

Saint John Bosco Parish



HOLY WEEK

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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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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PALM SUNDAY (PASSION OF OUR LORD) APRIL 5, 2020

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

Holy Week is the most important week in the Catholic Church's year. It starts on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday. It includes the last days of Lent and the Easter Triduum, the great three days from which the heart of the Christian faith is celebrated. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday prepare us for the greatest feast of the Church's calendar, Easter, Jesus' Resurrection, giving all the gift of eternal life.

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) is the first day of Holy Week. Palm Sunday is the Commemoration of the Lord Jesus Christ's Entrance into Jerusalem for His Passion and Death. The crowd spread palm branches on the ground and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David. The palms are blessed. The Gospel is proclaimed, and there is a procession with priest and people carrying palms in Church. The Liturgy of the Word includes the Passion Reading.

The first day of the Easter Triduum is Holy Thursday. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Christ instituted the Sacraments of Holy Orders and the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. One theme is Jesus leaving the memorial of His love through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Another theme is service. We remember and emulate Jesus' example of washing the disciples' feet. There is a Solemn Procession with the Blessed Sacrament in Church. The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the Tabernacle of Reposition for Adoration until the Good Friday Service. The altar is stripped and crosses are covered. The main Tabernacle remains empty until Easter Vigil.

The second day of the Easter Triduum is Good Friday. This is the only day in the Church's calendar where there is no celebration of the Eucharist, because the emphasis is on the Lord's Passion and Death as well as the Veneration of the Cross. The Liturgy begins with the priest prostrated on the ground and faithful kneeling in silence. The Liturgy of the Word and the Passion according to John are proclaimed. The General Intercessions are followed by the Veneration of the Cross, where the cross is carried in Procession, and unveiled at the altar. Clergy and faithful approach the Cross, making an appropriate sign of reverence such as kissing the Cross. Jesus through His Death on the Cross

redeemed all of humanity, opening the gates of heaven. Jesus restores humanity to the proper communion with God, that was damaged by Adam and Eve's Original Sin. "O necessary sin of Adam which gained for us so great a Redeemer!" (Exultet) Then the altar is covered with a simple cloth and corporal, and the priest or deacon, brings the Blessed Sacrament, from the Tabernacle of Reposition to the altar. All stand in silence. The Our Father is prayed with the Communion Rite. Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful from the Body of Christ consecrated on Holy Thursday.

The third day of the Easter Triduum is Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil is the holiest night of the year when Christ passed from death to life. The faithful pray in vigil and anticipation of Jesus' Glorious Resurrection. The Easter Vigil Mass has four parts: the Service of the Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Sacraments of Initiation and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Church is dark. The Service of the Light contains the Blessing of the Fire, the Lighting of the Paschal (Easter) Candle, which is the symbol of the Risen Lord. All light their small candles from the Easter Candle and proceed in Procession with the Easter Candle to the sanctuary. The Easter Proclamation is sung. The second part is the Liturgy of the Word, recalling God's saving acts for humanity in the Old and New Testament Scriptures, culminating with the Gospel Reading of the Jesus' Resurrection. The third part is the Liturgy of the Sacraments of Initiation, which contains the Litany of the Saints, the Blessing of the Baptismal Water, the Rite of Baptism, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Sprinkling of Holy Water. The fourth part is the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Paschal Mystery is the connection between the Last Supper (Holy Thursday), Jesus' Suffering and Death on the Cross (Good Friday) and His Resurrection (Easter Sunday.) Jesus' Offering of His Body and Blood at the Last Supper (Jesus said this is my body and blood that will be given up for you) is the anticipation of His Death on the Cross, God's supreme act of Love to save humanity from sin and death on Good Friday. Jesus sacrifices Himself freely by doing God's will. Pope Benedict XVI expressed this connection in Journey to Easter. "The death without the act of love of the Supper would be empty, without meaning. The Supper without

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the actual realization of the death it anticipated would be a gesture without reality.” Supper and Cross together are the only source of the Eucharist. Eucharist comes from this oneness of Supper and Cross. However, Supper and Cross and Jesus’ Resurrection give all hope. Jesus predicted He would rise on the third day. (Mt 16:21). Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to His friends and disciples. (Mt 28: 5-10 & Mk 16: 1-13) Jesus’ Resurrection is the crowning truth of our faith and the confirmation of all of Christ’s teachings. (1Cor. 15:14) Jesus’ Resurrection on Easter Sunday gives all people the gift of eternal life with God, forever in heaven. Salvation is God’s gift to all of humanity, the goal of human existence, which gives life meaning.

Every Sunday Mass is a little Easter. Every Eucharist, we remember, in gratitude, the Last Supper (Holy Thursday), Jesus’ Passion and Death (Good Friday) and Jesus’ Resurrection (Easter Sunday). The Eucharist is the sacrament of God’s love for humanity through the memorial of Jesus’ Paschal Mystery that saves all from sin and death. God’s love redeems humanity. The Church gives thanks by following Jesus’ command, “do this in memory of me”. Jesus is present in the Body and Blood of Christ.

The best way to meditate, with gratitude to God for the great events that led to our salvation, is to participate wholeheartedly in these Sacred Mysteries in our parish. We were all blessed to celebrate Holy Week as one parish family in our Church, but this year we are invited to celebrate these Sacred Mysteries individually at our own home in spirit. Remember the goodness of the Lord, His saving hands in the past, remember our stubbornness to His words in our good times, remember the blessings we received through the Sacraments, remember that we taste the goodness of the Lord every day in the middle of chaotic life style we are asked to adopt due to COVID-19. Our God is always faithful in His promises; by calling Abraham out of nothing and whom he made the father of many Nations; God of Israelites led them to the Promised Land, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ through whom he made us His adopted children by His sacrifice on the cross and new life in resurrection. He will redeem us from the poisonousness attack of COVID-19 and other viral fevers of our daily life, and lead us into green pastures of new life by looking at His Cross in faith, hope and love.

