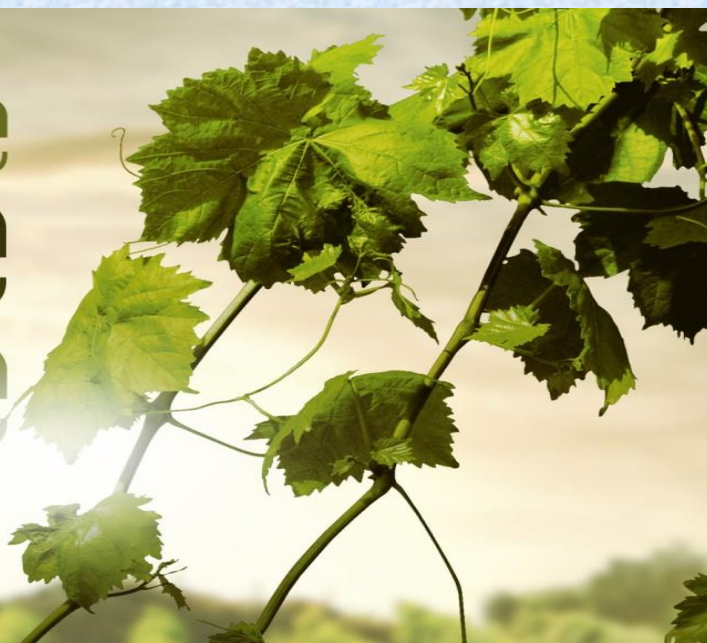


# Saint John Bosco Parish

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## 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**  
Custodian: Rick Fraser

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Office: Jill Heffernan

**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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. The reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former fanatical Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, a man now entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles. In today's Responsorial Psalm we sing the end of Ps 22, " ... to Him My soul shall live ... let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the Justice He has shown," drawing our strength from Jesus' courage and trust in His Father. In today's second reading, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united with Christ by putting our Faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love. In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses God's Old Testament image of the vine and branches to help his disciples to understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent – as close as a vine and its branches.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, 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, Desmond Liston, Kerry Walsh, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

**THE MONTH OF MAY:** The month of May is a Marian month; praying the Rosary is one of our most important traditional prayers. We will pray the Rosary as a community before the Mass on weekend during the month of May. Saturdays we will begin the Rosary at 4:50 a.m. and Sundays at 9:10 a.m.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY:** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY – MAY 1, 2024:** International Worker's Day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation. St. Joseph, Patron Saint of workers, intercede for us so that we may bring good produce out of our labouring.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>APRIL 27 – MAY 5, 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Aubertine Menard</b>
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Robert Clarke</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass ADORATION</b>
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MASS AT SHERWOOD MANOR Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Patrick O'Grady</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: The Int. of the O'Grady family</b>		

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

**April 21, 2024: \$2648**

***Thank you very much for your generous contribution.***

### **FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:**

Please remember our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for these special Sacraments -

May 5, 11:30 a.m.

First Communion Mass

May 29, 10 a.m.- 2p.m.

Confirmation retreat

June 15, 2:00 p.m.

Confirmation Rehearsal

June 16, 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Mass

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** We need your help! We are inviting parishioners to become a "Prayer Partner" with one of them. **Sign up is easy – just add your name to the list, pick up your information letter at the back of the church and offer your prayers for the candidate.** The cards will be presented to them on the day of their Confirmation retreat on **May 29**. Cards must be returned to the parish office or in the collection basket by **May 25, 2024**. Thank you for your support!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** and prayerful best wishes to **Gavin and Declan Cullen** who will be received into baptism on **April 27, 2024** and their parents Justin Cullen and Allison Dedekker. May God continue to bless you as you teach your children to grow in faith.

**ANNUAL OFFENCE DECLARATION:** For those in High Trust positions, please get this form done as soon as possible to make the Screening Committee's job easier. Please see Jill in the office if you have any questions or concerns.

