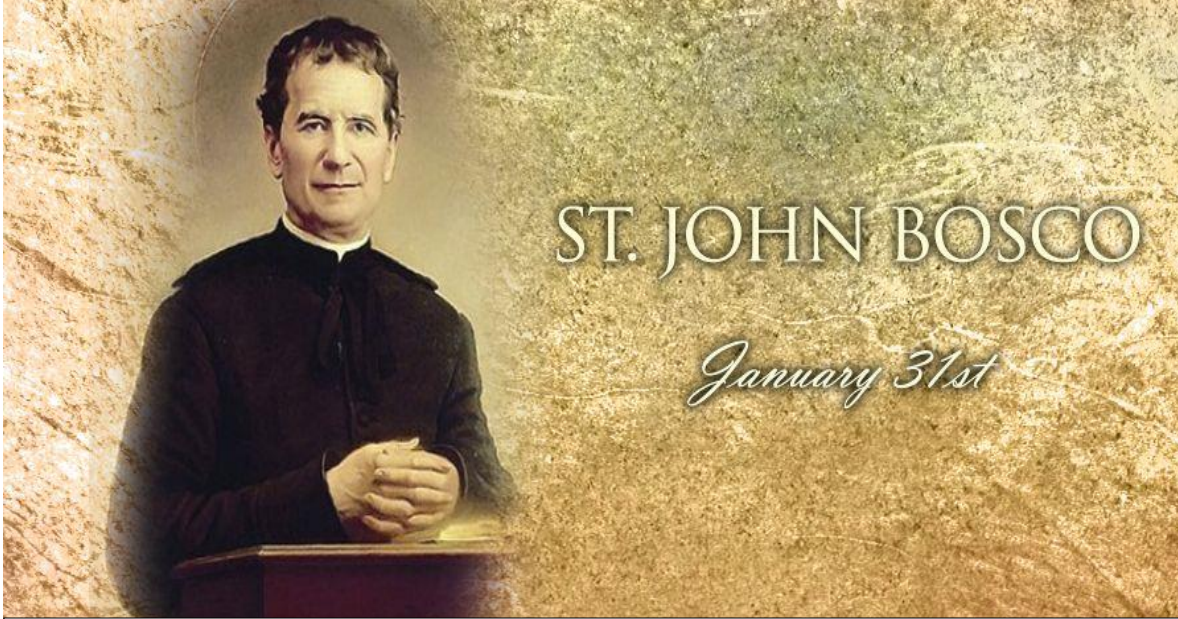


# Saint John Bosco Parish



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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.

## 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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### Office Hours

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

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School (7-12)  
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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament in their messages, by the apostles (including St. Paul), in their writings and teaching in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry. Mark describes one sample Sabbath day of Jesus' public life. Jesus joins in public worship in the synagogue as a practicing Jew, heals the sick, drives out evil spirits and prays privately. People immediately noticed that Jesus spoke with authority and healed with Divine power. Jesus explained the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, he answered with authority. Jesus used his real (authentic) Divine authority to teach, empower, liberate, and heal others. The evil spirit mentioned in today's Gospel recognized Jesus as the Messiah and acknowledged him as such. Jesus commanded the evil spirit harshly, using strong words and tones: *"Be quiet! Come out of him!"* This was another reason Jesus developed a reputation for speaking with authority. Life Messages: 1) We need to approach Jesus for liberation: Jesus did not use his authority and Divine power to rule and control people. He came to make people free. Hence, let us approach Jesus with trusting Faith so that he may free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and that prevent us from loving others and sharing our blessings with others. Jesus also frees us from all the "evil spirits" of fear, jealousy, envy, addictions, compulsions, selfishness, anger, resentment and hostility. May he free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, dumb, blind, lame and paralyzed, physically and spiritually. 2) We need to use our God-given authority to build up lives. So many people with authority have made a lasting impression on our lives either for good or bad. Perhaps it was a grandparent, an uncle, or a parent, who loved us and cared for us. Perhaps it was a Sunday school teacher who encouraged us in our Faith and exerted a positive impact on our lives. Perhaps we remember the kindness as well as the firm discipline that a schoolteacher gave us. Teachers are powerful because they change and mold lives. Hence, let us all become good teachers like Jesus and use our authority to mold young lives in the right way.

