

# Saint John Bosco Parish



Merry Christmas and Many Blessings in  
2019



**NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS & PRAYERS**

*May Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas 2018 and every day of the New Year 2019. May He radiate His presence from within you to others 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 blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year. Fr. Jacob.*

*“Do not be afraid.”* The most consoling and encouraging message of Christmas is the angelic message, *“Do not be afraid.”* This is a phrase that occurs 88 times in the Bible -- and is mostly spoken by God to His people. This phrase is repeated so often that this short phrase has been called a distillation of the whole Bible. The Lord said it to Abraham before cutting a covenant with him: *“Don’t be afraid.”* Angel Gabriel said it to Daniel when he was frightened by a terrifying vision: *“Don’t be afraid.”* The angel said it to Zechariah, future father of John the Baptist. Angel Gabriel said it to Mary, who was troubled at the news she received. An angel said it to shepherds startled by the Christmas glory that shone round them. Jesus repeatedly said it to his disciples, culminating in his resurrected appearance when he came to his grieving, fearful friends and spoke the words, *“Don’t be afraid.”* Mary Magdalene heard this same command when she was in the garden searching for Jesus in the empty tomb. So, on this Christmas day, perhaps this command is the very one God would give to us today: *“Don’t be afraid.”* **Why we should not be afraid?** The essence of Christmas message is that we need not be afraid because of three main reasons. 1) We have a divine Savior to save us from our sins and grant us eternal life with Him. 2) We have an Immanuel God who lives with us and within us as our source of strength and guidance. 3) We have a love-sharing God who wanted to share His love with us by becoming one of us and sharing our fears, temptations, pains and suffering.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24, 2018 – JANUARY 6, 2019</b>		
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Monday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the McDougall family
	7:30 p.m.	Tom Barr
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Tuesday, December 25	10:00 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Wednesday, December 26		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, December 27	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Friday, December 28	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Saturday, December 29	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, December 30	8:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Zabloski family
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Father Brian Martin
Monday, December 31	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, January 1	10:00 a.m.	Barb and D’Arcy Nolan
Wednesday, January 2		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, January 3		<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, January 4 <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Saturday, January 5 <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Bill and Marguerite Clifford
	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, January 6	8:30 a.m.	Tom Barr
	10:00 a.m.	David Grant
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Our Parishioners</b>		

<b>Weekly Target:</b> \$3500.00	<b>Actual Offering:</b> December 23: \$3414.75	<b>Operating Shortfall:</b> \$ 85.25
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**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all the elves who helped to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Thanks also to the CWL who donated new Christmas trees this year and to Tim Allen and Mel and Josie Bracamonte for the sparkling outdoor lights that brightened our church! Also, thank you to Angela Kelly, Jan Jensen and team for the enrichment for our liturgy with music. Special thanks to Susan, Roger, Shan and Debbie for special service during Christmas.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

**CHRISTMAS 2018  
NEW YEAR 2019**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	<i>LECTORS</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</i>	<i>ALTAR SERVERS</i>
Saturday, December 29 5:15 p.m.	Theresa Houston Josie Bracamonte	Neil and Margaret Cameron	Paul and Cynthia Mantha	Lauren and Sarah McDonald
Sunday, December 30 8:30 a.m.	Rick Zabloski Noreen Shepherd	Judy Publow Judith Hart	Marc and Phyllis Dennis	Grace Whiteland
Sunday, December 30 10:00 a.m.	Noreen and Peter Shea	Doug and Mary Roughton	Deacon Shawn Souder Larry Baldissera	Christopher Logstrup Joshua O'Keefe Nik Cindric-Myers
<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> Monday, December 31 5:15 p.m.	Theresa Houston Anne Peace	Sylvia Shackles Joanne Story	Mary MacDermott Carol Ravnaas	Sarah and Lauren McDonald
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> Tuesday, January 1 10:00 a.m.	Mary Gilliard Carmen Hampel	Ann Gilliard Johanne Cardinal	Deacon Shawn Souder Doug Roughton	Isabelle and Liam Heffernan
Saturday, January 5 5:15 p.m.	Mary MacDermott Carol Ravnaas	Michael McMahon Lloyd Clayton	Paul and Cynthia Mantha	Anysa Address Allie White Grace Kelly
Sunday, January 6 8:30 a.m.	Marguerite and Jill Whiteland	Judith Hart Theresa Iddon	Marc and Phyllis Dennis	Grace Whiteland
Sunday, January 6 10:00 a.m.	Johanne Cardinal Donna Cody	Robin Reil Dave Cody	Deacon Shawn Souder Doug Roughton	Christopher Logstrup Joshua O'Keefe Nik Cindric-Myers

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Tuesday, December 25		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Wednesday, December 26		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Thursday, December 27	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in Chapel
	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>PARISH OFFICE OPEN</b>
Thursday, January 3	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in Chapel
Friday, January 4	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Movie Night The Pelican Brief

Margaret Smith, Debbie Freer, Shelley McCaffrey, Brian Brougham, Nieves Bonucchi and Robert Dickenson.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** We have a Christmas gift from the parish – one per family available starting at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** Completed forms should be returned to the parish office by December 31, 2018.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**New Year's Eve – Monday, December 31**  
**5:15 p.m.**

**New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**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 & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice and Madeleine Belec,

**YEAR END DONATIONS:** The Parish financial books close on **December 31, 2018**. All donations received after that date will be credited for the 2019 tax year. 2018 income tax receipts will be available in early February.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

# **FLOWERS DONATED BY PARISHIONERS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

**We keep the memory of those who have died, in our prayers:**

Monica Anderson – Her granddaughters

Peter Story – Joanne Story

Cyr and Ravnaas families – Al Cyr and Carol Ravnaas

Bertha and Bill Hamer – Susan Hamer

Theresa and Stafford Goggin – Susan Hamer

Cis and Harry Hamer – Susan Hamer

Arnold Drennan – Susan Hamer

Jean and David Noel – Don Noel and Maureen LeClair

Kelly LeClair Paul and Charlie LeClair – Maureen LeClair and Don Noel

Shepherd and Sylvestre families – John and Noreen Shepherd

Rita Riley, Gerard Geseron and Ralph Beriau – John Beriau and Carmen Tremblay

The Menard family – John Beriau and Carmen Tremblay

Denise Menard – John Beriau and Carmen Tremblay

Keith and Dennis families – Marc and Phyllis Dennis

Croteau and Shackles families – Bob and Sylvia Shackles

Gladu family – Gordon and Norma Burns

Evan Warder – Shan Warder

Tom Barr – Jean Barr

Patrick Leeder – Irene Leeder

Leger and Cahill families – Nancy Leger

Norm Blinn – Alice Blinn

Bob and Brian Visneski – Susan Visneski

McCrae, Carolan and Howard families – Dave and Eileen McCrae