***"I am the true vine." John 15.1***



APRIL 28, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, April 20 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, April 21 9:30 a.m.	Dough Roughton	Lise Lalonde-Matte and Emily Heffernan	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, May 4 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Mary MacDermott	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, May 5 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Mike Kozey and Theresa Iddon	Marguerite Whiteland	Janie Verhoeven

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, April 27	3pm.	Baptism – Gavin and Declan Cullen
Wednesday, May 1	9:30 a.m.	Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Friday, May 3	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night The Chosen
Sunday, May 5	11:30 a.m.	First Communion Mass

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

<b>Robert and Debra Wade</b>	<b>48 years</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>Larry and Diana Baldissera</b>	<b>35 years</b>	<b>May 6</b>
<b>Kevin and Karen Frech</b>	<b>38 years</b>	<b>May 10</b>
<b>Ronald and Jill McCracken</b>	<b>58 years</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>Derrick and Ann Gilliard</b>	<b>49 years</b>	<b>May 24</b>
<b>John and Karen McGeough</b>	<b>38 years</b>	<b>May 24</b>
<b>Roland and Colette Thornycroft</b>	<b>23 years</b>	<b>May 26</b>
<b>Vincenzo and Nancy Del Riccio</b>	<b>59 years</b>	<b>May 29</b>
<b>John and Dorothy Lapierre</b>	<b>26 years</b>	<b>May 29</b>

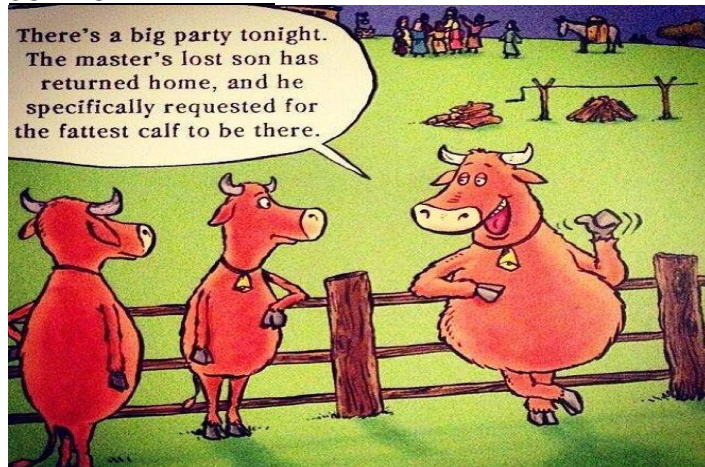
**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) Lenten Campaign – 2024** . Our second Lenten campaign was again a huge success raising a total of \$10,718. That is more than double what we raised last year. Thank you for your generous donations to this campaign in support of our programs for the less fortunate in our communities. A special thank you to the students and staff at St. Mary High School and JL Jordan that raised funds totalling over \$1,000 each and to those individuals that donated \$300 or more to cover the food cost of a student in the Weekender 4 Kids Program for one year.

**CWL PLANTS SALE:** CWL Plant sale will take place on **Saturday May 11** from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Along with the plant sale, the Knights of Columbus will have their annual garage sale and the ladies from St. Francis Xavier CWL will be selling some delicious baked goods. If you are thinning out your perennial plants we will be happy to sell them. Please dig plants up and repot them a week in advance so the plants can recover from the disturbance to the root systems. Please drop them off Friday afternoon May 19 behind the statue of Mary. Thanks again for your support.

**YARD SALE:** Spring cleaning? Please consider turning your surplus household items into cash for worthy local causes. Our yard sale is scheduled for **May 11, 2024** at St. John Bosco parish hall. We will be receiving your donated items on the afternoon of May 10, 2024.

**FLOWERS AT THE CEMETARY:** The Knights of Columbus Brockville Council #1049 will be planting and watering flowers for loved ones resting at St. FX Cemetery. The cost for each plot is \$50. If you have any questions about this program, please call **Stewart Glashan at 613.342.3855**

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