

# Saint John Bosco Parish



## 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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### Grocery Certificates

Available before and after weekend Masses and 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 EASTER

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

Greeting and prayerful best wishes to overcome our imprisonment sooner! It was great to hear some of your voices on the telephone, and I was glad to see some of you around my morning hours in the Church. Your voices sound healthy and your appearance looks great and I thank God for that. A couple of people from our Parish family are gone to their eternal Home; Aldea Churney and Dan Wheeler. I extend my heartfelt condolence to the sorrowing family and friends of Aldea & Dan. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Ritchie Whiteland is back home after his major heart surgery and recovering. Father Price is doing great and recovering fast. Brian Fraser is in remission which is great news but he still needs our prayers, so please have them all in a special place in your hearts.

We had a little party for Father Brian McNally at St. Francis Rectory with Frs. Price, Andrew, Justin and I as Father McNally celebrated his Golden Jubilee of holy priesthood on 25<sup>th</sup> of April. So we gathered at the Rectory on 25<sup>th</sup> evening and prayed together the evening prayer then a lovely dinner cooked by Fr. Justin. Fr. McNally cut his Golden Jubilee cake.

Keeping you all in my prayers and Mass every day, thanking you all for your continued sharing to support the parish, and personal care to me with your prayers, food, calls etc. Thank you Jill and Roger helping me as my right and left hand every day.

Sharing a story from internet with you may help us to appreciate God's love in our daily life.

### Jesus asks, "Do you Love Me?"

One day, I woke early in the morning to watch the sunrise.

Ah the beauty of God's creation is beyond description.

As I watched, I praised God for His beautiful work.

As I sat there, I felt the Lord's presence with me.

He asked me,

"Do you love me?"

I answered,

"Of course, God! You are my Lord and Savior!"

Then He asked,

*"I am the gate for the sheep." John 10.1*

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"If you were physically handicapped, would you still love me?"

I was perplexed. I looked down upon my arms, legs and the rest of my body and wondered how many things I wouldn't be able to do, the things that I took for granted. And I answered, "It would be tough Lord, but I would still love You."

Then the Lord said,

"If you were blind, would you still love my creation?"

How could I love something without being able to see it? Then I thought of all the blind people in the world and how many of them still loved God and His creation.

So I answered, "It's hard to think of it, but I would still love you."

The Lord then asked me,

"If you were deaf, would you still listen to my word?"

How could I listen to anything being deaf? Then I understood.

Listening to God's Word is not merely using our ears, but our hearts. I answered,

"It would be tough, but I would still listen to Your word."

The Lord then asked,

"If you were mute, would you still praise My Name?"

How could I praise without a voice?

Then it occurred to me: God wants us to sing from our very heart and soul. It never matters what we sound like. And praising God is not always with a song, but when we are persecuted, we give God praise with our words of thanks. So I answered,

"Though I could not physically sing, I would still praise Your Name."

And the Lord asked,

"Do you really love Me?"

With courage and a strong conviction, I answered boldly,

"Yes Lord! I love You because You are the one and true God!"

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I thought I had answered well, but God asked,

"THEN WHY DO YOU SIN?"

I answered, "Because I am only human. I am not perfect."

"THEN WHY IN TIMES OF PEACE DO YOU STRAY THE FURTHEST?"

WHY ONLY IN TIMES OF TROUBLE DO YOU PRAY THE EARNEST?"

No answers. Only tears.

The Lord continued:

"Why only sing at fellowships and retreats? Why seek Me only in times of worship? Why ask things so selfishly? Why ask things so unfaithfully?"

The tears continued to roll down my cheeks.

"Why are you ashamed of Me? Why are you not spreading the good news? Why in times of persecution, you cry to others when I offer My shoulder to cry on? Why make excuses when I give you opportunities to serve in My Name?"

I tried to answer, but there was no answer to give.

"You are blessed with life. I made you not to throw this gift away. I have blessed you with talents to serve Me, but you continue to turn away. I have revealed My Word to you, but you do not gain in knowledge. I have spoken to you but your ears were closed. I have shown My blessings to you, but your eyes were turned away. I have sent you servants, but you sat idly by as they were pushed away. I have heard your prayers and I have answered them all."

"DO YOU TRULY LOVE ME?"

I could not answer. How could I? I was embarrassed beyond belief. I had no excuse. What could I say to this? When the tears had flowed, I said, "Please forgive me Lord. I am unworthy to be Your child."

The Lord answered,

"That is My Grace, My child."

I asked, "Then why do you continue to forgive me? Why do You love me so?"

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The Lord answered,

"Because you are My creation. You are my child. I will never abandon you.

When you cry, I will have compassion and cry with you.

When you shout with joy, I will laugh with you.

When you are down, I will encourage you.

When you fall, I will raise you up.

When you are tired, I will carry you.

I will be with you till the end of days, and I will love you forever."

Never had I cried so hard before. How could I have been so cold? How could I have hurt God as I had done? I asked God,

"How much do You love me?"

