

# Saint John Bosco Parish

**I am  
the Good  
Shepherd**



## 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!**

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.

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613-345-5914
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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
**[21 April 2024] Message by Pope Francis**

**Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace**

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** We are hosting a 1 hour new member ceremony schedule for **11:00a.m on Sunday, April 21 at St. John Bosco Parish.** The Knights is a Catholic organization that spans many countries, but also supports our local parishes and communities. Our council has been growing steadily, and we would like you to join us. Baptized, practicing Catholic men, who are at least 18 years old are eligible to join but pre-registration at [ww.kofc.org](http://ww.kofc.org) is required.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Laurie Lrette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Karen Nesbitt, Desmond Liston, Kerry Walsh, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>APRIL 20 – APRIL 28, 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday, April 20</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Rita Riley</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Lucille Poalini</b> <b>ADORATION</b>
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	<b>9:00 a. m.</b>	<b>Irene and Pat Leeder</b>
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Aubertine Menard</b>
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> <b>Int. of the Heffernan and Benjafield Families</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

**April 14, 2024: \$3783**

***Thank you very much for your generous contribution.***

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:**

Please remember our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for these special Sacraments -

- May 5, 11:30 a.m. First Communion Mass
- May 29, 10 a.m.- 2p.m. Confirmation retreat
- June 15, 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
- June 16, 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS April 21, 2024:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, Diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's People.

***"I am the good Shepherd." John 10.11***



APRIL 21, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, April 20 5:15 p.m.	n/a	Joanne Story	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, April 21 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Dayna Golledge & Lloyd Clayton	Joan Murray	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, April 27 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, April 28 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Lise Lalonde-Matte & Emily Heffernan	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, April 21	11 a.m.	New member ceremony Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, April 24	9:30 a.m.	Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Thursday, April 25	6:30 p.m.	Faith Night
Friday, April 26	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night The Chosen
Saturday, April 27	3:30 p.m.	Baptism – Gavin and Declan Cullen

**HAPPY 31<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO FATHER JACOB:**

Please join us in wishing Father Jacob a happy anniversary of his Ordination. We are so grateful for your service and wish you many more happy years of the priesthood.

**YARD SALE:** Spring cleaning? Please consider turning your surplus household items into cash for worthy local causes. Our yard sale is scheduled for **May 11, 2024** at St. John Bosco parish hall. We will be receiving your donated items on the afternoon of May 10, 2024.

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** In January, 22 candidates were enrolled for Sacrament of Confirmation. We are inviting parishioners to become a "Prayer Partner" with one of them. Sign up is easy – just add your name to the list, pick up your information letter at the back of the church and offer your prayers for the candidate. The cards will be presented to them on the day of their Confirmation retreat on **May 29**. Cards must be returned to the parish office or in the collection basket by **May 25, 2024**. Thank you for your support!

**ANNUAL OFFENCE DECLARATION:** The Parish Screening Committee needs your help to complete their annual Offense Declaration. Emails have been sent out to volunteers in high trust positions. You can also pick up a form at the back table of the atrium. Please get this form done as soon as possible to make the Screening Committee's job easier. Please see Jill in the office if you have any questions or concerns.

**FLOWERS AT THE CEMETARY:** The Knights of Columbus Brockville Council #1049 will be planting and watering flowers for loved ones resting at St. FX Cemetery. The cost for each plot is \$50. Please indicate the name of your loved one and your phone number on each order to ensure the flowers are placed properly. Mail your cheque to the following address: KOC Brockville Council 1049 **Attn: Stewart Glashan** 7 Stanley Crescent, Brockville, ON K6V 2S(or you may drop off or mail a cheque in an envelope to either St. FX or St. John Bosco parish office) You can e-transfer to [kofc1049@cogeco.ca](mailto:kofc1049@cogeco.ca) **Please ensure you include your phone number and your loved one's name in the note section of the e-transfer.** If you have any questions about this program, please call **Stewart Glashan at 613.342.3855**

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