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NOVEMBER 2026

Important this month!
All Souls Day Mass - Monday, Nov 2 at 9 am
Remembrance Day Mass - Nov 11 at 10:45 am
Children's Advent Mission - Nov 28



All Souls Day

On November 2nd, Catholics observe All Souls Day (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) to pray for loved ones who have died.

Because few achieve complete perfection in life, souls undergo a temporary period of purification after death to prepare them to enter God's presence. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes, those who die in God's grace but are imperfectly purified undergo this cleansing—known as Purgatory—to achieve heaven's holiness. Rather than a state of punishment, Purgatory is a cleansing process, much like Baptism, that makes the soul perfect forever. Our prayers act as a fast-track, helping expedite their purification and final unity with God.

This All Souls Day, take time to reflect on cherished memories of your departed loved ones. If possible, honor them by attending Mass, visiting a cemetery, decorating graves, or lighting a candle.



Book of Life

In November we will again have our book of life on the altar to remember our beloved departed. If you wish to have the names of your deceased family members and friends added, please fill out the form and return to the parish office. Please find the forms on the table at the back of the church.

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day is observed annually on November 11 to honor military members who have served and died in times of conflict.

- The 11th Hour: The date and time mark the armistice that ended World War I on November 11, 1918, taking effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.
- Originally Armistice Day: King George V established the first observance in 1919, and it was later renamed Remembrance Day (in Canada, via the Armistice Day Act in 1931) to honor veterans of all wars.
- The Two-Minute Silence: A nationwide moment of silence is observed at 11:00 a.m. to allow people to reflect on the sacrifices made for peace.

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.

November Events

1 - Pancake Breakfast
2 - All Souls Day Mass at 9am
5 - CWL & KC Memorial Mass
7 - Youth Mass & Event
8 - Young Adults Mass
10 - WYD Catechism
11 - Rememberance Day
Commemoration begins at 10:45am
18 - Catholic Women's League Meeting
21 - Young Adults Meeting
21 & 22 - CWL Promotion
24 - KC Meeting
28 - Parish Family Advent Mission
29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

December Events

5 - CWL Christmas Store
5 - Youth Mass & Event
6 - KC Pancake Breakfast
8- WYD Catechism
12 - KC Children's Christmas Party
13 - Young Adults Mass
13 - Christmas Concert
16 - CWL Meeting/Christmas Party
17 to 19 - KC Christmas Hampers Prep
24 - Christmas Eve
25 - Christmas Day
25 - Jan 1 - Office Closed

November Liturgical, Saints & Feasts

1 **All Saints**
2 All Souls Day
4 St. Charles Borromeo
8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 St. Leo the Great
11 **Remembrance Day**
17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18 Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 Christ the King
29 1st Sunday of Advent
30 St. Andrew

Children's Christmas Store & Bake Sale

Saturday, December 5th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH HALL - 13503 40 ST NW

Children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 can shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones with the assistance of our elves while parents enjoy our concession with homemade soups, refreshments and baked goods for sale.

Knights of Columbus

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12, 2026
11:00am to 2:00pm

Please register at the back of the church
This is a free event for the young children in our parish!

Volunteers are also needed, students that need volunteer hours are welcome! Please contact the parish office if you would like to help out.

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Christmas Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 6:30PM

SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE BACK FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING

Advent Mission
"Stay Awake"
Saturday, November 28
for child/youth ages 5 - 15 years



10 am - 1:30 pm Lunch included
Sign up sheet on back table
Register before November 25
Limited space

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 "Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers"

Thank you for your generosity!

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Children's Choir for Christmas Eve - 6pm Mass

For children in grades 1 to 6.

Practices will be once a week every Sunday from 1pm to 2pm starting on Nov 15th.

A parent/responsible adult must be present for the practices

Please sign up at the back of the church or contact the parish office.



World Youth Day
Upcoming Payment and Registration

St. John Bosco Registration Form

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Archdiocese Pilgrim Information

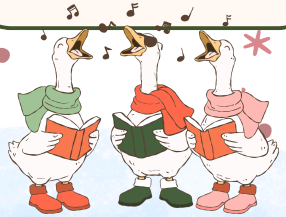
The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

OCIA - children/youth
(formerly known as RCIA)

Orientation Meeting
Thursday, November 19
at 6:30 pm in hall
for families who have registered for this baptism program for their children/youth ages 6 - 16 years



CHRISTMAS CAROLING
- Date TBA Saturdays during Advent
- Sign-up sheets available at the back



St. John Bosco's Young Adult Group
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN



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 2026 Collection

Regular	$ 23,031.05
Together we Serve	$ 2,732.00
Building Fund	$ 2,563.00
Children's	$585.75
St.Vincent de Paul	$ 235.00

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 - Emanuella
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

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Mass Intentions for 2027

The parish office will start accepting bookings on **Wednesday, November 4th** first come, first served

To help us assist everyone and manage the large amount of requests, **please email your request to stjohnbosco.edm@caedm.ca**

Please limit your requests to 6 weekend masses or 10 weekday masses to give everyone a chance to book an intention.

The suggested donation is $10 per mass.

Please be flexible with your dates, as requests will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis and you may be offered the next best possible date.

Aid to the Church in Need
ACN CANADA

On Wednesday, November 18, our parish invites you to observe Red Wednesday, an event led by Aid to the Church in Need to highlight the persecution of Christians worldwide.

The color red represents the blood of martyrs and stands in solidarity with the 413 million Christians living in countries where their religious freedom is severely violated. Parishioners are encouraged to wear red, keep persecuted communities in your prayers, and help raise awareness that our suffering brothers and sisters are not forgotten.

Christmas & New Years Mass Times

Christmas Eve, **Dec 24** - 6:00pm & 9:00pm
Christmas Day, **Dec 25** - 9:30am & 11:30am
New Year's Eve, **Dec 31** - 5:00pm
New Year's Day, **Jan 1** - 10:00am and 7:00pm

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.