



ST. JOHN BOSCO

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SUMMER 2026

Please note!

Friday, August 14th - No evening mass,
instead mass will be in the morning at 9am
July 31 to August 7 Father is away



Pastor's Message

6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (July 26)

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

Since its creation in 2021, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

Let this Day be a tangible opportunity for everyone, especially young people, to spend time with their grandparents, the elderly in their families, and most importantly, those who are completely isolated.



As a pastor, I request our parish community to keep alive in our ordinary daily routines, through weekly visits, patient listening, and shared prayer. It intends to become close to every elderly person, which the Gospel requires and their dignity deserves. In the hope that this Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will help bring the Church’s presence and the Lord’s tenderness to all older people, I send you my warmest greetings in Christ.

Prayer



Holy Father, Who watches over every person, Watch over me too when I am elderly. You have revealed your name to me in Christ, And You were not discouraged by my frailties. You hold me tenderly in your hands, And You caress my lines. You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness; Help me learn to love it just as You love it. Help me learn to listen to it just as You listen to it. Help me embrace it just as You have chosen it, You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division So that we may live these years united in You. You will never forget us! Amen.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

Summer Events

July 23 – Baptism Prep
 July 26 – World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly
 Weekends in July – Korean Lessons in preparation for World Youth Day
Jul 31 – Aug 7 Father George will celebrate all Masses
 Aug 10 to 14 – Summer Camp
 Aug 15 – Young Adult Bible Study
 Aug 15 – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Aug 27 – Baptism Prep

September Events

12 & 13 – Sacrament Registration
 15 – 1st Reconciliation Meeting
 16 – Catholic Women's League Meeting
 17 – PPC Meeting
 19 – Marriage Enrichment 2
 22 – KC Meeting
 24 – Baptism Prep
 26 – African Dinner

October Events

3 – Candlelight Marian Procession
 4 – Pancake Breakfast
 12 – Thanksgiving
 21 – Catholic Women's League Meeting
 27 – KC Meeting



Second African Dinner & Drinks



Saturday, September 26 @ 6:30pm

St. John Bosco Parish Hall - 13503 40 St.

Organized by the St. John Bosco African Community

Tickets \$25 each - To purchase or for more information contact Rufus, 780-200-9538, Gassimu, 780-807-2240, Michael, 780-695-9614, or the Parish Office, 780-478-0198.



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Summer Camp 2026

Theme: The Good Samaritan

August 10 to 14

**Early drop off 8:30 AM,
pick up at 3:00 pm SHARP**

AGE GROUPS

6 TO 9 and 10 to 15

Cost is \$60/child

Lunch and snacks provided

Deadline to register is August 3rd

Families must be registered parishioners!

**Scan the QR code for the registration form
or they are available at the back of the
church or on our website**



Mark your calendar for upcoming fall events!

Dates may change, so check our website

www.boscoparish.com for the latest updates.



ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH GROUP

KICK-OFF

**Registration
and
Games Night**

September 5

5 PM YOUTH MASS
 6 PM REGISTRATION / DINNER
 6:30 PM EVENT STARTS



Grade 10 - 12



Grade 7 - 9



Grade 4 - 6

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



St. Carlo Acutis Foosball Tournament

**5th
ANNUAL**

Aug 22, 2025

**SIGN UP AT THE BACK
OF THE CHURCH**



**Event
1 - 4 pm**





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To celebrate the World Day,
please join us in the hall
after all masses on
July 25/26 for refreshments



Registration for Sacraments

forms at parish or online

www.boscoparish.com - Sacraments
starts August 15

- **Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**
For child/youth in grade 2 or older -
have been baptized
- **Confirmation**
For youth in grade 6 or older
- **OCIA Faith Program - Baptism**
For adults who have not been baptized
For children ages 6 - 16 years whose
parents want baptism for their child/youth
- **information for each sacrament on
website or call parish at 780 478 0198**



Are you an ECSD teacher who may qualify for a permanent contract next year?



If so, getting a pastoral reference from your parish priest is part of that process. At St. John Bosco, we ask that all teachers seeking a pastoral reference letter are registered parishioners, attend mass regularly, and contribute to the success of the parish by volunteering here for at least **SIX months** prior to seeking a reference.

If we do not know you well, a reference letter in good faith is impossible. Please form a relationship with us or your home parish as soon as possible so that we can assist you best. Thank you for understanding.



the
**Archbishop's
Dinner**

A grateful gathering as
People of Mission

Friday, October 2nd 2026
Edmonton Convention Centre



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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Alter Servers

- Children and Adults

Music Ministry

- Adults only



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Baptism
Preparation



Classes are held once a month usually
on a Thursday

If you would like to baptize your child,
please call the office and register to
attend a class

Please register using the sheets on the back table
or contact the parish office 780-478-0198

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)



The Assumption of Mary is a Catholic dogma that the Virgin Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. Officially defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950 via the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, it is celebrated globally on August 15 as the Feast of the Assumption.

- **Body and Soul:** Unlike the Ascension of Jesus (which was by his own power as God), Mary was "assumed" or taken up into heaven by God's grace. The doctrine emphasizes that Mary's sinless life and perfect union with Christ made her uniquely suited to experience the glorification of her physical body before the general resurrection at the end of time.
- **A Sign of Hope:** The Church views the Assumption not just as a privilege for Mary, but as a promise for all Christians. Her bodily entry into heaven is seen as a preview and guarantee of the future resurrection promised to all believers.

History of the Belief: Though officially declared a dogma in the 20th century, the belief itself spans back over 1,500 years. Historical and archaeological records point to ancient celebrations of the "Dormition" (Mary's falling asleep) dating back to the 5th and 6th centuries in the Christian East. Early tradition highlights that there are no known bodily relics of Mary and that her tombs in Jerusalem and Ephesus were found to be empty.

The Assumption in the Bible: While the Bible does not explicitly detail the event of Mary's Assumption, Catholic theologians see it prefigured in various scriptures. The passage often cited is Revelation 12, which describes a "woman clothed with the sun" who is caught up to God and His throne, as well as Psalm 132, which speaks of the "ark of Thy might" entering its resting place.

Let us join with our Archdiocese as one family in celebrating the feast at Skaro on August 14th and 15th.

August 14 - 15, 2026

Skaro Shrine

108th

Annual Pilgrimage 2026

FRIDAY, August 14

6:30 p.m. - Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. - Rosary
7:30 p.m. - Vespers
8:00 p.m. - Mass at the Grotto

*Solemn Mass Presided by
Most Rev. Bishop Stephen Hero*

*On both days, The Blessed Sacrament
Procession with lit candles will follow the
blessing of the religious articles.*

SATURDAY, August 15

10:00 a.m. - Mass at the Grotto
with the Sacrament of the Sick

*Scan for address
or Google
Skaro Shrine*

