

Saint John Bosco Parish



Parish Priest: **Fr. Andrew Shim**
Custodian: Rick Fraser

Associate Priest: **Fr. Adaikalaraj Albert**
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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am
Tuesday 6:30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am
Fridays, check the bulletin**

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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Grocery Certificates

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2*

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” [Luke 2:29–32](#) At the time of Jesus’ birth, there was a man named Simeon who had spent his whole life preparing for one significant moment. Like all faithful Jews at the time, Simeon was waiting for the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would indeed see the Messiah before his death—and so this happened when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to offer Him to the Lord as an infant. Try to imagine the scene. Simeon had lived a holy and devout life. And deep within his conscience, he knew that his life on earth would not come to an end until he was privileged to see the Savior of the World with his own eyes. He knew this by a special gift of faith, an interior revelation of the Holy Spirit, and he believed. It’s helpful to think about this unique gift of knowledge that Simeon had throughout his life. Normally we gain knowledge through our five senses. We see something, hear something, taste, smell, or feel something, and as a result come to know it to be true. Physical knowledge is very reliable and is the normal way we come to know things. But this gift of knowledge Simeon had was different. It was deeper and was spiritual in nature. He knew he would see the Messiah before he died, not because of some external sensory perception he had received but because of an interior revelation from the Holy Spirit.

This truth begs the question, which type of knowledge is more certain? Something you see with your eyes, touch, smell, hear or taste? Or something that God speaks to you in the depths of your soul by a revelation of grace? Though these types of knowledge are different, it’s important to understand that the spiritual knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit is far more certain than anything perceived through the five senses alone. This spiritual knowledge has the power to change your life and direct all your actions toward that revelation. For Simeon, this interior knowledge of a spiritual nature suddenly united with his five senses when Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon suddenly saw, heard and felt this Child Whom he knew he would one day see with his own eyes and touch with his own hands. For Simeon, that moment was the culminating moment of his life. Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has spoken to you in the depths of your soul. Too often we ignore His gentle voice as it speaks, preferring instead to live only in the sensory world. But the spiritual reality within us must become the center and foundation of our lives. It is there where God speaks, and it is there where we, too, will discover the central purpose and meaning of our lives.

My spiritual Lord, I thank You for the countless ways in which You speak to me day and night in the depths of my own soul. Help me to be always attentive to You and to Your gentle voice as You speak to me. May Your voice and Your voice alone become the guiding direction of my life. May I trust in Your Word and never waver from the mission You have given to me. Jesus, I trust in You. (taken from Catholic Daily Reflections)

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Betty DeKleine, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, 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, Noel Davis, Norah Kirkby and Joseph O’Grady.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 1– FEBRUARY 9, 2025		
Saturday, February 1	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, February 2	9:30 a.m.	Christopher Cross
Tuesday, February 4	6:00 p.m.	Deceased members of The Bernardo Family
Wednesday, February 5	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Unannounced Mass ADORATION
Thursday, February 6	9:00 a.m.	Int. of Ellen and Gene O’Grady
Friday, February 7	10:00 a.m.	SHERWOOD MANOR Unannounced Mass
Saturday, February 8	5:15 p.m.	Leone McIntyre
Sunday, February 9	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle the week of February 2, 2025: Anthony Sultan-Khan		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Budget for weekly collections: \$3,500

January 26: \$3364.00

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: The next class will be Sunday February 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Mass.

GROCERY CARDS: Did you know that you can buy grocery cards for **Real Canadian Superstore, Food Basics/Metro and Giant Tiger** at the parish? We have gift cards available in \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. This program is an important source of funds for the parish at no extra cost to you. They can be purchased before and after Sunday Mass or from the office on weekdays. Please buy and use grocery cards.

FATHER ALBERT: Fr. Albert will be away for the month of February. In his absence, Fr. Price will be covering St. Francis Xavier and Fr. Shim will be here at St. John Bosco. We wish Fr. Albert safe travels and we welcome Fr. Price back to St. Francis!

“A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Luke 2:32

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, February 1 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Rick Fraser	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 2 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Gary Byrnes and Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marg Bougie	Jill Heffernan
Saturday, February 8 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, February 9 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Michael Juneau and Dayna Golledge	Joan Murray	Noreen Shepherd

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, February 2	4:00 p.m.	SJB Parish Potluck
Monday, February 3	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, February 4	4:00 p.m.	Society of St. Vincent de Paul meeting
Wednesday, February 4	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, February 9	9:30 a.m.	First Communion Class

THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO – JANUARY 31ST: St. John Bosco "Don Bosco" (1815-1888) is the patron saint of children, young people and magicians. He was an Italian Roman Catholic priest, educator and write who- inspired by the spirituality and philosophy of St. Francis de Sales, and the messages from God in his own dreams – founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, dedicated to helping and educating the homeless and abandoned children and young people he found on the streets, and in prison, in Turin, Italy. **"It is not enough to love, people have to feel that they are loved."**

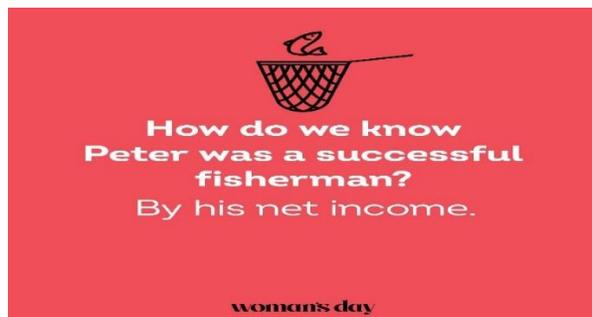
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE-February 2 The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord". (Saint John Paul II, 1997)

BLESSING OF THE THROAT (ST. BLAISE): This weekend, February 1/2, Father Shim will be offering the blessing of the throats before and after Mass.

CONFIRMATION: There will be a Confirmation parent meeting on March 19, 2025 at 6pm. for those who wish to have their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June.

STEBENVILLE 2025: June 27-29, 2025 Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio After a very successful trip to Steubenville in June 2024, St. Michael's Parish in Belleville is organizing another trip this year for teenagers to attend their youth conference, and opening this opportunity for youth across the archdiocese. Patrick Bailey is the coordinator. For more information, please contact him at 613-921-5236 or by email bailz77@yahoo.com.

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