

Saint John Bosco Parish

5th Sunday of *Lent*



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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.

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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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 LENT

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus which Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation" and "glorification." The readings offer us a challenge. Just as Jesus became the "*Promised Messiah of Glory*" and the "*Conquering Son of Man*" by offering his life for others, we, too, if we would come to Heaven, must die to self by loving obedience, spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service. The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This New or Renewed Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah was fulfilled, at least in part, through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by Jesus' suffering and death, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Using metaphors of the "*sown wheat grain*" and the "*spent life*" in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the lessons St. Paul will repeat. The Gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "*hour*," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection, and exaltation. Jesus also considers his "*hour*" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. In addition, it is the way by which all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross and later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

Life messages: 1) Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are made possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent.

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 16 – MARCH 24, 2024		
Saturday, March 16	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, March 17	9:30 a.m.	Patricia Anthony
Tuesday, March 19	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, March 20	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Irene and Pat Leeder ADORATION
Thursday, March 21	9:00 a.m.	Claude Daigle
Friday, March 22	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Saturday, March 23	5:15 p.m.	Susan Jennings
Sunday, March 24	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Special Intention		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Operating Weekly Target: \$3500

March 10, 2024: \$3627

Thank you very much for your generous contribution.

THIRD SCRUTINY SUNDAY: We have one Candidate to receive into Full Communion on Easter Vigil – Mr. James Benoit. In preparation to welcome James into our congregation, we will follow the three Scrutiny Sundays. The second set of the Readings and the Lectionary for Mass are used in your Sunday Missal at Sunday 9:30a.m. Mass.

**MASS OF CHRISM: Tuesday, March 26, 2024; 10:30am
St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston)**

Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston, will preside and bless the Oils for the sacramental life of the Church. All priests and deacons of the Archdiocese will renew their commitment to service. All parishioners are welcome to join the Chrism Mass.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words say kind words.
Fast from sadness be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism be filled with hope.
Fast from worries trust in God.
Fast from complaints contemplate simplicity.
Fast from bitterness fill your heart with joy.
Fast from pressures be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges be reconciled.
Fast from words be silent so you can listen.



"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11.3

MARCH 17, 2024

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, March 16 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, March 17 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Emily Heffernan & Lise Lalonde-Matte	Jill Heffernan	Paulette Psiuk
Saturday, March 23 5:15 p.m.	n/a	Rick Fraser	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, March 24 9:30 p.m.	John McGeough	Lloyd Clayton & Theresa Iddon	Marg Bougie	Shelby and Dayna Golledge

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, March 19	7:00 p.m.	CWL meeting
Wednesday, March 20	5:00 p.m.	Screening Committee meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group
Thursday, March 21	6:30 p.m.	Faith Night
Friday, March 22	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Soup for the Soul
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Movie The Chosen
Saturday, March 23	4:00 p.m.	First Communion Catechism class
Sunday, March 24	After 9:30 a.m. Mass	Parish Social All welcome


JUNIOR LITURGY: There will be no Junior Liturgy on Easter Sunday (March 31, 2024).

COFFEE SOCIAL: There will be a coffee social after 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday March 24, 2024**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Join us for coffee and some treats! All welcome.

MARCH FOR LIFE- MAY 9, 2024 OTTAWA: A coach bus coming from Kingston is available for pick up at the 401 Inn, off Stewart Blvd., for the annual **March For Life on Parliament Hill on May 9th**. Pick up will be in time for mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral as well as for the march. Expected time of return is about 4:30 Pm. Cost is \$25.00 a person. If interested please contact Anna Gibbons at annagib2000@myhighspeed.ca or 613-345-0860. Notification would be appreciated as early as possible in order to reserve seats and know numbers for bus.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AT EASTER: Parishioners are invited to donate an Easter flower of your choice in memory of a loved one to decorate the altar for Easter. Flowers may be dropped off any time during **Holy Week – March 25-27** during office hours.

TAX RECEIPTS: The remaining tax receipts were put in the mail on February 26, 2024. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions or concerns.

		
March 23	Palm Sunday	5:15 p.m.
March 24	Jesus' Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem	9:30 a.m.
March 26	Chrism Mass St Mary's Cathedral, Kingston	10:30 a.m.
March 28	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of the Feet and Adoration	7:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
March 30	Resurrection of the Lord Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
March 31	Easter Sunday Mass	9:30 a.m.

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