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SEPTEMBER 2026

Please note mass changes!

Sept 7 to 11 Fr. Chinna is away at priest's retreat
Fr. George will celebrate weekday masses
Sept 23 - No morning Mass. Instead at **6pm**
Oct 2 - No evening Mass, Morning mass at **9am**

Pastor's Message - Back to School

Dear Parishioners of St. John Bosco,

Labour Day weekend marks the end of summer and the return to our routines in home, parish, and school. Heading into a new school year brings a mix of excitement and anxiety for parents. As Christian parents, our greatest desire is to protect our children and continually point them to Christ during these impressionable years.

In order to capture their hearts at a young age, we start training our children early. Once our children start school, the opportunities grow. Curriculum content, classmates, internet access, field trips, birthday parties, organized sports, after-school activities, and homeschool groups are all influential in the lives of our children. And because our kids are human, they ponder and entertain new ideas.

So, what do we do? - **First**, just because we can't protect our children from everything doesn't mean all things should be permissible. If you aren't sure if something is good for your child to see or do, let Philippians 4:8 be your guide. Paul says, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

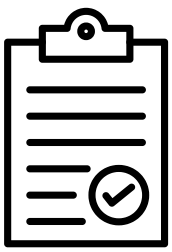
Second, our children need to know that Jesus is the answer to every uncertainty, every fear, and every temptation they will face. Going back to school can be frightening for a lot of children. They may struggle with learning, peer pressure, or making friends. We need to help our children turn to Jesus when they are struggling, and the best way for them to learn this is to see it in us.

Have you heard the quote, "If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to"? If you turn to worldly comfort when you are stressed or overwhelmed, so will your children. Instead, when you are facing a trial, include your children in your prayers for strength and peace.

These school years are difficult regardless of how our children are educated. They are facing temptations, deceptions, and flat-out lies from Satan. They are being pulled by the world while they are in our homes and out of our homes. Our children need us to protect them, and they need us to continually point them to Christ.

Parenting isn't easy. It takes a lot of intentional work. As our children head back to school this year, let's make this spiritual investment together!

Dear children as we celebrate World Children's Day on September 27 & 28 let us remember the words of Pope Francis:
"All of you, girls and boys, are a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past of the future and covering the whole earth."



Are you registered with the Parish?

If not, please use the form at the back of the church or on our website to register. This is important for several reasons including parish management, Archdiocese statistics, and the greater ability to help you when you require assistance with sacraments, funerals, home/car blessings, and other needs. Please update your address if you have moved.

September Events

5 – Youth Mass & Event
6 – Legion of Mary Event after 11:30 mass
7 – 11 Father Chinna @ Priests' Retreat
Fr. George will celebrate weekday mass
12 & 13 – Sacrament Registration
13 – 11:30am – Young Adult's Mass
15 – 1st Reconciliation Meeting 6:30
16 – Catholic Women's League Meeting
17 – PPC Meeting
19 – Marriage Enrichment 2
19 – Young Adult Meeting 6:30
22 – KC Meeting
23 – Euthanasia Prevention Presentation
24 – Baptism Prep
26 – African Dinner
30 – Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Mtg

October Events

2 – First Friday, Morning Mass
No evening mass
3 – Youth Mass and Event
4 – Pancake Breakfast
10 – Candlelight Marian Procession
12 – Thanksgiving
21 – Catholic Women's League Meeting
27 – KC Meeting

September Liturgical, Saints & Feasts

3. St. Gregory the Great, Memorial
6. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
13. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15. Our Lady of Sorrows
20. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21. St. Matthew the Apostle
27. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29. St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Are you an offertory envelope user?

If so, please let the office know if you **WILL NOT** continue to use your box of envelopes next year in 2027. If you will be moving away or just not continuing to use envelopes, we can issue your box to another family who would like one. Anyone who used their box less than 5 times this year will not receive a new one, unless you tell us otherwise. Thank you.

