

Saint John Bosco Parish



Let us ask the Lord, tiny and defenseless as he appears before us in the crib, to inspire in every heart tenderness and compassion:



Wipe away, *Baby Jesus*, the tears of children!
Embrace the sick and the elderly!
Move all people to lay down their arms
and to draw close in a universal embrace of peace!
Invite the peoples, O merciful Jesus,
to tear down the walls created by poverty and
unemployment, by ignorance and indifference,
by discrimination and intolerance.

It is you, *O Divine Child* of Bethlehem,
who save us, freeing us from sin.
It is you who are the true and only Savior,
whom humanity often searches for with uncertainty.
God of peace, Gift of peace for all of humanity,
come to live in the heart of every individual
and of every family.
Be our peace and our joy! Amen!

A Christmas Prayer by St. John Paul II

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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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Prayerful Christmas Greetings

May *Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas 2023 and every day of the New Year 2024. May He radiate His presence from within you as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity. May the Holy Babe of Bethlehem bless you with health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year.*

May the LORD bless you and keep you!

*May the LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
May the LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

(Book of Numbers 6: 24-26)

Thanking you all from the bottom of my heart for the goodness of the Lord revealed through your lives to build a holy family of SJB. Merry Christmas.

Weekday Mass on January 2, 3, 4 & 5 will be cancelled: due to a long journey of Christmas, Solemnity of Mother of God and my Wow birthday celebrations! need bit quiet time. So please fulfil your Mass from our neighbor Churches.

Fr. Jacob

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Norma Savage, 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, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

MASS SCHEDULE		
DECEMBER 23, 2023 – JANUARY 5, 2024		
Saturday, December 23	5:15 p.m.	Irene and Pat Leeder
Sunday, December 24	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	McDougall Family
	7:30 p.m.	Int. of the Prayer Group
Christmas Day	9:30 a.m.	Ellen and Gordon MacKenzie
Tuesday, December 26		NO MASS
Wednesday, December 27	9:00 a.m.	Rhéal Cadieux
	9:30 a.m.	ADORATION
Thursday, December 28	9:00 a.m.	Laurent Cyr
Friday, December 29	9:00 a.m.	Int. of Fr. Jacob
Saturday, December 30	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, December 31	9:30 a.m.	Roughton & Black Family Intentions
	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Monday, January 1	9:30 a.m.	Barb and Darcy Nolan
Tuesday January 2- Friday January 5, 2024		NO MASS
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Shan Warder (week of December 24) Peter and Will Vanderlinden (week of January 1)		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500
December 17, 2023: \$4731

Thank you very much for your generous contribution this year !

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1.5
“So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.” Luke 2.16

**DECEMBER 25, 2023
JANUARY 1, 2024**

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, December 23 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Douglas Beatty & Antonella Beatty Bermeo	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, December 24 9:30 a.m.	NEEDED	Rick Fraser	Lise Lalonde Matte	Dayna & Shelby Golledge
Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.	Al Cyr	Lise Lalonde-Matte and Johanne Cardinal	Marguerite Whiteland	Carol Ravnaas
Christmas Eve 7:30 p.m.	n/a	Mary MacDermott	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Monday, December 25 9:30 a.m.	n/a	Michelle Morrow & Johanne Cardinal	Joan Murray	n/a
Saturday, December 30 5:15p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, December 31 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Lloyd Clayton and Emily Heffernan	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan and Lucy Heffernan
Monday, January 1 9:30 a.m.	n/a	Karen Frech & Mike Kozey	Marguerite Whiteland	Noreen Shepherd

ADVENT CANDLE: This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the candle of Love. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish will be closed **December 26, 2023**. Jill will be away until December 29, 2023 however Fr. Jacob will be available during that time.
There will be no Mass Tuesday January 2- Friday January 5, 2024.

THANK YOU: A HUGE THANK YOU to all our parishioners and volunteers who make Christmas a brighter season by decorating the church, arranging flowers, building the manger and providing beautiful music. We are grateful.

GROCERY CARDS: Grocery cards **will not** be sold after Mass for the next two weekends.

CALENDARS: Irvine's Funeral Home has again donated beautiful calendars for 2024. They are available in the atrium. Please help yourself!

YEAR END DONATIONS: The Parish financial books close on **December 31, 2023**. All donations received after that date will be credited for the 2024 tax year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To our dear Father Jacob who is celebrating his 60th birthday on Friday December 29. Many blessings to you from your St. John Bosco Parish Family. May the good Lord bless you with a great year. We will be celebrating Father Jacob's birthday on **Friday December 29, 2023 at 5pm** at SJB Parish hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** The celebration will be a potluck, so bring your favourite dish to share.



JOKE OF THE WEEK: A four-year-old girl went with a group of family and friends to see the Christmas lights, displayed at various locations throughout the city. At one Church, they stopped and got out to look more closely at a beautiful nativity scene. "Isn't that beautiful?" said the little girl's grandmother. "Look at all the animals, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus." "Yes, Grandma," replied the granddaughter. "It is really nice. But there is only one thing that bothers me. Isn't Baby Jesus ever going to grow up...? He's the same size he was last year!"

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