

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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NO MASS AT THIS TIME DUE TO PROVINCE WIDE SHUTDOWN

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.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

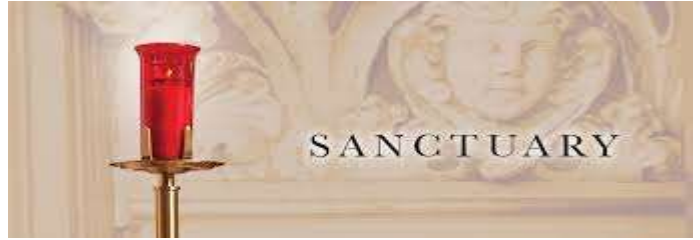
SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the **Holy Trinity**, and the official revelation of **Jesus as the Son of God** to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. **The turning point:** Jesus' baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First, it was a **moment of identification** with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. Second, it was a **moment of conviction** about his identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation to Israel, and eventually to us, and to atone for our sins by becoming the "*suffering servant*." God the Father's words, "*This is my beloved Son*," taken from Psalm 2:17, revealed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "*with whom I am well pleased*," from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Third, it was a **moment of equipment**. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a **moment of decision** to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son*. **Life messages:** The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.

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, Florence Boisvert and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

ORDINARY TIME: Ordinary Time begins next week. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

FATHER JACOB: Thank you for all of our prayers, cards and gifts. I continue to rest at home and get stronger. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week the Sanctuary candle burns for Cornelius Vanderlinden and Sherry Gill Vanderlinden.



FINANCIAL UPDATE: Weekly target \$ 3500.00
December 25, 2020 – Christmas Offertory: \$ 5757
December 27, 2020 – Offertory \$3836
Property Maintenance (month of December) \$1383
Thank you for your generous contributions!

PROVINCE WIDE SHUT DOWN: We will not be celebrating any daily or weekend Mass as of **December 26th 2020 until January 23rd 2021**. Archbishop Mulhall has requested that Father Jacob heal at home during this time. Archbishop Mulhall reminds us all that Sunday/Holy Day obligation remains suspended. The Parish is open for private prayer in the chapel Monday-Friday **from 9:30am-12:30pm**. No more than 10 people at a time are permitted. Sanitizing wipes will be available and we ask that you please sanitize your chair after your prayer period. **Face shields or masks are required when you are in the Church.**

OFFERTORY: Please feel free to drop off your offertory at the church while it is open. There is a basket at the front entrance that you can use or you can slip it under the office door. We are able to take e-transfers but you must use the email: sjbft@bellnet.ca. If you'd like to sign up for Pre-Authorized payments please check our website for the form or call the office. Thank you to all the parishioners who make an effort by mailing their offertory, emailing it, signing up for Pre-Authorized contributions and dropping off their donations, we are so grateful.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you had a Mass Intentions scheduled for December or January, they have been rescheduled in 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office.

OFFICE HOURS: The office is closed during the lockdown but I continue to support your needs so please send an email or a phone call and I will be able to help you.

“When Jesus had been baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him.” Matthew 3.13

JANUARY 10, 2021

CONFIRMATION DATE: Due to provincial lockdown, the **Confirmation Mass of January 17, 2021 will be postponed until further notice.** The Archdiocese is hosting a virtual Sacramental Prep Information Session for those who are already registered from last year for Confirmation. This information session is the same as the one in November. Check the Archdiocese of Kingston website for more information. <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/youth> or call the Parish office for more information.

ST. JOHN BOSCO WEEKEND: Unfortunately due to Covid-19, we will be cancelling our St. John Bosco weekend this year.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season. Thank you for all of your generosity with the Angel Tree gifts and the donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society for Christmas gifts. Thank you for all of the beautiful flowers donated in memory of loved ones. Also thank you to Kathleen Crosby and Mary Ferguson for their enrichment for our liturgy with music!

WORKSHOP FOR GRANDPARENTS: The Archdiocese will be hosting a zoom workshop on **Feb 22, 6:30-8:30 PM** for **Grandparents** entitled “**Sharing our Story**” with presenter **David Dayler**. For more information or to register for this workshop please contact Gorett at ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or phone 613-548-4461 Ext 112. Please see our website for more information. <https://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/calendar>. To order the resources please check out: <https://en.novalis.ca/products/sharing-our-stories>

FRATELLI TUTTI! Tuesday January 26, 6:30PM-8:30PM via Zoom Reading Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis Encyclical letter) - a Guided discussion with and Robert Mundle. What does Fratelli Tutti mean to me and my community? Some of the themes we will look at are: **Friendship, How do we journey with others? Human dignity. Encounter, Dialogue, Shared responsibility.** This evening is open to anyone but will be of particular interest to those involved in pastoral care. To register, please contact Gorett at ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Baptism of a cat: Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him “playing church” with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, “Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!” Johnny looked up at her and said, “He should have thought about that before he joined my church.”



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