

# Saint John Bosco Parish

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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.

## **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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Custodian: Rick Fraser

**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 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.



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## Office Hours

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **MESSAGE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. Like Joseph, we need to trust in God, listen to Him and be faithful. Although we may face financial problems, job insecurity, tensions in the family and health concerns, let us try to be like St. Joseph, trusting and faithful. Instead of relying on our own schemes to get us through life, let us trust in God and be strengthened by talking to Him in fervent prayer and by listening to Him speaking through the Bible. The Good News and the consoling message of Christmas is that the Child Jesus still waits today to step into our hearts and to change us and the world around us by the beauty of God's love, kindness, mercy and compassion. Let us take some time to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts and lives this week, so that He may change our world of miseries with the beauty of that love. Do we have any gift for our "Birthday Boy?" A heart filled with love for God and our fellow-human beings is the birthday gift, which Jesus really wants from us. Hence, let us prepare our heart for Jesus, filling it with love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness on this Christmas and every day of our lives. Let us be a Christmas gift to others: The greatest gift we can give to those we love, is to have faith in them, believe in their dreams and try to help them realize them. We need to believe in the dreams of our husband, wife, children, parents, heroes, leaders and friends, then try our best to help them realize those dreams.

**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, Lucille Paolini and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

**49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Alone for Christmas? Join us for the annual Community Christmas Dinner **December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic High School.** Please call by Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 1 844-386-2833 to reserve a spot as seating is limited. Transportation is available. This event is sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church and catered by Brockberry Food To Go. ***Volunteers are needed to help make this a success, please call the above mentioned number if you're able to help.***

**DEEPENING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** Classes continue **Thursday December 22<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at St. John Bosco Parish hall. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and we will be discussing Chapters 1-3. We hope to see you there!

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** Completed forms should be returned to the parish office by January 31, 2023

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>December 17 – December 25, 2022</b>		
<b>Saturday, December 17</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, December 18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>John Chelamootil</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ralph O'Brien</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Irene Leeder</b>
<b>Thursday, December 22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Int. of Father Jacob</b>
<b>Friday, December 23</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Ralph O'Brien MASS AT BRIDLEWOOD</b>
<b>Saturday, December 24</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>McDougall Family</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, December 25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Gordon and Ellen MacKenzie</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle Week of December 18: In thanksgiving</b>		

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

December 11, 2022: **\$ 3590**

*Thank you for your generous contributions*

### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES:**

#### **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:**

Christmas Eve – Saturday December 24 5:00pm & 7:30pm

Christmas Day – Sunday December 25 9:30am

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

New Year's Eve – Saturday December 31 5:15pm

New Year's Day – Sunday January 1 9:30 am

### **ADVENT CONFESSION:**

St. John Bosco Parish: **Sunday, December 18 2022 3pm.**

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:**

Parishioners are once again asked to bring potted flowers in memory of a loved one by **Wednesday, December 21**, along with a card so that the names of loved ones may be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your envelopes for next year that are in the Parish atrium.

***"Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David." Matthew 1.18***

## DECEMBER 18, 2022

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, December 17 5:15 p.m.		Al Cyr	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, December 18 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Lloyd Clayton	Marguerite Whiteland	Jill Heffernan
Saturday, December 24 5:00 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Marguerite Whiteland	Melinda Condon
Saturday, December 24 7:30 p.m.		Michelle Morrow	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Sunday, December 25 9:30 a.m.		Rick Fraser	Joan Murray	

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, December 17	7:00 p.m.	SSVP Home for Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 17 & Sunday, December 18	After Mass	CWL selling tickets for baskets LAST CHANCE DRAW AFTER 9:30 MASS
Sunday, December 18	After 9:30 am Mass	Church Decorating
Sunday, December 18	3: 00 p.m.	Parish Confessions
Thursday, December 22	6:30 p.m.	Journey Through Scripture

**ADVENT CANDLE:** This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday 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.

**CWL CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** The ladies also have put together three lovely baskets full of Christmas treats. We are asking for a donation of five dollars per ticket. Tickets will be on sale before and after each Mass. The draw will be made on **Sunday December 18** after Mass.

**MASS AT BRIDLEWOOD:** Please note that parishioners are still **not** allowed to attend Mass at Bridlewood.

**THANK YOU:** A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who helped to make Christmas a brighter season to our Angels for Family & Children Services. It is wonderful to see such a generous parish family.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** An invitation to all children and parishioners to join us **after 9:30 Mass on December 18** to help decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make light work! Refreshments will be served.

**YEAR END DONATIONS:** The Parish financial books close on **December 31, 2022**. All donations received after that date will be credited for the 2023 tax year.

**TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT:** Rev. Charles Ogbuagu will provide the sacraments to St. Patrick Parish, Lansdowne, along with his appointment to do Chaplaincy work in Kingston and assisting in the Marriage Tribunal.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days, and God [the Father] was tired of hearing all of the bickering. Finally God said, "Cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run two hours and I will judge who does the better job." So down Satan and Jesus sat at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent e-mail. They sent out e-mail with attachments. They downloaded. They did some genealogy reports. They made cards. They did every known job. But ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. The electricity finally flickered back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!" Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait! He cheated, how did he do it?" God shrugged and said, "Jesus saves."

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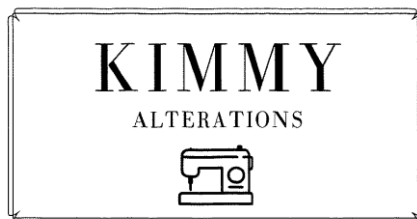
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