The Lord stretched out His arms, and I saw His nail-pierced hands.

I bowed down at the feet of Christ, my Savior.

And for the first time, I truly prayed.

(Unfortunately I do not know the author of this story.)

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<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> May 4 – May 10		
Monday, May 4		Intentions of Father Jacob
Tuesday, May 5		The Adams Family
Wednesday, May 6		John Ruigrok
Thursday, May 7		Anne Mary Ryan
Friday, May 8		Unannounced Mass
Saturday, May 9		Rollande Menard L'Heureux
Sunday, May 10		Our Parishioners
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> <i>Intentions of Father Jacob</i>		

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice & Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Debbie Freer, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Sherri Gill, Shelley McLaren, Ursula Thompson, Deacon Peter Kelly, Father Mac Burke, Father Brian Price, Brian Fraser, Ros Crooks, Ritchie Whiteland, Sean O'Connell, and Kerry Walsh.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

**CHURCH CLOSED:** St. John Bosco Parish is closed during this time but Father Jacob can be reached by email at [babyperingelil@yahoo.ca](mailto:babyperingelil@yahoo.ca) or at the church phone at 613-342-5095 for prayer request, advice or just to say hello! Father Jacob is at the Parish daily from 9:30 a.m.-1p.m. There are no communal Masses until further notice, but Father Jacob is saying Mass privately.

**E-TRANSFERS:** We now accept e-transfers for your donations! **E-transfers must be sent to [sjbft@bellnet.ca](mailto:sjbft@bellnet.ca)** If you'd like to sign up for Pre-Authorized payments, the form is available on our website under "Support Parish".

**SUNDAY MASS:** Mass with Father Jacob is available on his Facebook page, parish website and St. John Bosco Facebook page at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Sunday offering April 1-30: \$15 205.21  
Easter Offering: \$2075.00  
Development & Peace: \$300  
Needs of the Church in Holy Land: \$965  
Property Maintenance (April 2020):\$620

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The St. Francis Xavier Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul are in urgent need of a volunteer to take on the treasurer responsibilities for our conference. If you want to help us make a positive difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our community please call **Marc Dennis at 613 865-7689.**

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> May 11 – May 17, 2020		
Monday, May 11		Florence Grant
Tuesday, May 12		Deceased members of the Keith Family
Wednesday, May 13		Deceased members of the Story Family
Thursday, May 14		The Zabloski Family
Friday, May 15		The Bernardo Family
Saturday, May 16		Katheryn and Allan Boudreau
Sunday, May 17		Our Parishioners
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> <i>Fern and Clem Gladu</i>		

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in May:

Ronald and Jill McCracken	54 years	May 21
Derrick and Ann Gilliard	45 years	May 24
John and Karen McGeough	34 years	May 24
Roland and Colette Thornycroft	19 years	May 26
Vincenzo and Nancy Del Riccio	55 years	May 29
John and Dorothy Lapierre	22 years	May 29

**SPRING SACRAMENTS 2020:** All dates having to do with First Communion and Confirmation this spring have been cancelled and will be rescheduled in the future.

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**EMAIL LIST:** Please let Jill (sjbparish@bellnet.ca) know if you'd like to be added to our email list. We are emailing the bulletin as well as any new updates we receive.

**CATHOLIC RESOURCES FOR KIDS:**



Growing in Faith Growing in Christ - free login - Username: GIFGIC\_student99, password: Student99

MyCatholicKids.com - free library of Mass videos for Children during the COVID-19 emergency

TheCatholicKid.com - colouring pages

TheKidsBulletin.com - Fantastic printable bulletins for kids

CatholicMom.com - lots of activities and worksheets

TheReligionTeacher.com- a great clearing house of activities

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLOWER PLANTING:** The Knights of Columbus Brockville council will once again be planting and watering flowers for loved ones resting at **St. Francis Cemetery**. The cost for each plot is \$45, and the due date for orders is May 25, 2020.

Please indicate the name of each loved one that you are ordering flowers for, and your phone number, so we can be sure to place them properly.

Please mail a cheque to the following address:  
K of C Brockville Council, C/O Stewart Glashan  
7 Stanley Cres.  
Brockville, ON, K6V 2S9

Alternatively, you may drop off or mail a cheque in an envelope to either parish office.

If you have any questions about this program, please call Stewart Glashan at 613-342-3855.

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** **Risen Lord in the train.** On her first train trip, a little girl was put into an upper berth by her mother. The mother then assured her that Jesus would watch over her during the night. As the lights were switched off the girl became alarmed and called out softly: "Mom, are you there?" "Yes dear," her mother replied. A little later the child called in a louder voice: "Daddy, are you also there?" "Yes", was the reply. After this had been repeated several times, one of the passengers lost patience and shouted: "We're all here. Your father, your mother, your brothers and sisters and cousins, your uncles and aunts – all are here. Now go to sleep!" There was silence for a while. Then, in a hushed voice, the child asked: "Mom, was that risen Jesus traveling with us?"

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