring Deacon Jose for 17 Years of Service
Young Adult Event - Nov 15
Samosa & Chai Fundraiser - Nov 15 & 16
Eucharistic Adoration - Nov 22 & 23

Part 3: John Bosco's Ministry Begins

On June 5, 1841, John was ordained to the priesthood in Turin. He celebrated his first Mass the next day in the church of St. Francis of Assisi. "During my first Mass," he said, "I asked for the gift of efficacy of speech, and I think I got it!" With ordination came the release of a powerful spiritual energy, which, joined to his rare human gifts, was calculated to exert a lasting influence on modern youth.

The beautiful Lady of his dreams was not slow in showing Don Bosco (Don is the title given to priests in Italy) just what she expected him to do. On the feast of Mary Immaculate, December 8, 1841, the first sign came. While vesting for Mass, the priest heard the sacristan shrieking at a poor young boy who had sneaked into the church to get warm. "Here, call the boy back," cried Don Bosco, "he's, my friend!"

The boy came over to Don Bosco.

Don Bosco asked, "What is your Name?"
"Bartholomew Garelli" the boy answered.
"How old are you Bartholomew?"
"Sixteen," answered the boy.
"Can you serve Mass?"
"No."
"What do you do?"
"I'm a bricklayer," he responded, head lowered.
"Your mother and father..."
"I'm alone," the boy responded sadly.
"Can you whistle?" Don Bosco broke in.
"Of course I can whistle!"
exclaimed Bartholomew laughing.

And that friendship, struck up on the spur of the moment, began Don Bosco's worldwide ministry to bring young people to God. He told Bartholomew to stay for Mass.

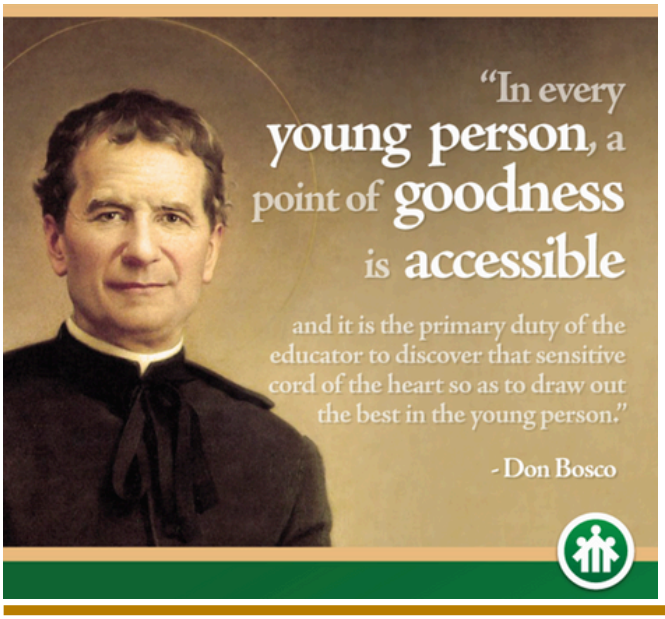
After Mass Don Bosco told the boy, "Next Sunday, bring your friends here, and we'll spend the day together."

The next Sunday, four ragged boys, looking badly in need of a meal and warm clothing, came to Don Bosco. They were certainly in very dire spiritual need. And their number multiplied in a few weeks, so that caring for them soon became a major problem.

"But my girls!" exclaimed the directress of the girls' orphanage where Don Bosco was chaplain, "What will become of them?"

"You can always find a priest for them," said Don Bosco, "these boys, they need me!"

No morning mass November 4 to 6. First Friday mass on November 7 will be as usual at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.



Remembrance Day Mass

Significance: The observance aligns with Catholic values of peace, sacrifice, and prayer for the departed.

Liturgical connection: **November 11** is the feast day of St. Martin of Tours, the principal patron of the Roman Catholic Military Ordinariate of Canada.

We will offer a special Memorial Mass starting with a commemoration at 10:45am. This Mass will be the only Mass that day. No regular Mass at 9:00 am.

This is to honor the sacrifices of military personnel, incorporating prayers for the deceased and for peace, in line with the Church's teachings.

November Events

1 – All Saints Day
2 – All Souls Day
4 – Booking Mass intentions for 2026 opens. First come, first served.
4 – 6 – No Morning Mass
11 – Remembrance Day Mass
Commemoration begins at 10:45 am
15 – Young Adult Event
15 & 16 – Samosa & Chai Fundraiser
15 & 16 – CWL Promotion Weekend
19 – CWL & KC Memorial Mass 7 pm
20 – PPC Meeting
22 & 23 – KC Eucharistic Adoration

December Events

6 – Youth Mass & Event
6 – CWL Kids Christmas Store
7 – KC Pancake Breakfast
12 – Advent Mission
13 – KC Children's Christmas Party
14 – Christmas Concert
18 to 20 – KC Christmas Hamper Prep
21 – Parish Penitential Service

Liturgical, Saints & Feasts November

4. Charles Borromeo
9. Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica
10. Leo The Great, Feast
12. Josaphat, Feast
13. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Feast
16. 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
17. Elizabeth Of Hungary, Feast
18. Basilicas Of Peter And Paul, Feast
21. Presentation Of Mary, Feast
22. St. Cecilia, Feast
23. Christ the King
24. Andrew Dung-Lac And Companions
30. 1st Sunday Of Advent



The Catholic Women's League is calling all ladies 16 years of age and older to join our council! Talk to one of our sisters in the blue sashes for more information. Join us after mass in the hall on Nov 16 for coffee and donuts!
You can also email cwl@boscoparish.com
https://www.cwl.ca/



Christmas & New Years Mass Times

Christmas Eve, **Dec 24th** - 5:00pm, 7:00pm & 10:00pm
Christmas Day, **Dec 25th** - 9:30am & 11:30am
New Year's Eve, **Dec 31** - 5:00pm
New Year's Day, **Jan 1** - 9:30am & 11:30am

The office will be closed from Dec 24 to Jan 1
Please email the parish if you have an emergency or call and leave a message.



