

## St. John Nepomucene Church - Prague, Alberta

### ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF DAYSLAND, HEISLER, KILLAM & PARISHES

Daysland – Our Lady of the Prairies Church \* Heisler – St. Martin Church \* Killam – St. Joseph Church  
Polska Church – St. John the Baptist Church \* Prague Church – St. John Nepomucene Church  
Spring Lake - St. Boniface Historical Church \* Strome – St. Peter Historical Church

**May 14, 2011 at 11.00 AM – Annual Spring Mass \* Blessing of the graves \* Picnic**

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Killam

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Daysland

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Heisler

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Heisler

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Killam

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Daysland

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Daysland

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Heisler

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Killam

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Heisler

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Killam

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Daysland

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Daysland

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Heisler

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Killam

**DAILY MASSES:**

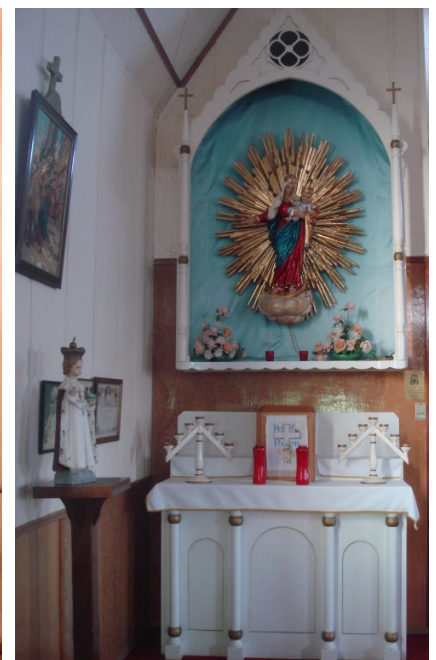
Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 7.00 PM at Daysland Church

Wednesday – 9.00 AM at Killam Church

Thursday – 4.15 PM at Killam Hospital

Friday – 12.00 PM at Heisler Church



## LITANY FOR THE DEAD

**Priest:** Let us pray for those who have passed through the gates of death and await God's abundant mercy:

Priest: For those who died from sickness, disease or addiction,  
For those who died in fire, floods or natural disasters,  
For those who died from hunger, thirst or malnutrition, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died slowly, painfully or from prolonged illness,  
For those who died in shame or guilt,  
For those who died in poverty-stricken or dehumanizing conditions, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died suddenly or unexpectedly,  
For those who died by violence, abuse or neglect,  
For those who died at the hands of loved ones, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died in times of war,  
For those who died in acts of terrorism,  
For those who died by execution, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died at birth,  
For those who died in the womb and by abortion,  
For those who died prematurely in their youth, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died by suicide, in despair or without hope,  
For those who died unreconciled with another or family, with the church or with God,  
For those who died alone or unloved, unmourned or forgotten, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died in sorrow or regret,  
For those who died amidst broken promises and unfulfilled dreams,  
For those who died in accidental or tragic circumstances, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died as innocent victims,  
For those who died for the sake of others,  
For those who died defending life and protecting the innocent, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died in witness to the truth and justice,  
For those who died in witness to faith, hope and love,  
For those who died peacefully surrounded by family and friends, we pray:

**People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: For those who died prayerfully in the hope of rising again,  
For those who died fortified by the Sacraments of the Church and nourished by the Bread of Life,  
For those who have died from our family or from among our friends, we pray:

**People: Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

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Priest: Let us pray: To you, O God, the dead do not die, in death our life is changed, not ended. Hear our prayers and command the souls of our servants to dwell with Abraham and Sarah, your friends, and be raised at last on the great day of judgment. In your mercy cleanse them of any sin which they may have committed through human frailty. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**People: And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

Priest: May they rest in peace.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **People: Amen.**

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### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest: Trusting in God's power to save, whatever problems and difficulties may threaten us in life, we bring to Him our own needs and the needs of the world through the intercessions of St. John Nepomucene.**

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The answer to the petitions is: **Lord, hear our prayer**

1. For the leaders of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI, Archbishop Richard Smith and all the bishops and priests. May they continue to strengthen and encourage the Church through their teachings. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  2. For those who are distanced from the Church, for those who have lost their faith as well as for those who are seeking the truth. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  3. For farmers, that God's providence will bless them with good weather and plentiful crops. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  4. For those who built St. John Nepomucene Church, for all those who in the past years prayed in this church, received the sacraments here, those who took care of this church and the cemetery. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  5. For the sick and the suffering, those who go through the difficult time in their lives. May they receive comfort and support from their families, friends and neighbours and healing from God. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  6. For our beloved dead, especially all those who are buried in our cemetery, that they may enjoy forever the reward of their faith in the new life of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
  7. For all of us, who came to celebrate this Annual Spring Mass in St. John Nepomucene Church in Prague. Give us your blessings in daily lives and safe trip to our homes. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
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**Priest: Almighty Father, we your people, place our prayers before you in complete trust and confidence through the intercessions of St. John Nepomucene. We ask these intentions today and all our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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### THANK YOU...

