

# Saint John Bosco Parish



## Second Sunday of Advent

### 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 at 6:30p.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.

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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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus, some 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and through the praying community, and his future coming (the *Second Coming*) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity.

**Scripture lessons:** The **first reading**, taken from the prophet Isaiah, tells us about the Babylonian exiles coming home to their native country, Judah, and their holy city, Jerusalem. Isaiah assures his people that the Lord will lead them in a grand procession to their homeland and take care of them as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 85) describes how *shalom* or perfect peace is coming home with the Lord's coming. The **second reading**, taken from the second letter of St. Peter, invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at his *Second Coming*. Peter tells those who doubt the Second Coming of Jesus that God's way of counting time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for delaying the Second Coming of Christ. The **Gospel** tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Savior's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and the renewal of life. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow-Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

**Life messages:** **1) We need to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus:** We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us remember with the German mystic *Angelus Silesius* "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me." **2) We need to allow Jesus to be reborn in our lives.** People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart, and spirit of humble and committed service. **3) Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist** to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts.

**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.

**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, Karen Nesbitt, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:** *For persons with disabilities* – we pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

| MASS SCHEDULE<br>DECEMBER 9 – DECEMBER 17, 2023           |            |                              |
|---|------------|------------------------------|
| Saturday, December 9                                      | 5:15 p.m.  | Linda McKenty                |
| Sunday, December 10                                       | 9:30 a.m.  | Our Parishioners             |
| Tuesday, December 12                                      | 6:30 p.m.  | Peter Story                  |
| Wednesday, December 13                                    | 9:00 a.m.  | Unannounced Mass             |
| Thursday, December 14                                     | 9:00 a.m.  | Matthew Diotte & Paul DiLosa |
| Friday, December 15                                       | 10:30 a.m. | BRIDLEWOOD<br>Lizzie Scott   |
| Saturday, December 16                                     | 5:15 p.m.  | Cam MacFarlane               |
| Sunday, December 17                                       | 9:30 a.m.  | Our Parishioners             |
| The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:<br>Jim Marchand |            |                              |

### FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

December 3, 2023: \$2968

**ADVENT CONFESSION:** St. John Bosco Parish Advent confession will be **Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:** Parishioners are once again may asked to bring potted flowers in memory of a loved one by **Thursday December 21** along with a card so that the names of loved ones may be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

**"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Mark 1.3**

**DECEMBER 10, 2023**

| <b>MASS TIMES</b>                  | <b>USHERS</b> | <b>LECTOR</b>                      | <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</b> | <b>WELCOME DESK</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday, December 9<br>5:15 p.m.  | Kevin Frech   | Rick Fraser                        | Melinda Condon                | Melinda Condon      |
| Sunday, December 10<br>9:30 a.m.   | Lloyd Clayton | Johanne Cardinal & Michelle Morrow | Jill Heffernan                | Hailey Neuman       |
| Saturday, December 16<br>5:15 p.m. | Kevin Frech   | Karen Frech                        | Carol Ravnaas                 | Carol Ravnaas       |
| Sunday, December 17<br>9:30 a.m.   | Lloyd Clayton | Mike Kozey & Theresa Iddon         | Jill Heffernan                | Jill Heffernan      |

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

| <b>DATE</b>            | <b>TIME</b> | <b>EVENT</b>                                      |
|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Tuesday, December 12   | 10:00 a.m.  | Finance Meeting                                   |
|                        | 7:00 p.m.   | Knights of Columbus meeting                       |
| Wednesday, December 13 | 7:00 p.m.   | Men's Bible Study                                 |
| Sunday, December 17    | After Mass  | Parish Decorating<br>All welcome<br>Hosted by CWL |
|                        | 3:00 p.m.   | Advent Confessions at SJB                         |

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** An invitation to all children and parishioners to join us **after 9:30 Mass on December 17** to help decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make light work! Refreshments will be served by the CWL.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER:** St. Francis Xavier Church is holding a Community Christmas Dinner for those who would otherwise be alone for Christmas day. Brockberry Food 2 Go is catering the event again this year. If you would like to attend, please call 1-844-386-2833 for a reservation before **December 15th**. Also, let them know if you need a ride.

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| <b>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES:</b>      |
| <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:</b>      |
| Christmas Eve – Sunday December 24 5:00pm & 7:30pm |
| Christmas Day – Monday December 25 9:30am          |
| <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>       |
| New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31 5:15pm        |
| New Year's Day – Monday, January 1 9:30am          |

**ADVENT CANDLE:** This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent, the candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ “the Prince of Peace”. Jesus taught the importance of being peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us, he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.

**ANGEL TREE:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree program this year. We were able to give just over 50 gifts to the Children and Family Services program. Thank you for your giving hearts!

**ST. JOHN BOSCO KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Thank you to all the parents and kids who came to the Christmas party. Lots of fun was had by all! We made a craft, decorated cookies and watched a movie. Special thanks for the organizers, Nicole McNamee, Dayna Golledge, Sarah Rebello, Jill Heffernan and Amanda Barrett for baking many delicious cookies. You can still see Fr. Jacob's ornament he made hanging at the fireplace.

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please make sure you pick up your 2024 envelopes.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:**

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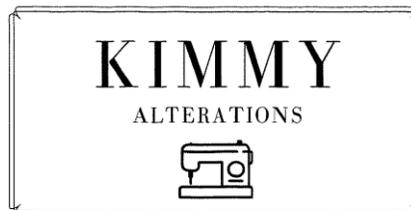
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