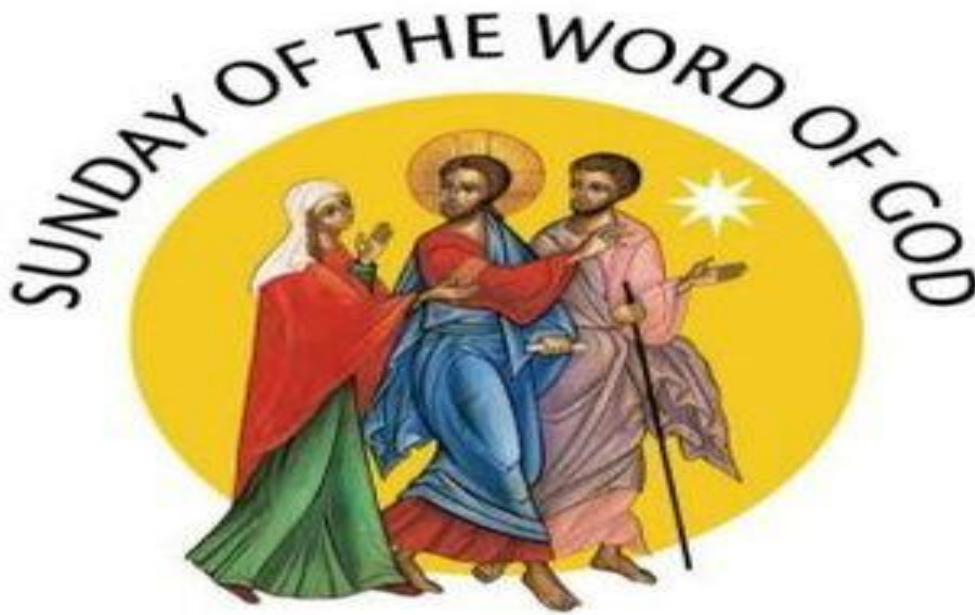


# Saint John Bosco Parish



## 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

Parish Priest: **Fr. Jacob Chelamootil**

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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.

### Catholic Schools

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Ange-Gabriel (JK-12)  
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School (7-12)  
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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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** The three readings today underline our absolute need of repentance and our immediate need for a prompt response to God's call. The **first reading** tells us how God had to deal with the disobedient, fleeing prophet Jonah to turn him around (convert him), so that, repenting, he would go to Nineveh to preach repentance there. The wicked people of Nineveh, however, accepted Jonah as God's prophet at once, and promptly responded to God's call for repentance as Jonah preached it. In the **second reading**, Paul urges the Christian community in Corinth to lose no time in accepting the message of the Gospel and in renewing their lives with repentance because Jesus' *second coming* may occur at any moment. Today's **Gospel** describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "*repent and believe in the Gospel.*" Just as John did, Jesus also called for *repentance*, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life and setting new priorities. Repentance also means hating sin itself, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. *Believing* in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action, and to put trust in Jesus' authority. Jesus preached the *Gospel*, or Good News, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father Who wants to liberate us and save us from our sins through His son Jesus. By describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James, and John, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. Jesus started his public ministry immediately after John the Baptist was arrested. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to appreciate our call to become Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom and healing the sick. 2) We are called individually to a way of life or vocation: – a religious commitment (priest, deacon, missionary, religious Sister or Brother, marriage partner, or single person), plus a particular occupation rising from our talents (medicine, law, teaching, healing, writing, art, music, building and carpentry, homemaking, child-rearing ....). Our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be. As St. Francis Sales puts it, we are expected to bloom where we are planted. 3) Our call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened through the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and, for those so called, made manifest in the sacraments of Matrimony or Holy Orders. The amazing truth is that God is relentless in calling us back to Himself even when we stray away from Him.

**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, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Karen Nesbitt, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>JANUARY 20, 2024 – JANUARY 28, 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Irene and Pat Leeder</b>
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Paul DiLosa and Matthew Diotte</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>ADORATION</b>
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Int. of Mary Roughton</b>
<b>Friday, January 26</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacon Bill Heasley</b>
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Carl Ravnaas</b>
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Special Intention</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

**January 14, 2024: \$3139**

*Thank you very much for your generous contribution.*

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is now completed.

**Confirmation Enrollment Mass:** Saturday January 20, 2024, or Sunday January 21 2024.

**RCIA CLASSES:** If you are interested in RCIA classes, please attend the first class **January 25, 2024 at 6:30p.m.** Classes will be held on the second Thursday of the month and the fourth Thursday of the month (with Faith night).

***“Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.” Mark 1.17***

## JANUARY 21, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, January 20 5:15 p.m.		Sylvia Shackles	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, January 21 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Mike Kozey & Theresa Iddon	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan
Saturday, January 27 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Douglas Beatty and Antonella Beatty Bermeo	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, January 28 9:30 p.m.	John McGeough	Dayna Golledge & Lloyd Clayton	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, January 20 & Sunday, January 21	5:15 p.m. & 9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Tuesday, January 23	7:00 p.m.	Knights Meeting
Wednesday, January 24	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thursday, January 25	6:30 p.m.	Faith Night

### FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT -ST. JOHN BOSCO WEEKEND:

We are excited to announce the return of the full SJB weekend. Please mark on your calendars the weekend of **February 2-4, 2024.**

Friday- Kids Party (Magician) 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. **(pre-register with office)**

Saturday – Parish breakfast 8a.m.-10:30a.m.

Sunday – Potluck 4p.m. – 8p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the atrium for the potluck.

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week.

**COUNTDOWN TO LENT:** Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins February 14, 2024 this year. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** 2023 Tax receipts will be available the weekend of February 17/18, 2024 for pick up at the Parish.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: January 21, 2024:** In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the **Sunday of the Word of God**, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” (Pope Francis)

**HEALING SERVICE: (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)** Saturday, January 27, 2024; 7:00 pm-9:30 pm St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall (1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd, Kingston)

**Come and experience God’s supernatural love!** The evening will include Worship, a Gospel presentation on healing, corporate prayers for healing, and an opportunity for individual healing prayer by the Encounter School of Ministry team and students. Free and open to the public. For more information, email [kingston@encounterschool.org](mailto:kingston@encounterschool.org).

### JOKE OF THE WEEK:

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