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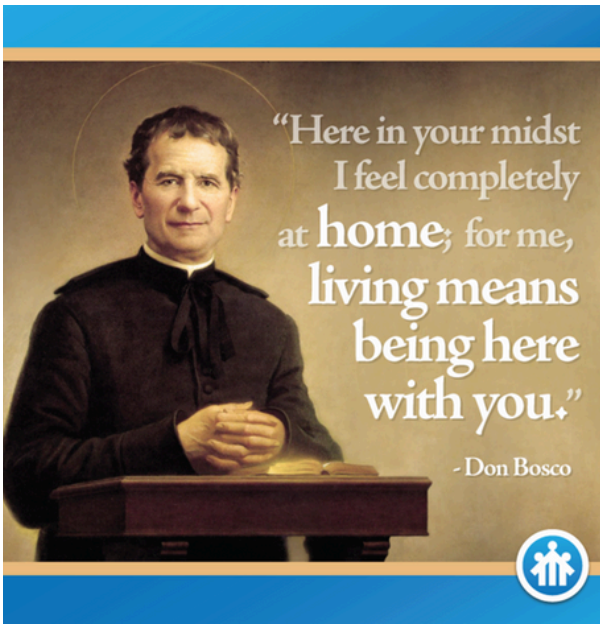
This Month's Issue:
Father Chinna Returns Feb 16
Sacred Heart Pilgrimage during Lent
Marriage Enrichement Retreat - March 14
Young Adult Group Events (Feb 21) & Gala (Apr 25)

Part 5: The Orphanage

New fields of endeavor for his boys opened themselves to the saintly priest. Homeless children, many of whom found an undesired home in its squalid prisons, overran Turin. They had to be saved before they fell!

Again, a little boy started the project. One stormy night in 1850, as Don Bosco and his mother were still awake and working, a timid knock came at their door. As Mama Margaret opened it, there he stood, tiny and dripping wet, scared, starved, blinking in the light.

"Please," he whined. "I'm hungry. Can I come in?"
As he devoured a bowl of steaming soup, he told his story: his mother had just died, the farm was taken over by creditors, and he was alone in the world.
"He'll stay with us," Don Bosco stated.
"But where will he sleep?" Mama Margaret asked.
"If necessary, we'll sling a basket from the ceiling for a bed!" laughed the priest. The boy laughed too. He was Don Bosco's first orphan.







Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
11 FEBRUARY 2026

February Events

1 - KC Pancake Breakfast
7 - First Communion Orientation
7 - Youth Event
11 - CWL Meeting
12 - Confirmation Orientation
13 to 15 - Eucharistic Miracles Part 1
17 - Father Chinna Returns
(Weekday masses resume)
18 - Ash Wednesday
19 to 22 - Eucharistic Miracles Part 2
21 - Young Adult Event
24 - KC Meeting
26 - Baptism Preparation

March Events

1 - KC Pancake Breakfast
7 - Youth Event
12 - Lenten Pilgrimage 7:00 pm
14 - Marriage Enrichment Retreat
18 - CWL Meeting
19 - PPC Meeting
20 - Lenten Mission 6:30 pm
21 - Healing Service 6:00 pm (Encounter)
21 - Young Adult Event
24 - KC Meeting
28/29 - Palm Sunday
29 - Penitential Service 6:00 pm

February Liturgical, Saints & Feasts

1 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 - Presentation of the Lord
3 - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar
5 - St. Agatha
6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions
8 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 - St. Scholastica
11 - Our Lady of Lourdes
15 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 - Ash Wednesday
(fasting and abstinence begins)
21 - St. Peter Damian
22 - 1st Sunday of Lent
23 - St. Polycarp

All are welcome to our black-tie gala to fundraise for WYD 2027 and YAG!

Journeys of Faith

St. John Bosco Parish | Young Adult Group

When: April 25, 2026
Where: St. John Bosco Parish

Tickets are **$25!**
Sales open March 2026

Special Thanks to the Gala Committee!

Fundraising	Entertainment	Food	Decor and Logistics
Emmanuella G. Ashley E.	Karen	Mary	Nancy Emmanuella N.

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

Bible Study



February 21 | 6:00PM
Special Topics:
Relationships and Marriage
Lead by Tim and Emmanuella!

St. John Bosco invites all interested in WYD 2027 pilgrimage to...

