

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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ALL COMMUNAL MASSES ARE CANCELLED AT THIS TIME DUE TO COVID-19

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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.



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter Jesus speaks to us through the Gospel of John, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever”. “I will not leave you orphans”. “The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and the one who loves me; will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them”. The only commandment or the commandment of all commandments is to love God above all and to love one another as I love myself. To keep this only one commandment is the greatest challenge! Jesus challenges us to love Him. Are we ready to accept his challenge to love him in our daily life, and receive His Advocate, the Holy Spirit, and live in joy, peace and love?

Friends, we still don't have any clarity as to when our parishes can at least open up, to say nothing of when public Mass may resume. I know how much you long to be reunited with our family of faith, and especially to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We can only pray that the smaller and more rural nature of our Archdiocese allows us to reopen even sooner! One thing for certain is that whenever we do open, it'll almost certainly be a phased-in approach, which will require an army of ushers & volunteers to sanitize, guard physical distancing, etc. It was bad enough to celebrate the Paschal Triduum & Easter without you, but it's even more sad contemplating Solemnities of Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi! We are all probably feeling little more frustrated and fed up as the days go on and no positive results to get out of the pandemic. Maybe we may have to be more attentive to the Lord's words and learn to be in union with the Son, Spirit and Father and receive the blessing to live in this new normal and live as worthy sons and daughters of God.

As Christians we must persevere and fight through the annoyance of this situation and offer it up for the good of souls and the Church. Try to keep your spirits up, invoking the Holy Spirit. You are all in my prayers and Mass every day.

I finally got a trim on my new face, wild beard is under control! Looking for a hairdresser who wants a holy head to cut! Mine is free of cost!

St. John Bosco Parish is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you very much for continuing to drop off your envelopes and support. Some of you spoil me with delicious food and desserts, I am fortunate for not cooking much once the pandemic started just because of your food delivery. Thank you very much to our Roger and Jill for your tireless works and support to keep up internal and external affairs of SJB.

One of us will be here in the parish every morning from 9.30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can call me at any time if you need to make a Confession, spiritual advice, little counselling or a chit chat! I will keep our social distance and follow all other requirements as the State states during business! Mass will be on our Website and Facebook page every Sunday at 10 a.m. until we gather in Church.

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.” John 14.15

MAY 17, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE May 18 – May 24		
Monday, May 18		Jackie and Robb Diebold
Tuesday, May 19		Deceased members of the Dennis Family
Wednesday, May 20		Evan Warder
Thursday, May 21		The Deceased members of the Robinson and Hall Families
Friday, May 22		Verne Pashnicki
Saturday, May 23		Fernand Cyr
Sunday, May 24		Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>Ellen Carolan</i>		

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK: From Easter to Pentecost our readings focus on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News of salvation and on the promises of Jesus to his disciples, especially his promise of the Holy Spirit. Today's readings explain who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are and how we can experience Him in our daily lives. Today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' "Last Supper Discourse," describes the gift he will send, the Holy Spirit, Who will live the Divine Advocate, in those who obey Jesus' commandments, especially the commandment of love. As the Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' doctrines and illumine our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith. In addition, the Divine Advocate will empower us to defend our Faith powerfully and guide us properly in the practice of true Christian love. Thus, we will be able to recognize Jesus in the in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, in the drug addicts and even in the criminals ("*I was in prison...*"), thus becoming agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world. Life message: We need to be open to the Holy Spirit, our Divine Advocate. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to help us grow towards maturity and wholeness. We all have faults that prevent our growth: blocks of sin and imperfection, blocks due to childhood conflicts, blocks due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, blocks caused by addictions, and blocks resulting from bad choices we have made. We all have these blocks within us and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. God, the Holy Spirit, helps us see the truth about ourselves, to discern the blocks that inhibit our growth and to allow Him to transform us. Like the good counselor He is, the Spirit enables us to become stronger. God's Spirit actually lives in us, and we hear the voice of the Spirit, counseling and guiding us in the way of truth. Let us open the ears of our minds to hear Him and to obey His promptings.

MASS SCHEDULE May 25– May 31, 2020		
Monday, May 25		Charlie LeClair
Tuesday, May 26		Deceased members of the Dennis Family
Wednesday, May 27		Deceased members of the Drennan and McMullen Families
Thursday, May 28		Msgr. Thomas Raby
Friday, May 29		Deceased members of the Macatulad and Smith Families
Saturday, May 30		Somerled (Mac) MacDonald
Sunday, May 31		Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>Intentions of St. John Bosco Parishioners</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.

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

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS – MAY 17: This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. The funds are used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need and to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH CLOSED: St. John Bosco Parish is closed during this time but Father Jacob can be reached by email at 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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Thank you everyone for your continued financial support during this time. Whether you have signed up for pre-authorized donations, dropped of your envelopes or emailed your donation, we continue to be amazed by your generosity.

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.

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.

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP CANCELLED: After much consideration the Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office has decided to cancel this summer's Totus Tuus camps due to the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. The safety of our campers and staff are always our top priority. We thank everyone involved with planning and preparing for our camps this summer, especially the 8 missionaries we hired on staff. We are hopeful that we may be able to offer some virtual camp experiences this summer! Stay tuned! All families who registered for camp already and sent in payment will be reimbursed by cheque in the coming weeks.

We pray that you'll consider joining us again next year! For more information, please contact Nadia Gundert at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

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.

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK: A lawyer and a Pope die at the same time and go up to Heaven together. After they've been there awhile, the Pope notices that the lawyer gets a little better treatment than he does. So, he calls St. Peter over to ask him and says, "You know that lawyer I came up here with? Well, I'm not complaining, but he seems to be treated a little better than I am... he's got a better house and more servants. I don't understand. I was a Pope and served God all my life; this guy was just a lawyer. What gives?" St. Peter responded, "You have to understand – we get Popes all the time; this is the first lawyer we've ever had."

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