

# Saint John Bosco Parish



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## Grocery Certificates

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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.

## **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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Deacon: Shawn Souder

Custodian: Rick Fraser

Office: Jill Heffernan

**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:30am**

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.



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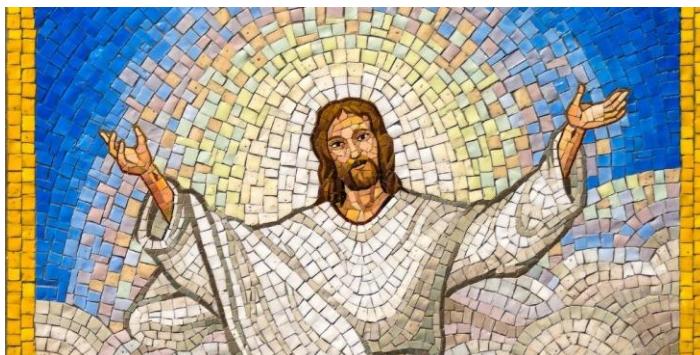
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## Office Hours

Monday- Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, "*I am with you always; yes, to the end of time*" (*Mt 28-20*). He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit. The **first reading**, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the scene of Jesus' Ascension, the promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' instructions to the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Power from above, and missionary command to the apostles to bear witness to him. Today's **Responsorial Psalm** (*Psalm 47*) suggests that, by his Ascension, the risen Lord "*mounts his throne*" in glory. In the **second reading**, Paul teaches us that God revealed His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and in exalting Him over all angelic forces. Jesus remains accessible to us now in the life-giving Holy Spirit, assuring us that one day we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided that, with His grace, we live out our Faith in Him through the mission of loving service He entrusts to us. Today's **Gospel** tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completes his mission on earth. But just before his Ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to him through their lives. It is in his Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the life and glory of God. In the descriptions of Christ after his Resurrection, we are given a hint of what life will be like in Heaven. The prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives.



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Michel Rochefort, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lurette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Paul Cosgrove, Sean O'Connell, Nellie Kester, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Mary de Ruiter, Peter Vander Linden, Cecile Hall, Pierre Touchette and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY:** We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

MASS SCHEDULE May 20 – May 28, 2023,		
Saturday, May 20	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, May 21	9:30 a.m.	Shan Warder
Tuesday, May 23	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, May 24	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday, May 25	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Friday, May 26	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Saturday, May 27	5:15 p.m.	Sheila and Clement Leeder
Sunday, May 28	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>The Intentions of our Parishioners</i>		

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** The Sanctuary lamp is a candle, usually red, that burns near the Tabernacle to those who are in the church where the Blessed Sacrament is present. It is a visible reminder of the Light of Christ. The burning candle also represents the people's prayers. Since most of us cannot stay in the church to pray for days about something really important to us, this candle represents the importance of our prayers as our Sanctuary candle burns for 7 days. It is a wonderful way of giving a special gift to our dear ones on special occasions as anniversaries, birthdays, Baptisms, First Communions, weddings, funerals or when someone is sick etc. To arrange a Sanctuary lamp for your intention, please call the office at (613) 342 5095. We have many weeks open over the next few months.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Congratulations to the 26 children that received First Communion last weekend. Thank to all those that helped with the Mass; Kathleen Crosby, Mary Ferguson and the choir, the readers, the CWL for donating the books, and Nicole and Larissa for helping behind the scenes.

**CHANGE IN MASS TIME FOR WEEKDAYS:** Beginning Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, weekday Mass will be at 9a.m. We are pleased to announce that beginning Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup>, and the following Wednesdays, there will be Mass at 9am followed by Adoration with the Exposition of the Holy Eucharist until 10am.

***"Take courage; I have conquered the world!" John 16.29***

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, May 20 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, May 21 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan
Saturday, May 27 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Sylvia Shackles	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, May 28 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Michelle Morrow	Marguerite Whiteland	Noreen Shepherd

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, May 20	7:00am – 1p.m	Garage sale, plant sale, bake sale
Saturday, May 27	4:00pm-6:00pm	Confirmation Catechism #2
Tuesday, May 30	10:00 am	Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday, May 31	10am-2pm	Confirmation Retreat

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

May 14, 2023: \$3439

**PARISH CLOSED:** St. John Bosco Parish and the parish office will be closed on Monday May 22, 2023 in observance of the Victoria Day holiday. Have a great long weekend!

**PRIESTS RETREAT – MAY 22 – MAY 26:** Father Jacob will join the other priests of the Archdiocese for their annual retreat in Toronto this week. During his absence, there will be no regular weekday Mass.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** The next Catechism class is **Saturday May 27, 2023 from 4-6pm** at St. John Bosco Parish.

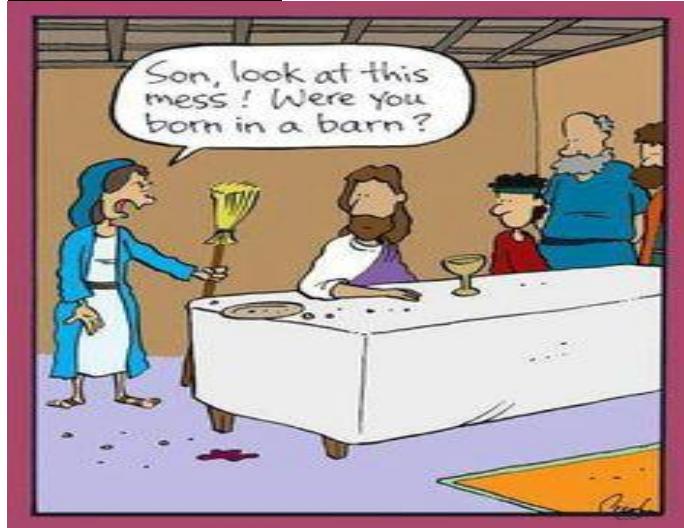
**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** Please bring your prayer partner's card in by **May 28<sup>th</sup>** so that we have them for the retreat on May 31, 2023. You can leave your card at the back table, in the offertory basket or at the office. Thank you for your support.

**PARISH PICNIC:** We are delighted to bring back our Parish picnic this year. Our picnic will take place on **Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>** after 9:30 am Mass. More information to come in the weeks ahead.

**ADULTS IN CHRIST:** We are thrilled to be starting an adult community building night. There will be a faith filled events once a month starting in July. Our first night will be "Ask a Priest". We all have questions in our hearts, and we invite you to send in your questions to the Parish office. Questions will stay anonymous. We are looking for volunteers, if you are interested in helping build these events for the faithful, contact the office 613-342-5095 or by email at [sjbparish@bellnet.ca](mailto:sjbparish@bellnet.ca)

**PROCESSION OF WEEKEND MASS RETURNS – Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** Beginning the weekend of June 3/4, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will join the procession with the priest and Altar Servers at the beginning of Mass. Lectors, carrying the Gospel, will bow before the altar and then place the Gospel on the centre of the Altar, then go sit on the Altar seat. After the Prayers of the Faithful, the Lector can return to their seat in the congregation. Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers after bowing to the Altar will go sit in one of the front seats in the congregation. After the end of Mass, they will join the Altar Servers before the Altar for the recessional procession of the Mass. If you have any questions please see Father Jacob.

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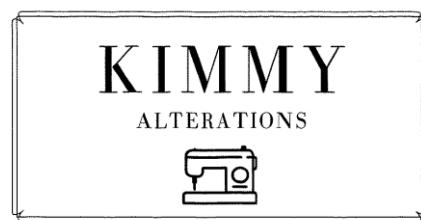
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