

# 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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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30am**

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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### 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.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Jesus draws our attention to practical points of Christian living and challenges us to use our words as he used his in his preaching and healing ministry — to heal, to restore, and to bring back life, joy, and hope. Today’s readings also instruct us to share our Christian life, love, and spiritual health by our words, and to avoid gossiping about and passing rash, thoughtless, pain-inflicting judgments on others, thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm. The **first reading**, taken from the Book of Sirach, teaches that what is inside us is revealed through our conversation – as the grain and husks are separated in a farmer’s sieve, as the quality of the shaped clay is revealed in the potter’s fire, and as the size and quality of a tree’s fruit reveal the care it has received from the planter. Sirach’s teaching serves as an excellent preview for today’s Gospel, which reminds us, when we’re feeling judgmental, to think before we speak because what comes out of our mouth reveals our heart. The **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 92) advises us to spend our time praising and thanking God for all His blessings. In the **second reading** St. Paul advises the Corinthian Christians “*to be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain,*” instead of wasting time on useless and sinful conversations, which bring punishment instead of the victory of resurrection and eternal reward. In today’s Gospel passage, taken from the *Sermon on the Plain* given in Luke’s Gospel, Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behavior, feelings, motives, or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another’s eye. **Life messages:** We should avoid judging others because **no** one except God is good enough to judge others because only God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart. Hence, only He has the ability, right, and authority to judge us. We do not see all the facts or circumstances or the power of the temptation which has led a person to do something evil. We are often prejudiced in our judgment of others, and total fairness cannot be expected from us, especially when we are judging those near or dear to us. We have no right to judge because we have the same faults as the one, we are judging and often in a greater degree (remember Jesus’ funny example of a man with a log in his eye trying to remove the dust particle from another’s eye?) St. Philip Neri commented, watching the misbehavior of a drunkard: “There goes Philip but for the grace of God.” Abraham Lincoln said that the only one who has the right to criticize is the one who has the heart to help. Hence, we should leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God’s grace to get rid of all forms of hypocrisy in our lives. Let us remember the warning of saints: “When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point at you.”

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Michel Rochefort, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Paul Cosgrove, Don Noel, Sean O’Connell, Nellie Kester, Diane Weatherdon-Sader, Joan Shepherd, Irene Leeder, Nila Suan, and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> February 26-March 6, 2022		
<b>Saturday, February 26</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>John Chelamootil</b>
<b>Sunday, February 27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Brian Martin</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Atie Marie Huitema</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 2</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, March 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Friday, March 4</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, March 5</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, March 6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Carmen Hampel</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle the week of February 27: For John Chelamootil</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**  
 February 20, 2022: **\$2260**  
 Property Maintenance: **\$748.00**  
 Thank you for your generous contributions!

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**LENTEN BOOKS:** A copy of “Not by Bread Alone” will be available for parishioners next week.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts are still available in the atrium however this is the last weekend. They will be put in the mail on Monday February 28, 2022

**“Go sell what you own and come follow me.” Mark 10.17**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, February 26 5:15 p.m.	Karen Frech and Al Cyr	Karen Frech	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 27 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Theresa Iddon	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, March 5 5:15 p.m.	Scott MacDermott & Michel LaBonté	Rick Fraser	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Lise Lalonde-Matte
Sunday, March 6 9:30 a.m.	Lloyd Clayton and John McGeough	Mike Kozey	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan

**SEASON OF LENT:** Ash Wednesday begins with Mass **March 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.** Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. According to the direction from the Archdiocese, ashes will be sprinkled on the heads of parishioners instead of the forehead.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We will be doing Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12:00pm during Lent. Unfortunately due to COVID 19 restrictions, there will be no Soup for the Soul.

**FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT:** 1. Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY. 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 3. On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. 4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter. 5. Going to Mass every Sunday, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life of Catholics especially during Lent. **Historical note:** In the past, the Greek Orthodox Christians had 180 days of fasting and the Orthodox as well as Catholic Syrian Christians had 225 to 290 days of fasting every year. The Roman Church also had a number of fast days. Technically speaking, fasting is now only required on two days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday in Lent. In the United States, in addition, abstinence alone is commanded on all Fridays of Lent.

**BENEFITS OF GOING TO CONFESSION:** helps us to better “know thy self”, helps us overcome vice, brings us peace, helps us become more saintly – more like Jesus, and makes our will strong. Jesus invites you to Confession to experience the incredible feelings of mercy, peace, joy, relief and love by receiving grace through this Sacrament.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING:** There is a parent meeting for Confirmation this Monday February 28, 2022 at 6pm. Please contact the Parish office for dates and more information about the Sacraments.

**JOHN CHELAMOOTIL:** It is with great sadness that we announce the death of John Chelamootil, Father Jacob's brother. Please remember John, Fr. Jacob, and their family at Mass and in your prayers.



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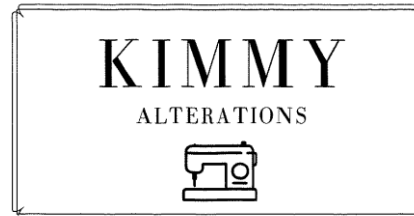
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