

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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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

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 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The unfolding of God's plan of salvation through history has contained many surprises. The **first reading** surprises us by telling of God's promise to David that he would have a long line of royal descendants culminating in a final King, Jesus Christ. In today's **Gospel**, the Angel Gabriel surprises Mary with seven announcements. i) Even as a virgin betrothed to Joseph, she will become a mother. ii) She will become a mother through "*the Holy Spirit [Who] will come upon you, and the Power of the Most High will overshadow you.*" iii) The angel continues, "Therefore, the Child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God." iv) She is to "*name the child Jesus,*" which means Savior. v) God will make Him a King and, as a descendant in the line of David, vi) "*He will rule over the House of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.*" vii) As a Divine sign, Elizabeth, Mary's aged barren cousin is six months pregnant, "*for,*" says Gabriel, "*nothing shall be impossible with God!*" The Gospel narrative also surprises us by reminding us that God's promise is best fulfilled not in buildings, or even in great kings like Solomon, but rather in humble souls like Mary who trusted in God's promise. **Life messages:** 1) We need to say a courageous and generous "yes" to God: True obedience comes from a free choice made in the light of what is true and good. Such a self-surrender often requires a great deal of courage because it can involve going against the tide of social expectations. True obedience also aims at putting oneself at the service of something/Someone that is greater than oneself, accepting what God clearly wants us to do or what He wants to do through us. It is by saying, with Jesus and Mary, a wholehearted and totally unconditional "Yes" – "*Fiat! May it be done in me,*" to Jesus that he will be re-born in each of us, or maybe even born in me for the first time. By my saying "Yes," Jesus will be born or re-born in others, too. 2) We need to try to learn God's plan for our lives: The Good News in today's Scripture message is not only that God is making provision for the salvation of His people, but also that He has a plan for each individual person. In many cases, our work for God seems rather ordinary, but each ordinary task which we carry out fits into God's plan in ways that we cannot yet understand. God desires not only the skill of our hands and talents but the love of our hearts. The Babe in the Manger reminds us of what God has done and is still doing for us? Let us show our gratitude to God by living as true followers of Christ: "Behold, here I am, Lord! I come to do Your will."

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice & Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Shelley McLaren, Ursula Thompson, Ellen Hart, Brian Fraser, Ros Crooks, Sean O'Connell, and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: This week we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

MASS SCHEDULE December 19 – December 26, 2020		
Saturday, December 19	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, December 20	9:30 a.m.	Lionel Burgess
Tuesday, December 22	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, December 23	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	5:00 pm. 7:30 pm.	McDougall Family John & Teresa Doherty
Friday, December 25 CHRISTMAS	9:30 a.m.	Int. of the Heffernan Family
Saturday, December 26	5:15 p.m.	Our Parish
Sunday, December 27	9:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of the Nolan and Roughton families
Sanctuary Candle the week of December 20: Deceased members of the Gladu Family		

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Weekly target \$ 3500.00

December 13, 2020 – Offertory: \$ 3577.00

Thank you for your generous contributions!

MASS THIS WEEKEND: This weekend we welcome Father Killian again from Kingston to our St. John Bosco Parish, Mass times remain the same. Thank Fr. Killian for celebrating Mass with our Parish!

YEAR END DONATIONS: The Parish financial books close on **December 31, 2020**. All donations received after that date will be credited for the 2021 tax year. 2020 income tax receipts will be available in early February.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you had a Mass Intentions scheduled for the week of December 15-18 or December 22-23rd, it has been rescheduled in February or March 2021. Please call the office if you have any questions. Sorry for the inconvenience.

"You will conceive in your womb and bear a son." Luke 1.26

December 20, 2020

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>	<i>WASHROOMS</i>
Saturday, December 19 5:15 p.m.	Scott MacDermott & Michel LaBonte	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Jill Heffernan	Josie Bracamonte
Sunday, December 20 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough and Lloyd Clatyon	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marg Bougie	Jill Heffernan	Liam Heffernan

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Thursday, December 24 5:00p.m.	Michel LaBonte and Nicole McNamee	Ramona Braganza	Karen Whalen	Melinda Condon	Roger Wooller
Thursday, December 24 7:30pm	Scott MacDermott	Mary MacDermott	Marguerite Whiteland	Noreen Shepherd	Josie Bracamonte
Friday, December 25 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough and Art Psiuk	Theresa Iddon	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan	Liam Heffernan
Saturday, December 26 5:15pm	Michel LaBonte Scott MacDermott	Sylvia Shackles	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon	Karen and Kevin Frech
Sunday, December 27 9:30am	John McGeough And Art Psiuk	Johanne Cardinal	Marguerite Whiteland	Jill Heffernan	Liam Heffernan

ADVENT CONFESSION: Fr. Price is offering confession **Saturday Dec 19, 4pm-5pm and Sunday Dec 20 3pm-5pm** at St. Francis Xavier.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: Parishioners are once again may asked to bring potted flowers in memory of a loved one by **Wednesday December 23** along with a card so that the names of loved ones may be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

CHRISTMAS RESERVATIONS: *You must reserve your spot for Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day Mass.* There are a few spots remaining for **Christmas Day at 930am**. We've also had a few cancellation for Christmas Eve and might be able to accommodate a few more at the 730pm Mass. Please call the office (613) 342-5095 or email at sjbparish@bellnet.ca to reserve your spot. **We are in need of 1 usher for the Christmas Eve Mass at 730pm. Please let the office know if you can help.**

THANK YOU: A **BIG THANK YOU** to the CWL ladies, Roger Wooller, Mark Heffernan, Mel Bracamonte, and Gary Molson who helped to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Your help was greatly appreciated.

ANGEL TREE: A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who helped to make Christmas a brighter season to our Angels for Family & Children Services and for families served by St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is wonderful to see such a generous parish family.

CHRISTMAS JOKE: It's also hard being a virgin: 5-year-old Olivia, and her best friend, Claire, were participating in a nativity play at school. Claire was playing Mary, and Olivia was an angel. Before the show, a young boy was going around the dressing room repeating, "I'm a sheep, what are you?" Each child responded politely, including Olivia, who proudly declared she was an angel. The boy then turned to Claire, still struggling into her costume with her mother's help, and repeated the question to her: "I'm a sheep, what are you?" Claire simply said, "I'm Mary." Realizing he was face to face with a lead character, he felt he needed to justify his own role. "It's hard being a sheep, you know," he said with all the seriousness of a 5-year-old actor with a big part. Claire's equally serious response was humorously profound. "Yes," said Claire innocently, "but it's also hard being a virgin, you know."

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