Korean Lesson

Lead by Trizha and Emmanuella
Review and Recap
Feb 21| 2PM| Main Hall



SAVE THE DATE

Lenten Mission

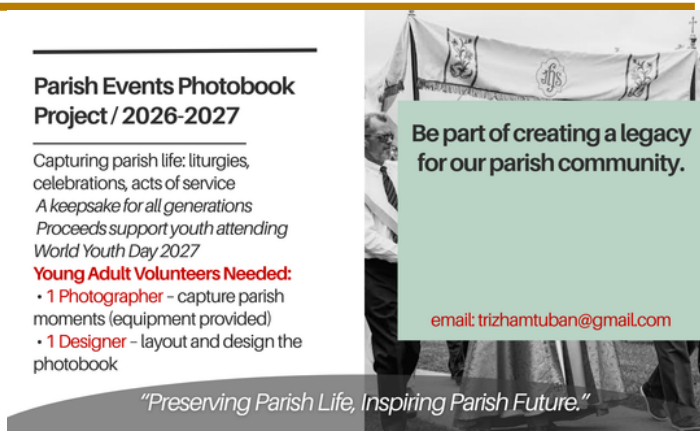
Friday, March 20th
Mission begins at 6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross, Mass, & preaching followed by benediction.



Fr. Paul Moret
Pastor at Holy Trinity Church, Spruce Grove

Stations of the Cross during Lent

On Fridays during Lent we will again be having the Stations of the Cross starting at 6:30 pm followed by adoration and Mass at 7:00 pm. Bring your family and deepen your prayer life this Lent by attending adoration and reflecting on the last moments of Jesus' life. February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.





Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a significant spiritual tradition inspiring many saints. This Lent, join a five-week pilgrimage in the East Deanery to explore God's Heart and the saints' witness.

Thursday, February 26th at 7 pm: St. Clare Church
Thursday, March 5th at 7 pm: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday, March 12th at 7 pm: St. John Bosco Parish
Thursday, March 19th at 7 pm: Santa Maria Goretti
Thursday, March 26th at 7 pm: Sacred Heart Parish

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Presented by Couples for Christ
All couples are welcome!

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Saturday, March 14, 2025
St. John Bosco Parish Hall
8:00am to 4:00pm
Mass at 5:00 pm with renewal of vows
The 5pm mass is intended to be part of the program and couples are expected/encouraged to attend the mass.

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



Miracles of the Eucharist

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Parish Hall

Part 1 : Friday, Feb 13 to Sunday, Feb 15
Part 2: Friday, Feb 19 to Sunday, Feb 22

ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
EDMONTON CAMPUS

Upcoming Healing Services

February 7
St. Thomas More Parish,
Edmonton @ 6:30pm

February 13
St. Vital Parish,
Beaumont @ 6:30pm

March 21
St. John Bosco Parish,
Edmonton @ 6:30pm

April 24
St. Matthew Parish,
Edmonton @ 6:30pm

May 2
St. Andrew Parish,
Edmonton @ 6:30pm

May 22
Holy Trinity Parish,
Spruce Grove @ 6:30pm

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Mass Times

Weekends

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

Weekdays

No weekday or Friday evening Masses until Feb 17 as Father is away.
Tuesday to Thursday - 9:00am
First Friday of the Month - 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

January 2026 Collection

Regular	$18,651.6
Auto Withdrawal	$3,940.00
Together we Serve	$2,143.00
Building Fund	$210.00
Children's	$765.25
New Years	$4,023.15

Thank you

Pastor: Rev. Chinna, SDB
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

Lent and It's Importance

Lent is a crucial 40-day Catholic season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity) from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, preparing for Easter by imitating Jesus' time in the desert. Its importance lies in spiritual renewal, focusing on repentance, deeper prayer, self-discipline (often through giving things up like meat/alcohol/gossip), and acts of charity, all to draw closer to God and fully appreciate Christ's Passion and Resurrection. It's a time to reorient priorities from worldly things to God, reflecting on baptism and seeking conversion of heart.

What is Lent?

- A Season of Preparation: It's the Church's annual spiritual "spring cleaning,"
- a period to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter.
- 40 Days: A symbolic number in the Bible, mirroring Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2).
- Starts with Ash Wednesday: Marked by receiving ashes on the forehead, symbolizing mortality and penance.
- Ends at Holy Thursday: Leading into the Easter Triduum (Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday).

Why is it Important for Catholics?

- **Spiritual Renewal**: A chance to re-examine life, repent sins, and seek deeper conversion, moving away from sin and towards God.
- **Imitating Christ:** Catholics follow Jesus' example of prayer and fasting in the desert, entering a spiritual "wilderness" to find deeper meaning.
- **Focus on Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving:**
  - **Prayer:** Deepening one's relationship with God through Scripture and focused prayer.
  - **Fasting:** Practicing self-control, detaching from earthly comforts (e.g., meat on Fridays, abstaining from luxuries) to find spiritual hunger for God.
  - **Almsgiving**: Sharing time, talent, and treasure with the needy, recognizing God's gifts.
- **Recalling Baptism:** A reminder of the death to sin and new life in Christ received at Baptism, preparing for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.
- **Meaningful Easter:** The sacrifices and spiritual growth during Lent make the joy of Easter even more profound.

Common Practices

- Giving up certain foods (like meat on Fridays), vices (alcohol, gossip), or habits (excessive tech use).
- Adding positive practices like extra prayer, reading scripture, or volunteering.