

Saint John Bosco Parish

Epiphany



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 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.

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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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The Greek word Epiphany (*επιφάνεια*), means *appearance* or *manifestation*. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first manifestation to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the Feast commemorates the baptism of Christ, at which the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself in words as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany. Today's **Gospel** teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (**today's second reading**), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: *"the Gentiles are...co-heirs ... co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."* Today's Gospel reminds us that if God brought the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus. Life Messages: Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: by actively worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; by giving a new direction to our lives.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult): Every year we provide opportunity and immediate preparations to those who receive the call from the Lord to follow Him being in Full Communion with God and Church. If anyone among you feel that call of becoming a Catholic or coming into full Communion that is those who are baptized but not yet received Holy Communion & Confirmation, it is an opportunity for preparations so that you could be received into Roman Catholic faith which has the Tradition of 2000 years, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation (which make a person the full pledged member of the Body of Christ) at the Easter Vigil Mass (Holy Saturday Evening) in 2024. If you think it is important for you or if you know anyone among you looking to it, please pass along this information. We will provide 2 evening sessions every month until Easter after the first initial meeting in early January. Registration may be completed by January 7, 2024. Please contact Fr. Jacob or the parish office at 613 342 5095 for registration.

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 6, 2024 – JANUARY 14, 2024		
Saturday, January 6	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, January 7	9:30 a.m.	Paul DiLosa
Tuesday, January 9		NO MASS
Wednesday, January 10		NO MASS
Thursday, January 11		NO MASS
Friday, January 12		NO MASS
Saturday, January 13	5:15 p.m.	Mary Crogie and Patricia Loucks
Sunday, January 14	9: 30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Int. of the Prudhomme family		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

Christmas offering: \$3235

December 24, 2023: \$6611

December 31, 2023: \$1965

Loaves and Fishes: \$890

Initial offering: \$688

**Thank you very much for your generous contribution
this year !**

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is now completed. The next important date will be Enrollment Mass – **First Communion Enrollment Mass:** Saturday January 13, 2024 **Confirmation Enrollment Mass:** Saturday January 20, 2024, or Sunday January 21 2024.

“Where is the child that has been born king of the Jews?” Matthew 2.2

JANUARY 7, 2024

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, January 6 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Mary MacDermott	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, January 7 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Lloyd Clayton and Theresa Iddon	Joan Murray	Dayna Golledge and Shelby Golledge
Saturday, January 13 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Al Cyr	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, January 14 9:30 p.m.	Doug Roughton	Michelle Morrow and Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, January 9	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus meeting
Wednesday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday, January 13	4-6 p.m.	First Communion class and Enrolment Mass

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. Thank you to the Liturgy Committee for their hard work making sure everything was perfect. Also thank you to Kathleen Crosby, Mary Ferguson and choir, Jan Jansen, Angela Kelly and James McKenzie for their music enrichment for our liturgy during Advent and Christmas season!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in January:
Jim and Nicole Duhart 53 years January 30

FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT -ST. JOHN BOSCO

WEEKEND: We are excited to announce the return of the full SJB weekend. Please mark on your calendars the weekend of **February 2-4, 2024.**

Friday- Kids Party 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday – Parish breakfast 8a.m.-10:00a.m.

Sunday – Potluck 4p.m. – 8p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the atrium for the breakfast and the potluck. We hope you are able to join us!

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS: We are recruiting people to help make sandwiches and desserts for our funeral receptions. If you can help out occasionally, please let the office know.

ORDINARY TIME: This week we will begin the period of Ordinary Time. 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. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the loved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

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