

Saint John Bosco Parish

“Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation; for thee I wait all the day long.” (Psalm 25:5)



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!**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Jacob Chelamootil**
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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am
Tuesday, 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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School (7-12)
613-342-4911

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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: What will decide our eternal reward or punishment? Our final decision for or against God — our choosing to obey Him gracefully by doing His will or our choosing to go against His will! Gifted with free will, we are the ones who choose our eternal destiny. **In the first reading**, Ezekiel, corrects two incorrect Jewish beliefs i) Children inherit the guilt of their ancestors and are punished for their sins. ii) God is more strict than merciful. Jesus explains through the gospel parable that God will punish us only for our sins and that God's mercy overrules strict justice. **Today's Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 25) appeals to God's compassion and mercy, begging Him to wipe away our sins and to extend mercy to us. **The second reading:** Our final choice for God, made by perfect obedience to Him, will be rewarded. Example: It is because of Christ's perfect obedience to God's will in "*emptying himself, taking human form*" and humbling himself by accepting "*even death, death on a cross*," that God the Father "*exalted Christ, bestowed on him the Name above every other name*," and made Jesus the recipient of universal adoration. **In today's Gospel parable**, a man with two sons tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. **The first son says he will not go**, but later he regrets his refusal and goes to work. He represents tax collectors and public sinners who refused to obey God's commandments, but, after listening to John the Baptist and Jesus, repented and became eligible for eternal reward. **The second son says that he will go but does not.** He represents the chief priests and the elders, the Scribes, and the Pharisees. By their pride, and their refusal to obey God's call to repentance through John the Baptist and Jesus, these so-called "religious" people excluded themselves from eternal reward. **The lesson taught:** The necessity for offering a continual "yes" to the saving act of God. Even when we say no, God gives us many chances of conversion, repentance, and doing His will. **Who are these two sons at present? The first son:** A repentant alcoholic, drug addict, chronic gambler sexual-deviant. Members of a poor village parish who reach out to the needy in the community. A Pastor who calls parishioners to true repentance. A Church member who decides to tithe or a young person who decides to remain abstinent until marriage. All these choose to obey Christ sacrificially. **The second son** A regular church goer who refuses Christ, entry into his or her heart and life and lives a pagan life on weekdays. A Christian who refuses to obey Christ in the sensitive areas of sex, money, and power. A priest whose sermon is designed to please people rather than to please God. A Church that ignores issues of justice and mercy. A Sunday School that neglects to teach children the great Biblical stories — in short, all people who appear to be **faithful but, deep down in their hearts, are not.** **Life message: We need to do God's will every day:** Each one of us is responsible to God for every action, and the just God will punish or reward one according to one's actions. Since we are not sure about the moment of our death, our only guarantee of dying in God's friendship is to live in that friendship always, saying "Yes," to God by doing His will cheerfully and daily.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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, Nellie Kester, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Joseph O'Grady, and Father Liam Tallon.

MASS SCHEDULE October 1, 2023 – October 8, 2023		
Saturday, September 30	5:15 p.m.	Mary Sequeira
Sunday, October 1	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, October 3	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, October 4	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Helen, Carl and Karin Ravnaas ADORATION
Thursday, October 5	9:00 a.m.	Lucy Bebee
Friday, October 6	11:00 a.m.	Joseph Thap Vu MASS AT SHERWOOD
Saturday, October 7	5:15 p.m.	Irene and Pat Leeder
Sunday, October 8	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Int. of Tom Shaw		

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP): SSVP – St. Francis Concerence can now accept donations by e-transfers to the following email address: ssvpstfrancisbrockville@gmail.com. When sending funds by etransfer, please include in notes of transfer, your name and address for your CRA receipt which will be issued the following year. **This weekend** is the SSVP collection. Representatives will be at the door at each Mass to receive your financial support. We ask for your support to help the local poor and needy. If you or know of someone who needs assistance from SSVP, please call their number at 343-327-2120.

***"The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you."
Matthew 21.28***

OCTOBER 1, 2023

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, September 30 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Sylvia Shackles	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, October 1 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Lise Lalonde-Matte & Emily Heffernan	Jill Heffernan	Dayna Golledge & Shelby Golledge
Saturday, October 7 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Douglas Beatty & Antonella Beatty Bermeo	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, October 8 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Michelle Morrow	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

September 24, 2023: \$3021

Needs of the Church in Canada: \$723

Thank you to all for your generous ongoing donations.

MONTH OF OCTOBER: The month of October is dedicated to Mother Mary and the tradition of praying the Rosary. We will have the opportunity to pray the Rosary before the weekend Mass during the month of October. **We will begin at 4:55pm on Saturday and 9:10am on Sunday morning.** Please see Father Jacob if you'd like to lead the Rosary on one of these days.

HARVEST SUPPER NOVEMBER 12, 2023 4-6:00 P.M.:

We are pleased to have the Harvest Supper return to St. John Bosco Parish this year. **This year, the Harvest Supper will be take out ONLY.** The dinner menu will be Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, bun and pie, and the cost will be \$15. Tickets must be purchased in advanced and will be sold at the office during the week and after Mass on the weekends. We are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, baking and on the day of the event. Please see sign up sheets at the back of the atrium. Cash donations are accepted as well. *Please help support this important fundraiser.*

FAITH NIGHT: Please join us for Faith Night on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 6:30pm (Mass) at St. John Bosco Parish.** Please join us to learn more about your faith and fellowship with others. Food and refreshments served.

GROCERY CARDS: For those who are new to the Parish, we sell grocery cards to the Superstore, Metro/Food Basics and Giant Tiger. When you purchase these gift cards from us instead of the store, we receive a small percentage of the sale. There is no extra cost to you. You can buy the cards before and after Mass or at the office during the week. Please call the office if you have any questions.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in October:

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| John & Noreen Shepherd | 52 years | October 2 |
| Roger & Helene Wooller | 54 years | October 4 |
| Carmen Trembly & John Beriau | 35 years | October 8 |
| Stewart & Rosemary Paul | 52 years | October 9 |
| Ritchie & Marguerite Whiteland | 59 years | October 10 |
| Lloyd & Judy Clayton | 49 years | October 12 |
| Don & Cecile Houle | 64 years | October 17 |
| John & Florence Boisvert | 66 years | October 19 |
| John & Irene Montgomery | 67 years | October 20 |
| John & Christine McIntyre | 35 years | October 21 |
| Tim & Christine Glashan | 6 years | October 21 |
| Aiden & Judy Brown | 35 years | October 24 |
| Larry & Mary Clarke | 56 years | October 28 |

LIFE CHAIN: is being held again this year in front of TISS High School on Parkdale Avenue on Sunday **October 1st from 2pm-3pm.** Parking available behind the Dodge Building on Parkdale Avenue. We will set aside one hour silently, praying, and holding a sign to raise awareness of the biggest human rights violation of our time. **Change can happen with prayer!**



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