

# Saint John Bosco Parish

## World Day of the Sick

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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.

### 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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### Office Hours

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** All three readings today teach us that we are called to become pure and holy. But we don't become holy by some ritual observances. We become holy by confessing our sins to God and offering our lives for God's glory and by sharing God's love with everyone around us without discriminating against anyone based on color, race, culture, religion, lifestyle, wealth, or social status. The word *Vayikra* (the Hebrew name of the Book of Leviticus) means that God called Moses and His chosen people to holiness and purity. That is why the first reading teaches the theme of freedom from bodily and ritual impurity as a sign of internal holiness. This freedom is symbolized by the precautions against contracting leprosy given in the first reading and by the healing of the leper described in the Gospel. The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and gives the rules for the segregation of lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32), the psalmist says: *"I confessed my faults to the LORD, and You took away my guilt."* He teaches us that we become holy by confessing our sins and being reconciled with God every day. The psalm serves as a mini-treatise on reconciliation, covering the meaning of the spiritual leprosy of sin and showing how we are forgiven by a Sacramental encounter with God: *"I turn to You, Lord, in times of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation."* In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to become holy by doing *"everything for the glory of God"* and by showing sensitivity toward others who are different from us, rather than passing judgment on them. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust, inhuman social, ritual, and religious isolation and ostracism to which lepers were subjected.

**Life messages:** We need to trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins are forgiven and that we are clean. We are forgiven and made spiritually clean from the spiritual leprosy of sins when we repent of our sins, because God is a God of love Who waits patiently for us. The only condition required of us is that we ask for forgiveness with a repentant heart. We are sure to hear His words of absolution, *"Very well — your sins are forgiven, and you are clean,"* echoed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY:** Universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat. Law of Gospel – the Church wants to emphasize to be given to the evangelical law that a follower of Christ must do penance. External forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue. Fridays particularly during Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. During Lent, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayers, works of piety, charity and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. Wishing you all a blessed Lenten Season. -Father Jacob.

**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 FEBRUARY:** We pray for those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**HOME VISITS FOR SHUT INS:** Our team does visits once a month for those who can't make it to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion. Please let the office know if you would like us to visit.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>FEBRUARY 10- FEBRUARY 18, 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday, February 10</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, February 11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mike Laroque</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Maria George SCHOOL MASS</b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Irene Leeder</b>
<b>Thursday, February 15</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Int. of Mary Roughton</b>
<b>Friday, February 16</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>BRIDLEWOOD Father of all Mankind</b>
<b>Saturday, February 17</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Brian Fraser</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Mary and Chacko Chelamootil</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

**February 4, 2024: \$3545**

*Thank you very much for your generous contribution.*

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK -FEBRUARY 11:** The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. Let us keep all those help and support our health in our prayers.

***"If you choose, you can make me clean." Mark 1.40***

## FEBRUARY 11, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, February 10 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Lise Lalonde-Matte
Sunday, February 11 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Lloyd Clayton and Emily Heffernan	Jill Heffernan	Lucy Heffernan & Jill Heffernan
Saturday, February 17 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Mary MacDermott	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 18 9:30 p.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Lise Lalonde-Matte and Johanne Cardinal	Joan Murray	Dayna Golledge & Shelby Golledge

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, February 13	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, February 14	9:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass
**Thursday, February 15	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Friday, February 16	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Soup for the Soul
	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night – The Chosen

**MOVIE NIGHT FOR THE LENTEN SEASON:** Join us every Friday during Lent to watch "The Chosen". **The Chosen** is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. **The Chosen** allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Join us to watch from the beginning **Friday February 16, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

**BLESSED PALMS FROM LAST HOLY WEEK:** Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We invite you to bring in your palms from last year, there will be a basket at the front entrance.

**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.

**CWL FAMILY DAY BASKETS:** Please support our CWL by making a \$5 donation for a chance to win one of their Family Day baskets. CWL ladies will be accepting donations before and after Mass this weekend and next weekend. The winner will be announced after Mass on Sunday February 18, 2024.

**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.

**SJB PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SURVEY:** Please take the time to fill out the survey provided by our Parish Pastoral Council regarding our SJB weekend.

**SOUP FOR THE SOUL BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16, 2024:** Soup for the soul is back! After Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:10 pm, hot soup and buns will be served. We need volunteers to bring soup and help with Stations of the Cross. Please see sign up sheets at the back of the atrium.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) Lenten Campaign – A \$1 per day for 40 days.** We are a group of volunteer parishioners with a mission to serve the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy. Our giving programs, consisting of the Weekender Program for Kids, our Community Outreach and our Christmas Assistance program, are offered on a strictly nondenominational basis, from Cardinal to Lansdowne and north to Toledo. In addition to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month poor box donations; there is the need to continually raise funds to ensure the ongoing viability of our programs. For example, the WP4K cost to support one student for this school year is \$300, and food costs keep increasing with inflation. Please consider supporting us. Those electing to do so and who use and complete the SSVP envelopes available in the back of the Church will receive an income tax receipt. Envelopes can be deposited with the collections the weekend of Sat. March 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> or during Easter week.

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