

Saint John Bosco Parish

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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.

NO ONE HAS GREATER
LOVE THAN THIS,
THAT SOMEONE
WOULD LAY DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.
JOHN 15:13

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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**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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Office Hours

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – "Love others as I have loved you." In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost. In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans "as expiation for our sins." This Divine love gives us the command as well as duty to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves and love one another. After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, explains precisely how the disciples are to obey his commandment of love, just as he has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. . Life messages: 1) We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus and to express it in our relationships with others by loving them and showing them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy and sacrifice. 2) We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as his disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do, sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health and wealth for their children, or in other words, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving him or her the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked and, hence, that we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

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, Kerry Walsh, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

THE MONTH OF MAY: The month of May is a Marian month; praying the Rosary is one of our most important traditional prayers. We will pray the Rosary as a community before the Mass on weekend during the month of May. **Saturdays we will begin the Rosary at 4:50 a.m. and Sundays at 9:10 a.m.**

MASS SCHEDULE MAY 4- MAY 12, 2024		
Saturday, May 4	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, May 5	9:30 a.m.	Patrick O'Grady
	11:30 a.m.	Audrey Legault
Tuesday, May 7	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, May 8	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Jackie and Rob Diebold ADORATION
Thursday, May 9	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Friday, May 10	9:30 a.m.	Ange Gabriel School Unannounced Mass
Saturday, May 11	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, May 12	9:30 a.m.	Irene and Pat Leeder
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Jose Pattakudilil		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

April 28, 2024: \$4192

Property Maintenance: \$500

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

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: We still need more people! 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.

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." John 15.9

MAY 5, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, May 4 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Mary MacDermott	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, May 5 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Mike Kozey and Theresa Iddon	Marguerite Whiteland	Janie Verhoeven
Saturday, May 11 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, May 12 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Emily Heffernan & Lise Lalonde-Matte	Joan Murray	Paulette Psiuk

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, May 4	11:00a.m.	Funeral for Audrey Legault
Sunday, May 5	11:30 a.m.	First Communion Mass
Tuesday, May 7	7:00 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 8	9:30 a.m.	Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Thursday, May 9	1:00 p.m.	Funeral for Patricia King
Friday, May 10	12:00p.m.- 5 p.m.	Drop off for Yard sale, plant sale, bake sale
Saturday, May 11	7a.m.- 1p.m.	Yard Sale, Plant Sale and Bake sale

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: On May 11/12 weekend Masses, the Knights will be distributing "Roses for Life" lapel stickers and pins. Donations are very much appreciated, and all profits from donations will be directed to non-profit, pregnancy resource centres that offer services consistent with Catholic moral principles. There are two such centres that serve mothers in need in our area – Birthright (Kingston), and the Miriam Centre (Ottawa). Last year, with your generous support, we were able to donate \$600 to each centre.

BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION: This Mother's Day, please consider donating to Birthright (Kingston). If you want to make a difference in their **CHANGE FOR LIFE** campaign, **please put an envelope in the offertory basket with your name and address and clearly marked Birthright.** The money they raise will enable them to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant women and girls who find themselves facing a difficult or un planned pregnancy.

FAITH NIGHT: Thank you to those who participated this year in our Faith Night. We will now take a break until the fall.

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

Robert and Debra Wade	48 years	May 1
Larry and Diana Baldissera	35 years	May 6
Kevin and Karen Frech	38 years	May 10
Ronald and Jill McCracken	58 years	May 21
Derrick and Ann Gilliard	49 years	May 24
John and Karen McGeough	38 years	May 24
Roland and Colette Thornycroft	23 years	May 26
Vincenzo and Nancy Del Riccio	59 years	May 29
John and Dorothy Lapierre	26 years	May 29

CWL PLANTS SALE: CWL Plant sale will take place on **Saturday May 11** from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Along with the plant sale, the Knights of Columbus will have their annual garage sale and the ladies from St. Francis Xavier CWL will be selling some delicious baked goods. If you are thinning out your perennial plants we will be happy to sell them. Please dig plants up and repot them a week in advance so the plants can recover from the disturbance to the root systems. **Please drop them off Friday afternoon May 10** behind the statue of Mary. Thanks again for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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.

FLOWERS AT THE CEMETERY: 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. If you have any questions about this program, please call **Stewart Glashan at 613.342.3855** or drop off your money at the Parish clearly marked with your name, the plot and your phone number.

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