

# Saint John Bosco Parish



## 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 and Friday at 9:30am**

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.

## Catholic Schools

St. John Bosco (JK-6)  
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613-342-7711

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613-345-5914

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School (7-12)  
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.

## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** The common theme of today's readings is the benevolent, compassionate, forgiving mercy of God for sinners and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us. **The first reading** reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, Who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin so that we all have time for repentance. God shows us His redemptive love through His mercy. **In the Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 145), the Psalmist also tells us that the Lord is good to all, and His compassion covers all that He has made. *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness (Ps 145:8).* **In the second reading**, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue to live good Christian lives every day, allowing God to work in them so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians. **Today's Gospel** presents the story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Savior, and shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion, and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance, and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord. **Life messages:** We need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments, and lusts. Hence, let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion and renewal of life. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behavior as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other. But they should not, because of that, withhold love from each other. Nor should they withhold their love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure. We are called to generosity: Jesus wants us to move from our small and feeble Faith to a greater and more powerful Faith, just as Zacchaeus did.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Michel Rochefort, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Paul Cosgrove, Sean O'Connell, Nellie Kester, Nila Suan, Caroline Matte, and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>October 29-November 6, 2022</b>		
<b>Saturday, October 29</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, October 30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>John Chelamootil</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 1 ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 2 ALL SOULS DAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Int. of Mary Gilliard</b>
<b>Thursday, November 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>John Chelamootil</b>
<b>Friday, November 4</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass SHERWOOD MANOR</b>
<b>Saturday, November 5</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, November 6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>John Chelamootil</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>		
<b>Week of October 30: In thanksgiving for the Pattinson Family</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**  
**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**  
 October 23: **\$4330**  
**World Mission Sunday: \$2020**  
**Property Maintenance: \$295**

**DEEPENING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** Are you interested in discovering the beauties of the 2000-year-old Catholic Faith? Hoping to join the Church or just to learn more about your faith and Scripture? Lessons will be offered starting this November. Father Jacob will be focusing on Scripture and lessons are open to all including, but not limited to RCIA candidates (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Call the parish office to register at (613) 342 5095.

**MISSALS:** 2022/2023 Missals are available in the atrium, the cost is \$4 and \$7 for youth missals.

***"When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind." Luke 14.12***

## OCTOBER 30, 2022

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, October 29 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, October 30 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Johanne Cardinal	Marguerite Whiteland	Jill Heffernan
Saturday, November 5 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Al Cyr	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan
Sunday, November 6 9:30 a.m.	Lloyd Clayton	Michelle Morrow	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, November 2	6:00 p.m.	SSVP meeting at SJB hall
Friday, November 4	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Sherwood Manor

**NOVEMBER:** November is the month of Remembrance. The Book of the Names of the Dead will be in the church during the month of November. You are invited to write the names of any deceased person, family member or friend, that you want to remember in prayer. Prayers for the Faithful Departed are offered each year at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. This year it will be on **Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** beginning in the cemetery on Lyn Road, followed by prayers in the Old St. Francis Cemetery and then Roselawn in Maitland. During the month of November, there will be votives at the front of the altar. For those who have lost a loved one this year, you are welcome to come light a candle before or after Mass.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CWL MEMORIAL MASS:** This Memorial Mass will be held on **Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m at St. John Bosco Parish.**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries in November:

**Michael and Lourdes Koktan    55 years    November 4**  
**Bill and Jeannine Watters    69 years    November 21**

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND PARISH COLLECTION:** The annual collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund of the Archdiocese of Kingston will take place on the weekend of **November 12/13, 2022.** The Fund provides our elderly and infirm priests with a modest income in their retirement. This is an opportunity for all of us to show our gratitude for the dedicated service of our priests. Thank you for your continuing support of this important collection.

**ALL SOUL'S DAY:** All Souls' Day is a day specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification. **Ancient belief supported by Church tradition:** People of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul and have prayed for the dead. **1)** The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish catechism *Talmud* states that prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to them. Prayer for the souls of the departed is retained by the Orthodox Jews today who recite a prayer known as the *Mourner's Kaddish* for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he/she may be purified. **2)** First century practice: Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it on to the early Church. "*Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers,*" is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs (*Lumen Gentium*-50). **3)** The liturgies of the Mass in various rites dating from the early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead." **4)** The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice. St. Augustine (AD 354 – 430) remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: "*When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the Altar*" (*St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, Book 9, Chapter 11, Section 27*). **5)** The Synods of Nicaea, Florence and Trent encouraged the offering of prayers for the dead, citing Scriptural evidences to prove that there is a place or state of purification for those who die with venial sins on their souls. Let us continue our traditions and faith remembering our deceased in November.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, and haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen

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