

Saint John Bosco Parish



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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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 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The 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 on the basis of color, race, culture, religion, life style or social status. Scripture lessons: 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 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. In the 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 and inhuman social isolation to which the lepers were subjected. Life messages: 1) 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. 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. 2) We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationship. Jesus calls every one of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the untouchables of society. These include homosexuals, AIDS victims, alcoholics, drug addicts and marginalized groups - the divorced, the unmarried-single mothers, migrant workers and the mentally ill. God's loving hand must reach out to them through us. Jesus wants us to touch their lives. Let us re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice & Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Shelley McLaren, Ursula Thompson, Ellen Hart, Brian Fraser, Ros Crooks, Sean O'Connell, Betty de Kleine, Florence Boisvert and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

MASS SCHEDULE February 13 - 21, 2021

Saturday, February 13		Deceased members of the Cahill Family
Sunday, February 14	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, February 16	9:30 a.m.	Aline Legere
Wednesday, February 17	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory Lucie Gauthier
Thursday, February 18	9:30 a.m.	Rev. Will Drake
Saturday, February 20	5:15 p.m.	Sheri Gill Vanderlinden
Sunday, February 21	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE: *This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Rita Riley.*

COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Lent begins February 17, 2021 this year. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: *Weekly target \$ 3500.00*
Sunday offering January 31, 2021 – \$2361
Thank you for your generous contributions.

TAX RECEIPTS: Tax receipts will be mailed to parishioners by the end of February.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FUND: Our first collection for Property Maintenance in 2021 will be on **February 20-21, 2021**. Please support the maintenance and upkeep of your parish.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: Violence against women – we pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

"Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured." Mark 1.40-45

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

THE SEASON OF LENT: Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners. If you are at the church, please pick up one of our Lenten books "**Not by Bread Alone; Daily Reflections for Lent.**" They are available in the front atrium.

MASS: Great News! We will be able to celebrate Mass with 30% capacity starting Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. This means weekend Mass will resume Saturday February 20th at 5:15pm and Sunday February 21 at 9:30am. Father Jacob will be celebrating Mass during the week **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30am.** Face mask or face shields **MUST** be worn. Restrictions are the same as before Christmas.

ASH WEDNESDAY: We will celebrate Mass at 9:30am and 7pm on Ash Wednesday. A reminder that the dispensation from Holy Days remains in place. If you are attending Mass on Ash Wednesday, the Archbishop has advised that instead of ashes on our foreheads, *ashes will be sprinkled on parishioner's heads.*

MASS ONLINE: Father Jacob will be streaming Mass one more time this Sunday, February 14, 2021.

MASS RESCHEDULED: If you had a Mass intention scheduled during the lockdown and you are wondering when it has been rescheduled, please call the office during the week and I would be happy to give you the new date.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: A new schedule will be out next week. We are looking for people to help out, please call the office if you are able to help at Mass or speak to Father Jacob.



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For more information, please see
the Archdiocesan webpage:

www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/lent



UPDATE FROM ARCHDIOCESE: We have made the difficult decision, after much prayer, discussion and deliberation to **cancel our plans for Totus Tuus Summer Camp this year.** We will not be offering in person or virtual camp in July. Lots of fun faith and summer ideas will be shared during the summer on our social media and outreach page of the website, but a formal virtual program will not take place. Our hope is to be back in person in July 2022!

JOKE OF THE WEEK: There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

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