

Saint John Bosco Parish

REJOICE, Jerusalem,
and all who love her.
Be joyful,
all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied
at her consoling breast.

entrance antiphon | Isaiah 66:10-11

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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00am**

Baptism: By appointment with the parish priest

First Communion, Confirmation, Communion for the infirmed, and the Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office.

Marriage: Contact the parish priest at least six (6) months before the proposed date of marriage.

WELCOME to St. John Bosco Parish!

We are happy to have you with us and would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors today. If you are staying with us, please consider filling out a registration form found in the church atrium and submit it to our church office. Want to become actively involved in this wonderful parish? View our website or contact our church office to find out more information about the various programs and ministries we have in our parish. **We encourage your active participation!**



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Available at the Parish
Office during the week.

Mission Statement

St. John Bosco Parish is a faith community united to the Body of Christ by the common bond of Baptism and rooted in the Roman Catholic tradition. We gather for celebrating the Eucharist and all other Sacraments, fellowship, and our gifts. We proclaim the Gospel in ministry and in community.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ. In the **first reading**, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we see the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon. In today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 137), the Psalmist voices the pain of exile the captives of Judah suffered. In the **second reading**, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. Today's **Gospel** provides a theme that parallels the Gospel, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His Only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God. Then, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9), Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Karen Nesbitt, Desmond Liston, Kerry Walsh, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 9- MARCH 17, 2024

Saturday, March 9	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, March 10	9:30 a.m.	James Brenda Franklin
Tuesday, March 12	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, March 13	9:00 a.m.	Esperanza Tejada
	9:30 a.m.	ADORATION
Thursday, March 14	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Friday, March 15	10:30 a.m.	MASS AT BRIDLEWOOD Unannounced Mass
Saturday, March 16	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, March 17	9:30 a.m.	Patricia Anthony

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:
Michael McGinnis

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

March 3, 2024: \$3151

Thank you very much for your generous contribution.

SECOND SCRUTINY SUNDAY: We have one Candidate to receive into Full Communion on Easter Vigil – Mr. James Benoit. In preparation to welcome James into our congregation, we will follow the three Scrutiny Sundays. The second set of the Readings and the Lectionary for Mass are used in your Sunday Missal at Sunday 9:30a.m. Mass.

MASS OF CHRISM: Tuesday, March 26, 2024; 10:30am
St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston)
Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston, will preside and bless the Oils for the sacramental life of the Church. All priests and deacons of the Archdiocese will renew their commitment to service. All parishioners are welcome to join the Chrism Mass.

What is Laetare Sunday?

The **fourth** Sunday of Lent



Laetare means to rejoice
The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass:
"Laetare, Jerusalem"
"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"
Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66:10-11

ALSO KNOWN AS:
Mothering Sunday,
Refreshment Sunday,
Mid-Lent Sunday,
Mi-Carême,
Mediana or
Rose Sunday



What's different?

- Priests may wear rose vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the Altar
- The organ may be played

Why celebrate it?
Laetare Sunday provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.



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"The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see." John 9.1

MARCH 10, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, March 9 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Al Cyr	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, March 10 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Mike Kozey & Theresa Iddon	Marguerite Whiteland	Janie Verhoeven
Saturday, March 16 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, March 17 9:30 p.m.	Art Psiuk	Emily Heffernan & Lise Lalonde-Matte	Joan Murray	Paulette Psiuk

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS


DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus meeting
Wednesday, March 13	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Friday, March 15	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Soup for the Soul
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Movie The Chosen

JUNIOR LITURGY: There will be no Junior Liturgy on Easter Sunday (March 31, 2024).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in March:
Maureen Prudhomee & Dale Mallory 26 years March 3
Geraldine & Patrick McGarrity 38 years March 7

COFFEE SOCIAL: There will be a coffee social after 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday March 24, 2024**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Join us for coffee and some treats! All welcome.

UPDATE FROM SSVF: We, the volunteers of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, want to share our Year End Review for 2023 with you. In addition, we are pleased to report that we raised \$2,531.25 at our 2nd Annual Home for Christmas Concert. Thanks to all of you who attended the concert. Our Weekender Program for Kids (WP4K) is busier than it has ever been. We currently have 375 kids/teens (JK-grade 12) enrolled. This is 18 students higher than the end of 2023, and 90 students higher than this time last year! We had 2 schools who were inactive last year (2022/23), rejoin us for the 2023/24 school year, and one new school join, but these 3 schools only account for 18 of the total students. We feel blessed to be able to serve these students, to have the WP4K volunteers to keep up to the need, and for your continued support. Thank you!

		
March 23	Palm Sunday	5:15 p.m.
March 24	Jesus' Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem	9:30 a.m.
March 26	Chrism Mass St Mary's Cathedral, Kingston	10:30 a.m.
March 28	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of the Feet and Adoration	7:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
March 30	Resurrection of the Lord Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
March 31	Easter Sunday Mass	9:30 a.m.

ARCHBISHOP MICHEAL MULHALL LENTEN TALK SERIES: Wednesdays during Lent and Easter season; 7:00 pm St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston) Archbishop Mulhall will lead us in a spiritual reflection on the Wednesdays of Lent and Easter in the context of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE BE ATTITUDES: Wednesdays at 6pm during Lent at St. Francis Xavier Church, Brockville. Ten Paths to Holiness with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM video series. All welcome.

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