

# Saint John Bosco Parish

## † LENT

– 40 Days Of Renewal –

Parish Priest: **Fr. Andrew Shim**  
Custodian: Rick Fraser

Associate Priest: **Fr. Adaikalaraj Albert**  
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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am  
Tuesday 6:30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am  
Fridays, check the bulletin**

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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** *The readings today invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent so that they radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.*

*The first reading describes the transformation of Abram, a pagan patriarch, into a believer in the one God (Who would later “transform” Abram’s name to Abraham), and the first covenant of God with Abraham’s family as a reward for Abraham’s Faith and obedience to God. In the second reading, St. Paul argues that it is not observance of the Mosaic Law and circumcision that transforms people into Christians, and hence, that Gentiles need not become Jews to become Christians. In the Transfiguration account in today’s Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus’ Transfiguration was to allow Him to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son’s suffering, death, and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make Jesus’ chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah, and might be strengthened in their time of trial.*

**Life messages:** The “transfiguration” in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become “transfigured” or transformed (transubstantiated) into the living Body and Blood soul and Divinity of the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus. Just as Jesus’ Transfiguration was meant to strengthen the apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and for our Lenten renewal. Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed: For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. (3) The Transfiguration of Jesus offers us a message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our own transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words to Jesus: “*This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased — listen to Him!*” and so share the glory of His transfiguration.



**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Betty DeKleine, Doug McCaul, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, 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, Noel Davis, Norah Kirkby and Joseph O’Grady.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; SCHEDULE MARCH 15 – MARCH 23, 2025</b>		
Saturday, March 15	5:15 p.m.	Beverly Libitz
Sunday, March 16	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, March 18	6:30 p.m.	Elizabeth MacRae
Wednesday, March 19	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Matthew Diotte and Paul DiLosa ADORATION
Thursday, March 20	9:00 a.m.	John Nolan
Friday, March 21	10:30 a.m.	BRIDLEWOOD For our departed Parishioners
Saturday, March 22	5:15 p.m.	Brian Fraser
Sunday, March 23	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
<b>The Sanctuary Candle the week of March 16, 2025: Int. of the Marchand Family</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Budget for weekly collections: \$3,500

**March 9:** \$3033.95

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND OUR PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**

We invite all parishioners to attend our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on **Sunday, March 30 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.

**BENEFITS OF GOING TO CONFESSION:**

helps us to better “know thy self”, helps us overcome vice, brings us peace, helps us become more saintly – more like Jesus, and makes our will strong. Jesus invites you to Confession to experience the incredible feelings of mercy, peace, joy, relief and love by receiving grace through this Sacrament.

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation.” Psalm 27**

MARCH 16, 2025

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, March 15 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Sylvia Shackles	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, March 16 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Gary Byrnes and Dayna Golledge	Marguerite Whiteland	Jill Heffernan
Saturday, March 22 5:15 p.m.	Mel Bracamonte	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, March 23 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Emily Heffernan and Lloyd Clayton	Joan Murray	Janie Verhoeven

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, March 17	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	CWL – guest speaker All are welcome
Wednesday, March 19	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thursday, March 20	12:00 p.m.	Parish Renewal webinar at SJB
Friday, March 21	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross And Soup for the Soul

**CHOIR:** Love to sing? Looking for a way to get more involved in our parish community? Join the choir at the 9:30 Mass! Singing in the choir is a wonderful opportunity to share your love of music and deepen your faith. No experience is necessary — just a joyful heart and willingness to sing!

**CONFIRMATION:** There will be a Confirmation parent meeting on **March 19, 2025 at 6pm at St. John Bosco Parish** for those who wish to have their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June.

**INTERESTED IN RENEWING AND HELP GROW OUR PARISH?:** Join us for an insightful discussion with Alpha Canada, Divine Renovation and Catholic Christian Outreach as we explore three essential tools your parish needs to thrive. In this one-hour webinar, you'll gain practical tips and valuable resources to drive church renewal, evangelization, and discipleship in your parish.

Our expert panel includes Eric Myatt, Director of Divine Renovation Ministry Canada; Jeff Lockert, President of Catholic Christian Outreach; and Holly Leonard, Director of CCO Parish, Diocesan, and Alumni Programs.

**Fr. Shim will be streaming this webinar at St. John Bosco Parish on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Please call the office if you plan on attending.**

**CWL GUEST SPEAKER:** The CWL have invited Chris Curry from the Leeds and Grenville Mental Health Association to speak on **Tuesday March 18 starting at 7:00 pm.** Chris will be discussing issues in the Brockville area pertaining to mental health. **Our Council would like to invite our parishioners to this event.** No cost. Hope to see you there.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) 2025**

**LENTEN CAMPAIGN: – A \$1 per day for 40 days -** We are a group of volunteer parishioners with a mission to serve the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy. Our giving programs, consisting of the Weekender Program for Kids, our Community Outreach and our Christmas Assistance program, are offered on a strictly nondenominational basis, from Cardinal to Lansdowne and north to Toledo. In addition to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month poor box donations; there is the need to continually raise funds to ensure the ongoing viability of our programs. Please consider supporting us. There are donation envelopes in the atrium or you can e-transfer using the email: [ssvpstfrancisbrockville@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpstfrancisbrockville@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please consider joining our ministry teams for our Saturday and Sunday Mass. We are always seeking people for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers and Welcome Desk volunteers. **We are very short on volunteers for our Saturday evening Mass.** Please speak to Fr. Shim or call the office if you're interested.

**FORMED:** We now have access to a great Catholic resource called Formed.org for free! Formed is a fabulous website that has Catholic movies, audiobooks, resources, Sacramental series, kids shows etc. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) for more information.

**FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION:** The next First Communion class will be **Sunday March 30, 2025** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Parents will attend Mass while the children will attend a catechism class.

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