

Saint John Bosco Parish

“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44



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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.

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: Today we begin our yearly pilgrimage through the events of history of salvation starting with our preparation for the birthday celebration of Jesus and ending with our reflection on his glorious “second coming” as judge at the end of the world. We are entering the Advent season. Advent means coming. We are invited to meditate on Jesus’ first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible, and through the worshipping community, and finally his *Second Coming (Parousia)* at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, dried flowers or plain green plants and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness through and all around us. In the **first reading** (Is 2:1-5), Isaiah describes his prophetic vision of all nations making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, affirming their Faith in the one true God. Today’s **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 122), is one of the Songs of Assent, the joyous hymns originally sung as pilgrims journeyed to the Temple in Jerusalem. They prepare us for our yearly pilgrimage. In the **second reading** (Rom 13:11-14), Paul exhorts the Roman Christian community to get ready to meet Jesus in his *Second Coming* by discharging their duties properly and by freeing themselves from their former pagan life style of jealousy, and rivalry. We, too, are challenged to make spiritual preparations for Christ’s birth in our lives. In today’s **Gospel** (Mt 24:37-44), Jesus warns us of the urgency of vigilant preparation for his coming on our part that we may meet him as our Judge both at the end of our lives on earth and on the day of the Last Judgment when he comes in his glory. Jesus reminds us that the unrepentant, ill-prepared evil people were destroyed by the flood in the time of Noah and that a thief will be able to break in and plunder the precious belongings of an ill-prepared householder. Using additional examples later, Jesus repeats his warning for us to be vigilant and well-prepared all the time, doing the will of God by loving others. **Life message:** We need to be alert and watchful while spiritually preparing for Christmas by offering our daily work to God for His glory, by practicing more self-control in resisting our evil habits and inclinations, by seeking reconciliation daily with God, our families, and our neighbors, and by asking God’s pardon and forgiveness as we extend our unconditional forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR BEGINS WITH THE SEASON OF ADVENT: Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. We have an Advent and Christmas reflection book for all of our Parishioners. They are in the atrium, please help yourself.

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 Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Paul Cosgrove, Sean O’Connell, Nellie Kester, Nila Suan, Caroline Matte, and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

MASS SCHEDULE November 26 – December 4, 2022		
Saturday, November 26	5:15 p.m.	Frances Wilkinson
Sunday, November 27	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, November 29	9:30 a.m.	Irene Leeder
Wednesday, November 30	9:30 a.m.	Maurice Belec
Thursday, December 1	9:30 a.m.	Linda McKenty
Friday, December 2		Frances Pike SHERWOOD MANOR
Saturday, December 3	5:15 p.m.	Rita Riley and Gerrard Geseron
Sunday, December 4	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Sanctuary Candle Week of November 27: Int. of Lyne and Bill Cousineau		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

November 20, 2022: **\$834**

Property Maintenance: **\$425**

Thank you for your generous contributions

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER RESPONSE: We will be using the first response after “The Mystery of Faith”. Starting the first Sunday of Advent, the Eucharistic prayer response will be; **“We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.”**

2023 COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Your envelopes may now be picked up in the atrium. If you wish to start using envelopes or cannot find yours, please sign the sheet on the table. Please note that some of the numbers have changed so it is important that you do not use old envelopes for your donations.

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2023: Sunday Missals are now available for sale at the table in the atrium.

“Keep awake, you must be ready.” Matthew 24.37

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, November 26 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Sylvia Shackles	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Lise Lalonde-Matte
Sunday, November 27 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Mike Kozey	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, December 3 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Rick Fraser	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, December 4 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Theresa Iddon	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, November 26	9am-2pm	Cookie walk and Vendor sale at St. John Bosco SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 29	7:00 p.m.	Installation Ceremony of Knights of Columbus
Thursday, December 1	7:00 p.m.	Choir

2023 SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

There will be parent meetings on the following dates;

First Communion **Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6pm**
Confirmation **Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6pm**

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE:

Nov 5th & 6th Poor Box Collection: From the bottom of our hearts, we wish to thank the parishioners of our four Parishes for their very generous donations to the Weekender Program for Kids (WP4K) Poor Box collection. In total you donated \$11,130.60 to our program, to help tackle hunger in our community! We are truly Blessed and very grateful to have your continued support.

SSVP HOME FOR CHRISTMAS 2022 CONCERT:

: We are thrilled to share more information about our Christmas concert happening on **Saturday December 17th, at 7pm, at St. John Bosco.** The concert will feature Christopher Coyea (tenor) and Alex Fleuriau Chateau (bass), along with Margaret Whisselle (piano), James MacKenzie (drums), The Brockville Brass, Quintessence, Dallis Campbell, Drew Morely and the St. Lawrence College Music Theatre Singers! This will truly be a magical night of Christmas music. There will be a short intermission during the concert, and light refreshments will be available at that time. We are looking for donations of bake goods, to be dropped off at **St John Bosco on Friday December 16th from 4-6pm, or on Saturday the 17th between 10am-12pm.** If you would like to donate baked goods for the intermission, please call Jackie at 613-345-0352, or Laura at 613-345-2698. There will be a free will donation at the door, if you are able, and it will benefit the Weekender Program for Kids.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

ADVENT CANDLE: This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

ADVENT CONFESSION:

St. Francis Xavier : **Sunday, December 11, 2022 3 p.m.**
St. John Bosco Parish: **Sunday, December 18, 2022 3pm.**

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

Art and Paulette Psiuk 44 years December 2
Emilio and Josie Bracamonte 48 years December 19
Cyril and Mary Drake 55 years December 26
Nicholas and Laurie French 66 years December 29

ANGEL TREE: Once again St. John Bosco Parish will be assisting Children's and Family Services with our Angel Tree. The Angel Tree is set up in the atrium. Please take an Angel from the tree and return your unwrapped gift to the parish by **December 3 & 4 2022** with the Angel attached.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights will be selling Christmas Cards at St. John Bosco this weekend of **November 26/27, 2022** before and after Mass. Please help support the men who have been supporting the church and community in Brockville for 100 years.

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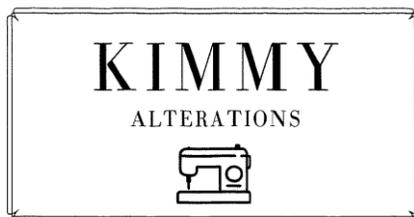
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