WHY DO WE CELEBRATE EASTER? AND WHAT IS IT WITH THE EGGS?



Easter is an important Christian festival – it's when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to the Bible, Jesus was resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday.

Records indicate that as early as 200 years after Jesus' life the early church decorated eggshells red to signify the blood and empty tomb. In the earlier church, eggs were also one of the foods "given up" for lent as a part of the fasting. So, the return of eggs to the menu (having allowed the chickens to 'rest') was a very important part of the feast that followed Lenten time.

The Easter story is the decisive move of God in saving humankind from sin and restoring all things to Himself. Easter is a time for joy, feasting and love to all as we recall the steps God took to allow us all to approach and be reconciled to Him.
May your Easter be one of rest, joy and hope for a brighter future.





Athena, Blake, Tristan, Tianna, and Shaylah

Who were baptised or confirmed in the Church this Easter!
May we continue to pray for them as God blesses them in their new life with Christ.



Knights of Columbus



Annual Highway Cleanup

Saturday, May 2nd
8:00am to 12:30pm

We are looking for volunteers to help us complete this event.

There is a signup sheet at the back of the church, please sign up and support the Knights.

Lunch will be provided.

Easter House Blessing

Invite the Risen Christ into Your Home

Looking ahead, we are excited to offer Easter House Blessings for our parish families. This beautiful tradition brings the joy and peace of the Risen Christ directly into your home.

There are several dates to choose from

April 14, 15, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30
May 5, 6, 8

Please register your family on the sheet at the back of the church or Call the parish office 780 478 0198



World Youth Day Group
Fundraising Event

JOURNEYS of FAITH

Fundraising for WYD 2027!
Young Adult Group Gala

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

Tickets are $25!
See our Volunteers after mass in the hall!
Or contact the parish office

April Events

No KC Pancake Breakfast in April
11 – Pilgrimage Info Meeting 10:30am
11 – Youth Mass & Event
11/12– KC Eucharistic Adoration
15 – CWL Meeting
22 – PPC Meeting
23 – Baptism Preparation
25 – Young Adult Group Gala
28 – KC Meeting

May Events

2 – KC Highway Cleanup
2 – Youth Mass & Event
3 – KC Pancake Breakfast
7 – Reconciliation for 1st Communion and Confirmation Candidates
9 – CWL Mother's Day Tea
10 – Mother's Day
12 to 14 & 26 to 28 – No Morning Mass
20 – CWL Meeting
21 – **Confirmation Mass**
23 – Prayer Breakfast
26 – KC Meeting
28 – Baptism Preparation

June Special Events

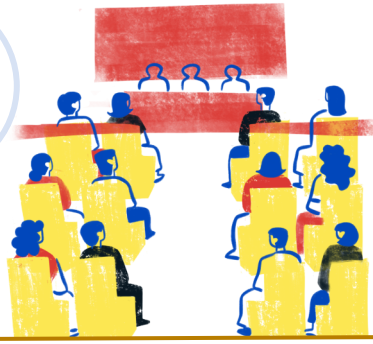
5 – First Holy Communion
7 – Eucharistic Procession
14 – KC Pancake Breakfast
14 – Ugandan Mass

Young Adult Group invites all interested in WYD 2027 pilgrimage to...

World Youth Day Information Session

Tues, Apr 7 | 6:30PM | Parish

- What is WYD/DoD?
- Cost Breakdown and Fundraising
- Resources and Preparation
- Free Donuts!

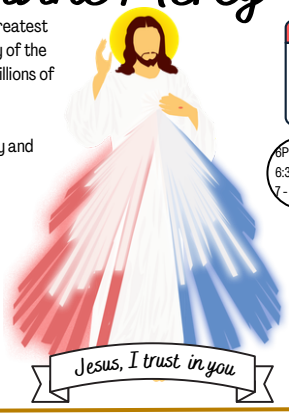


ST. JOHN BOSCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH | EDMONTON, AB
YOUTH MINISTRY

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy has been called "the greatest grassroots movement in the history of the Catholic Church" and has changed millions of lives.
But what is it?
Youth will investigate Divine Mercy and how to tap into the graces.

Please bring your Rosary



ATTENTION PLEASE

DATE CHANGE

April 11

6PM - SIGN IN / SOCIAL
6:30 PM - GATHER / SUPPER
7 - 8:30 PM - YOUTH GROUP

SCAN HERE

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



SPARK | Ignite TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Mothers Day Tea Party

Saturday, May 9th 11:00am to 2:00pm

St. John Bosco Church Hall - 13503 40th Street

Raffle table, games, door prizes, prizes for the best dressed. Come and enjoy the fun!!



Tickets Adult $20 each
Children (6-12 age) $10 each

To purchase tickets, please contact the parish office

SAVE THE DATE

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 23 - Morning

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Troy Davies, CEO | Catholic Social Services



EASTER BLESSINGS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. John Bosco Parishioners,
Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! Easter is Christianity's greatest feast. St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (1 Corinthians, 15:14). Its greatness does not lie in the event alone but in its significance and impact on the whole of creation. We have been redeemed from the claws of the darkness of sin and became victorious with Christ's triumph over death and sin. Light has overcome darkness and hope fills the earth. As Easter people, we are called to be witnesses to the power of Light and Life. Like Christ, our words and actions must shine forth to lead others to Him. Our liturgical celebrations during Holy Week are meant to be spiritually nourishing.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our parish ministries for their sincere dedication and hard work which tell us a lot about their love for the Lord and our community. Special thanks to our parish secretary, pastoral assistant, parish council, parish finance committee, caretaker, sacristans and the countless volunteers, especially the decorating committee who helped us make our Holy Week celebrations meaningful and spiritually uplifting. Special mention to our music ministry, youth and young adult groups and their coordinators, ushers, altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, kitchen staff, technical and media team, maintenance team, counters, and to everyone who made a donation for Easter flowers.

As your Pastor, I am very blessed to work with all of you, the best volunteers! I thank God every day for all of you and our wonderful, loving, and supportive parishioners. We are God's gift to one another and to our community. During this solemn Easter season let us joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community these many years. In this spirit of faith and hope, I wish you and our faith family of St. John Bosco, a most blessed and Happy Easter.

HAPPY EASTER!
JESUS IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Rev. Chinnapparaj Balraj, SDB
(Father Chinna)



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