

# Saint John Bosco Parish

So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”  
Matthew 18:35

## 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 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.

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613-345-5914

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613-342-4911

## 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.

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Our readings for this Twenty-Fourth Sunday concern forgiving those who wound us and being reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy, and reconciliation and challenge us to walk this, the only Way to Life. Sirach, in the **first reading**, reminds his listeners that if they don't heal and forgive and show mercy, they can't expect to receive mercy from God in return. It is unwise to nurse grudges and wise to forgive because our life span is very short and our eternal destiny is decided by how we forgive, how we work for reconciliation with those who wound us, and how we render humble and loving service to them. In today's **Psalm**, (Ps 103), the Psalmist sings, "*The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.*" In the **second reading**, Paul reminds us that we have to forgive others because we belong to Christ who, by his own example in forgiving those who killed Him, taught us how we must forgive in our turn. Since we humans are related to each other as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are in the family of God, so hatred and bitterness toward anyone should have no place in our hearts. In today's **Gospel**, through the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day and, hence, we need God's forgiveness every day. But we must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains, after teaching us the prayer *Our Father*, "*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you.*"

**Life messages:** We need to forgive, forget, and be reconciled: In the light of eternity and considering the shortness of our span of life, harboring old grudges is pointless. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which opens our hearts to love and makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully: "*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" What God expects from us, He offers us grace to accomplish in us: His Own limitless forgiving and a willingness to overlook faults and to keep on loving even in the face of insults.

We may never forget the hurt we have experienced, but we can, with His ongoing grace, choose to forgive and pray for our offenders. As life goes on and we remember an incident that was hurtful and roused great anger in us, we need to remind ourselves that, with God's grace, we have already forgiven the one that hurt us. Time does heal memories. Forgiveness finally changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories. Forgiveness allows us to move beyond the pain, the resentment, and the anger. When we forgive, we make the choice that heals. We can forgive the offender by wishing him God's blessings and by offering that individual to God by simply saying, "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship." When we withhold forgiveness, we remain the victim. When we offer forgiveness, we are doing it also for our own well-being.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Nellie Kester, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Joseph O'Grady, Pierre Touchette and Father Liam Tallon.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> September 16 – September 24, 2023		
Saturday, September 16	5:15 p.m.	Sheri Gill Vanderlinden Cornelius Vanderlinden
Sunday, September 17	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, September 19	6:30 p.m.	Pauline Adley
Wednesday, September 20	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Shan Warder ADORATION
Thursday, September 21	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Prudhomme family
Friday, September 22	9:00 a.m.	Int. of Jodi and Brian Drake
Saturday, September 23	5:15 p.m.	Irene and Pat Leeder
Sunday, September 24	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> Sheri Gill Vanderlinden and Cornelius Vanderlinden		

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** 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. We have many weeks available. To arrange a Sanctuary lamp for your intention with a donation of \$5.00, please call the office at (613) 342 5095

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION:** This weekend there is a Property Maintenance Collection (September 16/17, 2023). Thank you for supporting our Parish.

***"I tell you, you should forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Matthew 18.21***



## SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, September 16 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, September 17 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Lloyd Clayton & Dayna Gollodge	Joan Murray	Janie Verhoeven
Saturday, September 23 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, September 24 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marguerite Whiteland	Jill Heffernan

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, September 19	7:00 p.m.	CWL meeting
Wednesday, September 20	4:00 p.m.	SSVP meeting
Sunday, September 24	9:30 a.m.	Baptism – Gianna Anthony

#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

September 10, 2023: \$3444

*Thank you to all for your generous ongoing donations.*

**ADORATION:** Every Wednesday morning the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the chapel after morning Mass until 10:00 a.m. All available parishioners are encouraged to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament when possible. Remember the words of our Lord *“Are you asleep? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak”*. May your time with the Lord in Blessed Sacrament strengthen you spiritually and physically.

**CWL:** The CWL will hold their first meeting on **Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 6:30 pm with Mass and the meeting to follow at 7 p.m. at St. John Bosco Parish Hall.** We would also invite ladies of the parish to join us!. Meet Catholic ladies who are enjoy friendship and laughter as we are called to service to the people of God. We look forward to seeing you!

**FAITH NIGHT:** Please join us for Faith Night on **Thursday September 28th, 2023 at 6:30pm at St. John Bosco.** Please join us to learn more about your faith and fellowship with others. Food and refreshments served.

**LIFE CHAIN:** is being held again this year in front of TISS High School on Parkdale Avenue on Sunday **October 1st from 2pm-3pm.** Parking available behind the Dodge Building on Parkdale Avenue. Let us stand up for Life and take every opportunity to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We will set aside one hour silently, praying, and holding a sign to raise awareness of the biggest human rights violation of our time. **Change can happen with prayer!** Contact Anna Gibbons for more info at: [annagib2000@myhighspeed.ca](mailto:annagib2000@myhighspeed.ca) or go to [campaignlifecoalition.com/lifechain](http://campaignlifecoalition.com/lifechain)

**NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA:** Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This collection will take place on **September 23/24, 2024.** This annual charitable initiative furthers the Bishops' ministry in leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God's children, disciples of Christ in Canada. Your generous contributions will be greatly appreciated.

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: September 24, 2024:** A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on June 20. The January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. At the request of several conferences of Bishops, Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019. “The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation.” (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

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