December 14, 2025
6:30PM
St. John Bosco Parish
13503 40 St NW,
Edmonton, AB T5A 3L9

Faith | Music | Skit | Food

100% of donations collected at the concert are appreciated by St. John Bosco's 2027 World Youth Day Pilgrims!

Call for Singers!

Nov 30: Registration due
Dec 7: Dress Rehearsal

Join the 2025 Christmas Concert lineup to celebrate Christmas with family and friends! Join as an individual singer or as a group. Open to ALL parishioners and music ministry groups
Please keep songs under 6 minutes.

Call for Youth Volunteers!

We are inviting Youths of the Parish to join the Christmas Concert 2025 team to help us prepare any of the following:

Food, Tech, Decor, Readings

Orientation: Nov 15 @ 1PM
Decor Day: Nov 29 OR 30
Bake Night: Dec 13

Please Scan the QR code to register as a Singer or to Volunteer!

AUDIO VIDEO TEAM

We are looking for volunteers to help form a new team to help operate the sound system and TV screens at the Weekend Masses

If you have an interest in technology, we want you!
Training will be provided

Please register using the QR code or email Ronan at ronan@boscoparish.com

Knights of Columbus

Christmas Donations for the Less Fortunate

Non-Perishable Food Items for our Christmas Hamper Program & **Socks, Toques and Mitts**

Donation boxes will be at the entrance of the church

Monetary donations can be placed in the Collection Basket or in the church mailbox and labelled "Knight of Columbus Christmas Hampers"

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Bible Study



November 15 | 6:00PM
Upstairs

Book of Deuteronomy!

Lead by Tim and Emmanuella!

Cooking Night

Kimchi Jjigae (김치찌개)
Nov 15 | after Bible Study| Main Hall

Lead by Hope and Trizha

Help us prepare our shopping cart and RSVP:



Honouring Deacon Jose Huezo
In Gratitude for 17 Years of Dedicated Service

Thank you, Deacon Jose, for your love, your service, and your joyful witness to the Gospel. You will always be a part of this parish family. May the peace of Christ continue to dwell in your heart.

Scan the QR Code to sign the Thank You Card for Deacon



Parish Speech of Thanksgiving by Joyce



Flowers presented by Barb, Chair of Parish Pastoral Council



Parish Gift of Appreciation presented by Shelly along with Papal Blessing to Celebrate Deacon & Victoria's 50th Wedding Anniversary



Deacon addressing the congregation

Mass Times

Weekends
Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 9:30am & 11:30am
First Saturday of the Month - 9am

Weekdays
Tuesday to Thursday - 9:00am
First Friday of the Month - 9am

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 1:00pm

October 2025 Collection

Regular	$21,911.65
Auto Withdrawal	$3,970.00
Together we Serve	$2,671.00
Building Fund	$2,460.00
Children's	$546.50



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Saturday, November 22nd after the 5:00pm Mass and
Sunday, November 23rd after the 11:30am Mass

Eucharistic adoration is important because it is a practice of worshipping Jesus in his real presence in the Eucharist, deepening our personal relationship with him, and providing spiritual strength and renewal. It allows for private, contemplative prayer, making up for what is lacking in the more communal celebration of the Mass. The practice is a vital part of Catholic devotion and a foretaste of heaven.

Spiritual and personal importance:

- **Deeper relationship with Christ:** Adoration offers a chance for us to spend one-on-one time with Jesus in a way that is personal and intimate, friends being together.
- **Spiritual renewal and strength:** It provides time to receive spiritual warmth and protection and can be a source of strength to navigate the challenges of daily life.
- **Contemplation and prayer:** The practice centers on a "gaze of faith" on Jesus, which helps in renouncing self and focuses the heart on him.

Connection to Mass and community:

- **Extension of the Mass:** Adoration flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen the understanding and hunger for communion with Christ and the Church.
- **Homage to God:** It is an act of homage to Christ the King, acknowledging his power and greatness in a respectful silence.
- **Opportunities for the community:** Practices like Exposition and Benediction, Holy Hours, and Eucharistic processions are precious elements of Catholic heritage that allow for communal prayer, reparation, and supplication before the Eucharist.

Join St. Faustina in one of her small, tender prayers of Adoration. "Adore, my soul, the mercy of the Lord." "I adore you, O living Bread." "My only hope is in You." Spending time in Adoration draws us into intimacy with Jesus. As we get closer to him, he gives us the wisdom and strength to serve his Church and the people he has placed in our lives. Take a good look at your routine and find a way to include Adoration in your life. ***You will truly become the one you befriend.***

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