- To all the people who continually help to keep St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church and cemetery in such a good condition
- To all the people who came to celebrate Eucharist today and have a picnic together



# SAINT JOHN NEPOMUCENE

**Priest and Martyr (1330-1383)**

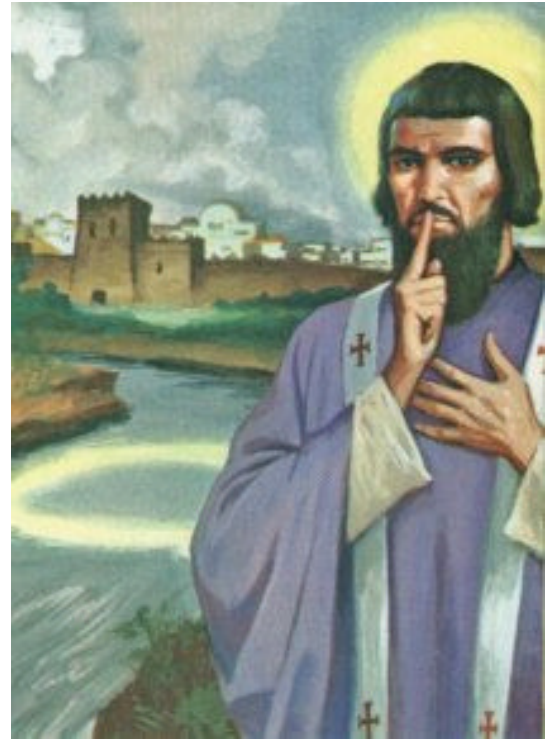
**Feast Day - May 16 \* Patron of Confessors**

Saint John Nepomucene was born in 1330, in answer to the prayer of his parents, who were poor folk of Nepomuc in Bohemia. In gratitude they consecrated him to God. His holy life as a priest led to his appointment as chaplain to the court of the Emperor Wenceslaus, where he converted many by his preaching and example.

Among those who sought his advice was the virtuous empress, who suffered much from her husband's unfounded jealousy. Saint John taught her to bear her cross with joy; but her piety only incensed the emperor, and he tried to extort an account of her confessions from the Saint. He threw Saint John into a dungeon but gained nothing; then, inviting him to his palace, he promised him riches if he would yield, and threatened death if he refused. The Saint was silent. He was racked and burnt with torches; but no words except the holy names of Jesus and Mary fell from his lips. At last set free, he spent time in preaching and preparing for the death he knew to be near.

On Ascension Eve, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Wenceslaus, after a final and fruitless attempt to alter the constancy of the faithful priest, ordered him to be cast into the river. That night the martyr's hands and feet were bound, and he was thrown from the bridge of Prague into the Moldau River. Heavenly lights shining on the water and from under it, revealed the whereabouts of the body, which was soon buried with the honors due to a Saint.

A few years later, Wenceslaus was deposed by his own subjects, and died an impenitent and miserable death. In 1618 the Calvinist and Hussite soldiers of the Elector Frederick tried repeatedly to demolish the shrine of Saint John in Prague. Each attempt was miraculously frustrated, and once the persons engaged in the sacrilege died suddenly on the spot. During a battle in 1620 the imperial troops recovered the city by a victory which was ascribed to the Saint's intercession, since he was seen on the eve of the conflict, radiant with glory, guarding the cathedral. When his shrine was opened three hundred and thirty years after his decease, the flesh had disappeared, and one member alone remained incorrupt, the tongue, which thus, still in silence, gave glory to God.



## REFLECTION

Saint John Nepomucene, who by his invincible sacramental silence won his crown, teaches us to prefer torture and death to offering the Creator with our tongue. How many times each day do we forfeit grace and strength by sins of speech!

## PRAYER

**God, we praise You the grace You granted to St. John to offer his life in defence of the seal of confession. Grant that, through his prayers, we use the Sacrament Penance often and with great profit.**