**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 Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Karen Nesbitt, Desmond Liston, 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.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO FEAST DAY (January 31):**

*Known to many as Don Bosco, this patron saint of youth was born in Piedmont, Italy in 1815. Raised in poverty, John was ordained in Turin in 1841. After witnessing the circumstances of boys living in a local prison, he resolved to devote himself to working among disadvantaged boys – children living on the street, juvenile delinquents, and any child who was suffering because of disadvantage. He formed the Salesian Society, name after Francis de Sales, and began educating boys of the poor and working classes, holding evening classes in factories, in fields or wherever there was a need. John believed in equipping boys for life in the world and trade schools soon formed a large part of Salesian training. A progressive thinker, he abhorred all punishment, believing that by removing youth from temptation, treating them with dignity and kindness, and enriching them with skills, they could be led to more productive lives. His rule was, "Not with blows, but with charity and gentleness must you draw these friends to the path of virtue." John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.*

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>JANUARY 27, 2024 – FEBRUARY 4, 2024</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>Tuesday, January 30</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Irene and Pat Leeder</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 31</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deceased members of The Drake and Nolan Families ADORATION</b>
<b>Thursday, February 1</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Friday, February 2</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>SHERWOOD MANOR Paul DiLosa &amp; Matthew Diotte</b>
<b>Saturday, February 3</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Peter and Will Vanderlinden</b>
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Int. of Rita Sopha</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

**January 21, 2024: \$2932**

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

**BLESSING OF THE THROAT (ST. BLAISE):** Next weekend, February 3/4<sup>th</sup>, Father Jacob will be offering the blessing of the throats before and after Mass.

***"Jesus entered the synagogue and taught." Mark 1.21***

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, January 27 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Douglas Beatty and Antonella Beatty Bermeo	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, January 28 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Dayna Golledge & Lloyd Clayton	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, February 3 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Rick Fraser	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 4 9:30 p.m.	Art Psiuk	Michelle Morrow & Johanne Cardinal	Joan Murray	Paulette Psiuk

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, January 31	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Friday, February 2	6:15 p.m.	Kids' party Magician – the Great Arjunia
Saturday, February 3	8:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.	Parish breakfast hosted by Parish Pastoral Council
Sunday, February 4	4:00 p.m.	Parish Potluck

**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 (The Great Arjunia) 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. **(pre-register with office)**

Saturday – Parish breakfast 8a.m.-10:30a.m. \* free will offering.

Sunday – Potluck 4p.m. – 8p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the atrium for the potluck.

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** The Knights are hosting a Pancake Supper on **Tuesday February 13, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Come join us for pancakes, sausages and desserts. Free will offering.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE- FEBRUARY 2, 2024:**

The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.” (St. John Paul II)

**COUNTDOWN TO LENT:** Ash Wednesday is

**approaching! Lent begins February 14, 2024** this year. Lent is a time for every person to assess where she or he stands before God – a time to take a step back and recognize who we truly are and who God has called us to be by virtue of our Baptism. Let us take this time, for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

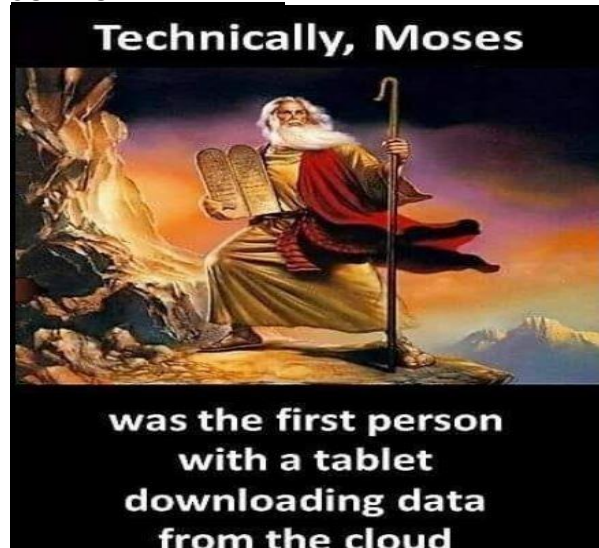
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in February:

**Sheila & Rick Fraser 30 years February 19**

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** Registration for these Sacraments is now closed. The next meeting for **First Communion** will be **Saturday February 24, 2024 at 4 p.m.**

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

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:**



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