I wish you all blessed Easter, opening our hearts to our Saviour, the Risen Lord Jesus, who loves us, will bring us joy and peace.

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MASS SCHEDULE April 4-12, 2020		
Monday, April 6		Intentions of Father Jacob
Tuesday, April 7		The Hould and Warder Families
Wednesday, April 8		Intentions of the Diotte Family
Thursday, April 9		Intentions of the Prayer Group
GOOD FRIDAY		
Saturday, April 11 EASTER VIGIL		Our Parishioners
Sunday, April 12 EASTER SUNDAY		Marion Harper
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>The Heffernan Family</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, Dan O'Connell, Sean O'Connell, and Kerry Walsh.

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. Please check our website for the direction the Archbishop Mulhall has given us for Sacraments.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES: Check out our website for activities for Holy Week;
<http://stjohnboscoparishbrockville.com/>

MASS SCHEDULE April 11-19, 2020		
Monday, April 13		Evan Warder
Tuesday, April 14		Deceased members of the Keith Family
Wednesday, April 15		Deceased members of The Drake and Nolan Families
Thursday, April 16		Anne Mary Ryan
Friday, April 17		Linda Dilosa
Saturday, April 18		Parker and French Families
Sunday, April 19		Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>Our Parishioners</i>		

SUNDAY MASS: As parishioners we cannot attend Mass at this time, however, there are many opportunities to watch Mass on TV or online. Salt and Light is offering daily TV Mass and Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta daily at 9:30a.m. Salt and Light is available online but is also currently in free preview on most TV providers.

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. Requirements and responsibilities include:

- No criminal record together with the ability to work in an ethical moral manner;
- An understanding of basic accounting principles from a bookkeeping perspective;
- Basic computer and internet skills plus a working knowledge of Microsoft Excel;
- An ability to set up a account statements, prepare basic financial reports, and prepare formal periodic reports required by the CRA, SSVP National or the Conference;
- Manage the Conference bank account, term investments and reconcile to 100% accuracy;
- An ability to work with all members of the Conference in a cooperative and supportive manner;

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in April –

Robert and Darlyne Beaudry	63 years	April 6
Ken and Marlene O'Grady	59 years	April 8
Laurens and Betty de Kleine	53 years	April 15
Mark and Jill Heffernan	16 years	April 24
Rick and Debbie Noonan	34 years	April 25

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.**

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PRAYERS FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS:

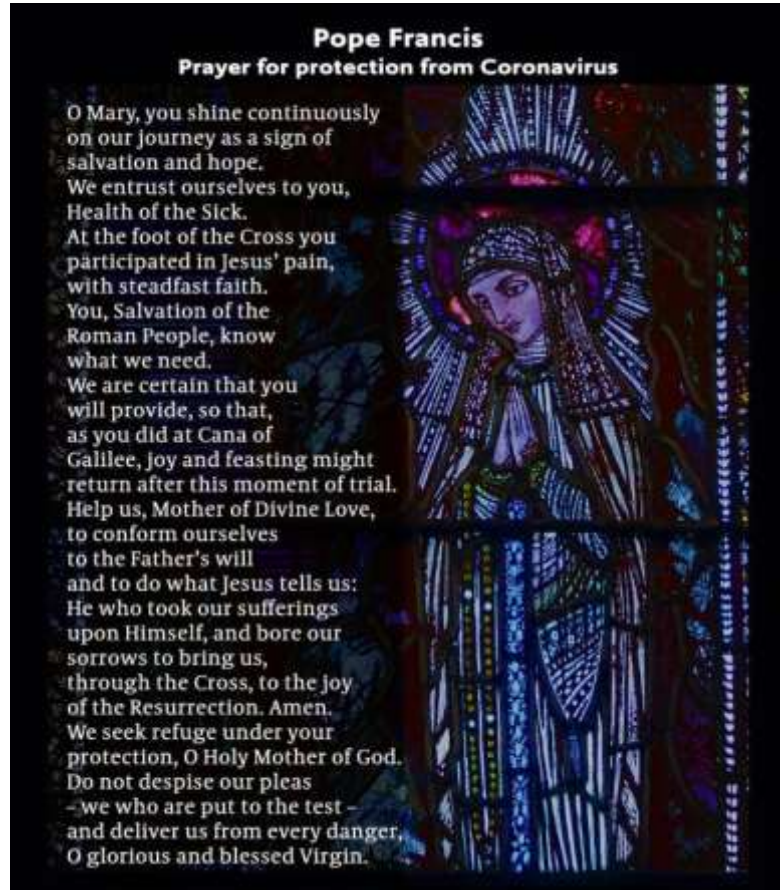
Jean-Richard "Richard" Marion March 11, 2020
Stan Pucak March 24, 2020
Ellen Philomena Carolan March 31, 2020

Please pray for the departed faithful, may they rest with the Lord and their family members find peace and comfort in the Lord for their loss.

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS: Thank you for responding so generously to my letter and continuing to support your parish through your envelopes and donations. Thank you for your notes and best wishes and dropping off food. Please know you are remembered in my prayers. If you'd like to sign up for Pre-Authorized payments, the form is available on our website under "Support Parish".

FAST AND FEAST: Let us think about our call to:

- 1) Fast from discouragement; feast on seeing the good.
- 2) Fast from apathy; feast on enthusiasm.
- 3) Fast from suspicion; feast on seeing the good.
- 4) Fast from idle gossip; feast on spreading good news.



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