

Saint John Bosco Parish

LENT

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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00am**

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.



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Office Hours

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives. Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to a *metanoia* or true "repentance," and by renewal of life through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The **first reading** tells us that, although man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve, the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew that covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood waters symbolizes our being saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ. Today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 25) is an exquisite penitential prayer, humbly acknowledging our human insufficiency and radical dependence upon God, His mercy, and His forgiveness. The psalmist lists some of God's Own characteristics that will shape the life of the forgiven penitent: Truth, Compassion, Love, Kindness, Goodness, Uprightness, Humility, and Justice. In the **second reading**, St. Peter shows us how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism. He reminds us that, as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God has made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. **In the Gospel**, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism.

Life messages: 1) Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed: prayer, self-denial, and timely use of the word of God. During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies. 2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND OUR PARISH LENTEN

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: We invite all parishioners to attend our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on **Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m.** with the penitential service followed by individual confession. Parents of the First Reconciliation Candidates are encouraged to make their Reconciliation along with their child to head them to the confessional without fear.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, 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, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: We pray for those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 17- MARCH 3, 2024		
Saturday, February 17	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, February 18	9:30 a.m.	Brian Fraser
Tuesday, February 20	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, February 21	9:00 a.m.	Int. of Josie Bracamonte
	9:30 a.m.	ADORATION
Thursday, February 22	9:00 a.m.	Nancy MacDonald
Friday, February 23	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Saturday, February 24	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, February 25	9:30 a.m.	John and Margie Casey
Tuesday, February 27	6:30 p.m.	Brian Brougham
Wednesday, February 28	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention ADORATION
	9:30 a.m.	
Thursday, February 29	9:00 a.m.	Int. of Denis Davis
Friday, March 1	11:00 a.m.	SHERWOOD MANOR Irene and Pat Leeder
Saturday, March 2	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, March 3	9:30 a.m.	Cameron Hall
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Joseph and Thresiyamma Chelamootil The week of February 25, 2024 The Intentions of Marchand Family		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

February 11, 2024: \$4905

Thank you very much for your generous contribution.

"After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness." Mark 1.12

FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, February 17 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Mary MacDermott	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Lise Lalonde-Matte
Sunday, February 18 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Johanne Cardinal & Theresa Iddon	Joan Murray	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, February 24 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Al Cyr	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 25 9:30 p.m.	Doug Roughton	Michelle Morrow & Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, March 2 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, March 3 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Mike Kozey & Theresa Iddon	Marguerite Whiteland	Hailey Neuman

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, February 19		Parish Closed
Tuesday, February 20	7:00 p.m.	CWL meeting
Wednesday, February 21	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Thursday, February 22	6:30 p.m.	Faith Night
Friday, February 23	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Soup for the Soul
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Movie Night The Chosen
Saturday, February 24	4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	First Communion Catechism Class
Wednesday, February 28	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Friday, March 1	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Soup for the Soul
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Movie The Chosen

PARISH OFFICE: Jill will be out of the office the week of **February 19- February 23, 2024**. Father Jacob will be in the office if you need assistance.

RICK AWAY: Rick will be away for two weeks beginning **February 26, 2024, until March 8, 2024**. During this time the church will open **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.**

TAX RECEIPTS 2023: Tax receipts are available for pick up in the atrium. Any receipts remaining by February 26th will be put in the mail. Thank you for keeping costs down by picking up your receipts.

REMINDER SJB PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SURVEY: Please take the time to fill out the survey provided by our Parish Pastoral Council regarding our SJB weekend. There are extra copies at the welcome desk.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR THE LENTEN SEASON: Join us every Friday during Lent to watch "The Chosen". **The Chosen** is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. **The Chosen** allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. Join us to watch from the beginning **every Friday during Lent at 6:30p.m in the Parish Hall.**

SOUP FOR THE SOUL 2024: Soup for the soul is back! After Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:10 pm, hot soup and buns will be served. We need volunteers to bring soup and help with Stations of the Cross. Please see sign up sheets at the back of the atrium.

CWL FAMILY DAY BASKETS: Please support our CWL by making a \$5 donation for a chance to win one of their Family Day baskets. **Last chance to buy this weekend before the draw!**

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