Eucharistic and Readers Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all current and new Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday, September 30th, at 6:30 pm in the church hall

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Young Adults

We invite all young adults to the following

Young Adults Mass
Sunday, September 13th
At the 11:30am Mass

Young Adults Meeting
Saturday, September 19th
6:30pm - Parish Hall

Sacrament Registration Day

Sat, Sept 12 at 6:00 pm **or** Sun, Sept 13 at 10:30 am

Please bring a copy of the child's baptism certificate with you when registering for any sacrament

First Reconciliation and First Communion
(children and youth who are grade 2 or older)
Sept 13th will be the FINAL DAY to register your child.
Registration will not be open again until **Sept 2027**
Orientation Meeting will then be on Tued, Sept 15 at 6:30pm

On this registration day, you can also register for
Confirmation (grade six and older), **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** - Adults/children over 7 wanting to be baptized in the Catholic faith

Summer Camp 2026

This summer, our parish welcomed **105 children** and young people, aged 6–15, to a vibrant and faith-filled summer camp centred on the theme "The Good Samaritan."

Led by 7 dedicated teachers, supported by 17 volunteers and 7 kitchen angels, the campers explored Jesus' parable through engaging activities, games, and fellowship. They discovered the meaning of mercy, compassion, and neighbourly love.

The campers also attended daily Mass and were inspired by Father Chinna to love and follow Jesus more closely. Our parish is deeply grateful to everyone who generously shared their time, talents, and hearts to help form these young people as active disciples of compassion, ready to live like the Good Samaritan.

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.

(Sunday School) will begin again on September 12 and 13 during each weekend mass. **Please remember, this class is for children in kindergarten to grade three only.**

Also, if your child has already celebrated their First Communion, they are expected to remain and attend the full Mass, even if they are in grade 3.

Please encourage your children to attend. If your child is apprehensive, feel free to attend the class with them until they are more comfortable.

If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please call the parish office.

An Evening with

Alex Schadenberg

EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION

Film Screening & Discussion

Learn more about euthanasia in Canada.

DATE: Wednesday, Sept 23, 2026

TIME: 6:00 pm Mass,
6:30 pm presentation

LOCATION: St. John Bosco Parish Hall

Please call the parish office to register
780-478-0198

LIFE WORTH LIVING

AVERTING THE CANADIAN EUTHANASIA CRISIS

IN-PERSON FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

A powerful new film exposing the truth behind Canada's euthanasia crisis.

Followed by a discussion
with Alex Schadenberg.
Ask questions. Get informed.
Be part of the conversation.

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

July & Aug 2026 Collection

Regular	$47,521.77
Together we Serve	$4,870.00
Building Fund	$880.00
Children's	$1,016.85
St. Vincent de Paul	$1,436.50

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 - TBD
Youth Ministry - Todd

Parish Groups:

Catholic Women's League - Shelly
Couples for Christ (CFC) - Ed and Eloisa
Knights of Columbus - Pedro
Legion of Mary - Leah and Jannette
St. Vincent de Paul Society - Ann Marie

2027 Salesian Strenna

Every year, the Salesian family shares a "Strenna". This is an Italian word meaning a symbolic New Year's gift or guiding motto. This tradition began with Saint John Bosco, who gave a spiritual message each year to inspire his schools and ministries worldwide.

The theme for 2027 is
Charity is patient, charity is kind – 'Dedicated' to the integral good of young people.

Rome (Italy). On 19 August 2026, the Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Fr. Fabio Attard, officially announced the theme of the 2027 Strenna, offering the Salesian Family a reflection that illuminates the path taken in recent years and opens up new perspectives for the future.

The chosen title echoes Saint Paul's hymn to charity and is rooted in the Salesian educational tradition, centered on Don Bosco's Preventive System. It is a call to renew pastoral and formative efforts for the benefit of young people, especially the most vulnerable.

The title of the Strenna echoes the words Don Bosco used to describe the foundation of his educational method, quoting Saint Paul: "The practice of this system rests entirely on the words of Saint Paul, who says: ***Charity is kind and patient***; it bears all things, hopes all things, and endures any hardship." The phrase "**consecrated to the integral well-being of young people**," meanwhile, recalls an exhortation Don Bosco used on two occasions, indicating that all must be totally dedicated to the young, committed to their human, moral, and cultural growth.

Father Attard notes that the Preventive System is not merely an educational method, but a charismatic gift entrusted to the Salesian Family. "Charism and competence go hand in hand for the integral well-being of young people," he writes, urging that this treasure be safeguarded with seriousness, knowledge, and humility.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Readers and
Eucharistic Ministers
Adults only please

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