

Saint John Bosco Parish

the Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

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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.

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.

Marriage: Contact the parish priest at least six (6) months before the proposed date of marriage.



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Office Hours

Monday- Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: *“Well done, my good and faithful servant!... Come and share the joy of your master”* Mt 25: 21).

The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife, in the use of our God-given gifts and talents with *“the fear of the Lord.”* Unlike the one-talent man, she takes her gifts and *“brings forth good, not evil”*; she *“reaches her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy.”* In today’s Responsorial Psalm, Ps 128, the Psalmist echoes the concept of the blessedness of the faithful servant of the Lord. The Psalm affirms that the fear of the Lord is the key to human happiness and success. In the second reading, Paul advises us to keep awake and be sober, encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the “Day of the Lord.” He challenges the Thessalonians to turn fear of the Lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action. Today’s Gospel challenges us to ask the questions: Are we using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Are we doing everything we can to carry out God’s will?

Life messages: We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society. We need to make use of our talents in our parish. In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in creative worship in the Church and in various ministries of our parish, such as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, usher, Sunday school teacher, singer in the choir, volunteer, and member of one or more parish organizations and community outreach programs. We need to “trade” with our talent of Christian Faith: All of us in the Church today have received at least one talent namely, the gift of Faith. Our responsibility is not just to preserve and “keep” the Faith, but to work with it. We need to promote and add value to Faith by living it out. The way to preserve the Faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and make it bear fruit.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:

The last week of the Liturgical Year – next weekend (November 25/26, 2023) is devoted to eschatological themes: Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. “There, with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord.”

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, and Joseph O’Grady

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: *For the Pope-* We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

MASS SCHEDULE		
NOVEMBER 18-NOVEMBER 26, 2023		
Saturday, November 18	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, November 19	9:30 a.m.	Shan Warder
Tuesday, November 21	6:30 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving Hayden & Twizell families
Wednesday, November 22	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of The Cyr and Ravnaas Families
	9:30 a.m.	ADORATION
Thursday, November 23	9:00 a.m.	Greg Kelly
Friday, November 24	9:00 a.m.	Michael Donovan
Saturday, November 25	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, November 26	9:30 a.m.	Joan Davison
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Gerald McDougall		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

November 12, 2023: \$2742

Priests’ Retirement Fund: \$1025

Property Maintenance: \$225

Thank you to all for your generous ongoing donations

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. 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 Mass.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Please consider joining the Men’s bible study on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. This year the group is studying the Gospel of Matthew.

“You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things.” Matthew 25.14

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, November 18 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Sylvia Shackles	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, November 19 9:30 a.m.	Noreen Shepherd	Lloyd Clayton & Emily Heffernan	Marg Bougie	Lucy & Emily Heffernan
Saturday, November 25 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Douglas Beatty & Antonella Beatty	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, November 26 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Michelle Morrow & Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, November 20	9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Office closed
Tuesday, November 21	7:00 p.m.	CWL meeting
Wednesday, November 22	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, November 26	After Mass	Parish Social organized by Knights

PARISH HARVEST SUPPER: A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who cooked, chopped, washed and dried, cut, sold, served and donated funds and/or time to our Harvest Supper. We are pleased to report that \$ 2980.69 was raised to benefit our parish. **Special thanks to the organizing committee for a job well done – Sylvia Shackles, Marguerite Whiteland, David Publow, Josie Bracamonte and Marg Bougie.**

ANGEL TREE: Once again, we are seeking your support to help Family and Children's Services of Leeds and Grenville to provide Christmas gifts for their clients. 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 3, 2023** with the Angel attached. **There are a few angels left on the tree.** Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH SOCIAL: Thank you to the newly formed SJB Parish Pastoral Council for organizing the Parish Social last month. This month our Parish Social will be organized by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, November 26, 2023 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Please join us for some coffee, treats and fellowship.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Our Sunday offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the Parish Hall.

RIDE: We have a couple looking for a ride to Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Please call the office if you can help.

2023/2024 MISSALS: Our new missals for the upcoming Liturgical year are available in the atrium for \$4.

2023 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS: Advent is fast approaching, and SJB Parish has purchased the Advent and Christmas Reflection missals for our Parishioners. Please help yourself to one at the table at the front entrance.

ST. JOHN BOSCO KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Kids are invited to join us for Christmas crafts, music and delicious treat on **Sunday December 3, 2023 at 2:00pm until 4:00pm.** There is no cost but please register at stjohnbosco@archkingston.ca

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER: SSVP invites you for an afternoon of Christmas music at St. John Bosco Parish on **Saturday December 2, 2023 at 2:00pm.** The concert will feature Christopher Coyea and Alex Fleuriu as well as many other talented musicians. Free will offering at the door is greatly appreciated and will designated for the SSVP weekender program.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights will be selling Christmas Cards at St. John Bosco the weekends of **November 25/26 and December 2/3, 2023** before and after Mass. Please help support the men who have been supporting the church and community in Brockville for 100 years.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday November 25, 2023 9:30am-3:00pm at St. Francis Xavier School. Delicious luncheon, exciting "Treasure Table". Delightful baked goods and "Country Kitchen". Plus, a spectacular "Draw Basket" prize! Bring your family and enjoy this festive bazaar. Sponsored by the CWL of St. Francis Xavier Church.

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