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Peace

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

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.

Grocery Certificates

Available before and after weekend Masses and 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 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 are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us, 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, 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 Christ's second coming. The Gospel 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. **Life message:** 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 ask with Alexander Pope the challenging question, "What do I profit, if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world unless he is born in my heart and in my life?" 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) We need to 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 and lives.

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, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Shelley McLaren, Ursula Thompson, Ellen Hart, Brian Fraser, Ros Crooks, Jason Toha, Sean O'Connell, and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: This week we light the second candle, the candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. Jesus taught people 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. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

| MASS SCHEDULE December 5 – December 13, 2020 | | |
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| Saturday, December 5 | 5:15 p.m. | Cam MacFarlane |
| Sunday, December 6 | 9:30 a.m. | Our Parishioners |
| Tuesday, December 8 | 9:30 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday, December 9 | 9:30 a.m. | Rev. Will Drake |
| Thursday, December 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Unannounced Mass |
| Friday, December 11 | 9:30 a.m. | Peter Story |
| Saturday, December 12 | 5:15 p.m. | Our Parishioners |
| Sunday, December 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Deceased members of Sylvester and Shepherd families. |
| Sanctuary Candle the week of December 6: Mark Waters | | |

FINANCIAL UPDATE: *Weekly target \$ 3500.00*
November 29, 2020 – Offertory: \$ 2746.00

MASS INTENTIONS: If you had a Mass Intentions scheduled for the week of November 28-December 4, 2020, it has been rescheduled in January or February 2021. Please call the office if you have any questions. Sorry for the inconvenience.

FATHER JACOB: Father Jacob is resting at home this week. Thank you for all your prayers. This weekend we welcome Father Paul from Kingston to our St. John Bosco Parish, Mass times remain the same.

"Make straight the paths of the Lord." Mark 1.1-8

December 6, 2020

| MASS TIMES | USHERS | LECTOR | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER | WELCOME DESK | WASHROOMS |
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| Saturday, December 5 5:15 p.m. | Al Cyr and Scott MacDermott | Sylvia Shackles | Carol Ravnaas | Carol Ravnaas | Josie Bracamonte |
| Sunday, December 6 9:30 a.m. | John McGeough and Art Psiuk | Theresa Iddon | Karen Whalen | Jill Heffernan | Liam Heffernan |

| MASS TIMES | USHERS | LECTOR | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER | WELCOME DESK | WASHROOMS |
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| Saturday, December 12 5:15 p.m. | Michel LaBonte and Scott MacDermott | Sylvia Shackles | Melinda Condon | Jill Heffernan | Karen and Kevin Frech |
| Sunday, December 13 9:30 a.m. | John McGeough and Art Psiuk | Johanne Cardinal | Marg Bougie | Noreen Shepherd | Liam Heffernan |

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree is now set up in the atrium. Please take an Angel from the tree and return your unwrapped gift to the parish by **December 13** with the Angel attached. Parishioners can also call the Parish office and have an angel assigned to them.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: Parishioners are once again may asked to bring potted flowers in memory of a loved one by **Wednesday December 23** along with a card so that the names of loved ones may be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE: Due to the CoVid-19 situation in Brockville, the St Francis Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is unable to provide either gifts or food items to the needy. We have decided to provide Walmart gift cards to those families who are in need of Christmas assistance. We are budgeting \$70.00 per adult and \$35.00 per child to a maximum of \$250 per family. Any and all financial assistance from our parishioners, either cash, cheque, or Walmart gift cards would be greatly appreciated.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND SPIRITUAL INQUIRY: Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, or was baptized Catholic as a child but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, you are welcome to participate in our RCIA program Please call the office – 613-342-5095 for more information.

SSVP TAX RECEIPTS: Donations to St. Vincent's de Paul Society for 2020 must be received by December 30th so that they can be deposited by December 31 2020. Donations can be left at Parish office for SSVP.

AN ADVENT EVENING WITH ARCHBISHOP MULHALL:

The Archdiocesan Youth Office is hosting an Advent Evening with Archbishop Mulhall at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, Dec 10 from 7 – 8 pm. This will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration and the archbishop will offer an Advent reflection. Some of the archbishop's reflection will be directed to young adults, but all ages are welcome to attend physically or virtually. The event will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral website www.stmaryscathedral.ca/mass-on-livestream. Doors open at 6:30 pm and masks are required. For more information visit www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/youth

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve – Thursday December 24
5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Both Mass times are full)**

**Christmas Day – Friday December 25
9:30 a.m. (spaces remaining)**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Eve – Thursday, December 31
5:15 p.m.**

**New Year's Day – Friday, January 1
9:30 a.m.**

** Reservations required for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass.

No reservations required for New Year's Eve or Day Mass.

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