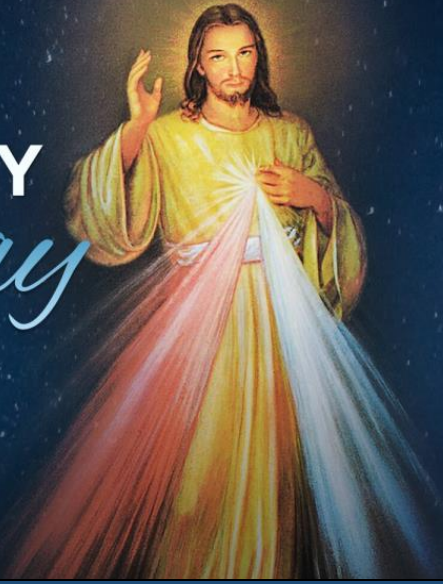


Saint John Bosco Parish

**DIVINE
MERCY**
Sunday



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 6:30 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.

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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.

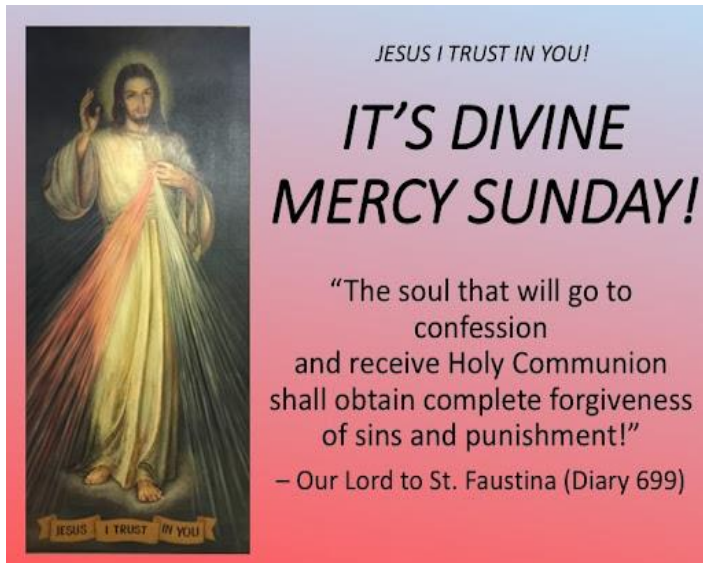
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: The readings for this Sunday show us our need for God’s Divine Mercy, which is offered to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of our sins, and through each celebration of the Sacraments (all instituted to sanctify us), when we receive them in trusting Faith.

The opening prayer addresses the Father as “God of everlasting Mercy.” In first section of the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat three times, “His mercy endures forever!” God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death, and Resurrection.

The first reading (Acts 2:42-47) tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy — sharing, sacrificial *agápe* love — practiced by the early Christians. In the second reading (1 Pt 1:3-9), St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection. Today’s Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, “Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained” (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas’ famous profession of Faith, “My Lord and my God,” the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a “perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come”. This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God’s mercy during Easter time.



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, Kerry Walsh, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O’Grady

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 6 – APRIL 14, 2024		
Saturday, April 6	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, April 7	9:30 a.m.	Int. of the Roughton, Black, Taylor and Nolan families
Tuesday, April 9	6:30 p.m.	Shan Warder
Wednesday, April 10	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Unannounced Mass ADORATION
Thursday, April 11	9:00 a. m.	Matthew Diotte and Paul DiLosa
Friday, April 12	9:45 a.m.	Jim Marchand SCHOOL MASS J.L JORDAN AND SJB
Saturday, April 6	5:15 p.m.	Hugh Nolan
Sunday, April 7	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Special Intention		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

March 31, 2024: \$1046

Holy Land: \$1398.10

Easter: \$3028

Thank you very much for your generous contribution.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

Please remember our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for these special Sacraments -

May 5, 11:30 a.m.

May 29, 10 a.m.- 2p.m.

June 15, 2:00 p.m.

June 16, 11:00 a.m.

First Communion Mass

Confirmation retreat

Confirmation Rehearsal

Confirmation Mass

“Peace be with you.” John 20.19

APRIL 7, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, April 6 5:15 p.m.	n/a	Al Cyr	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, April 7 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Lloyd Clayton & Johanne Cardinal	Marguerite Whiteland	Ewa El-Mubarak
Saturday, April 13 5:15 p.m.	n/a	Sylvia Shackles	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, April 14 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Mike Kozey & Michelle Morrow	Joan Murray	Hailey Neuman

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, April 9	7 p.m.	Knights of Columbus meeting
Wednesday, April 10	9:30 a.m.	Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Thursday, April 11	5:30 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Friday, April 12	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night The Chosen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking volunteers for the following ministries. Please consider donating your time and assisting with these important ministries. Contact Father Jacob if you are interested:

Sherwood Manor and Bridlewood: Assisting with Mass and setting up. First Friday and third Friday of the month.

Bringing Communion to Shut-ins. We are seeking another volunteer to join the team bringing Communion twice a month to shut ins.

Meals on Wheels. CPHC needs two volunteers to take a route on Tuesday morning once every six weeks.

Gardeners. St. John Bosco parish is looking for a few people who are interested in caring for the gardens around the Church.

FLOWERS AT THE CEMETARY: The Knights of Columbus Brockville Council #1049 will be planting and watering flowers for loved ones resting at St. FX Cemetery. The cost for each plot is \$50. Please indicate the name of your loved one and your phone number on each order to ensure the flowers are placed properly. Mail your cheque to the following address: KOC Brockville Council 1049 **Attn: Stewart Glashan** 7 Stanley Crescent, Brockville, ON K6V 2S(or you may drop off or mail a cheque in an envelope to either St. FX or St. John Bosco parish office) You can e-transfer to kofc1049@cogeco.ca **Please ensure you include your phone number and your loved one's name in the note section of the e-transfer.** If you have any questions about this program, please call **Stewart Glashan at 613.342.3855**

JOKE OF THE WEEK: You may have heard about the preacher who asked one elderly lady how it was with her soul. "Oh," she replied, "the old devil has been giving me a rough time." Immediately her husband protested. "Now hold on," he said, "she's not too easy to live with herself."

EASTER SEASON: The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.

SOUP FOR THE SOUL: Thank you to all those who helped and contributed to Soup for the Soul during Lent. It was a very successful event and enjoyed by many. Just over \$500 was raised over the 6 weeks. Special thanks to Josie & Mel Bracamonte, Pam Marchand and Joanne Story for always making sure everything was taken care of.

FOOD BANK: The CWL will be having a guest speaker from the Food Bank at their meeting on April 16th at 7p.m. and are opening the meeting to all parishioners to attend. The CWL is encouraging anyone attending to bring feminine hygiene products as a donation to the Food Bank, an item that they are in short supply of.

MARCH FOR LIFE- MAY 9, 2024 OTTAWA: A coach bus coming from Kingston is available for pick up at the Days Inn, off Stewart Blvd., for the annual March For Life on Parliament Hill on May 9th. If interested please contact Anna Gibbons at 613-345-0860.

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