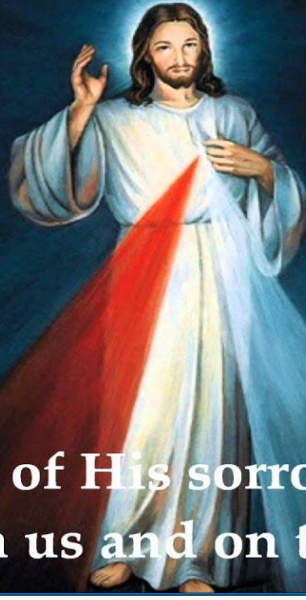


Saint John Bosco Parish



**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Andrew Shim**
Custodian: Rick Fraser

Associate Priest: **Fr. Adaikalaraj Albert**
Office: Jill Heffernan

**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am
Tuesday 6:30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am
Fridays, check the bulletin**

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.

Dear Lord, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we humbly seek Your boundless compassion. May Your mercy wash over us, healing our hearts and souls. Help us to extend this divine mercy to others, fostering love and forgiveness. Fill us with hope and grace, guiding us to trust in Your eternal kindness. Amen.



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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

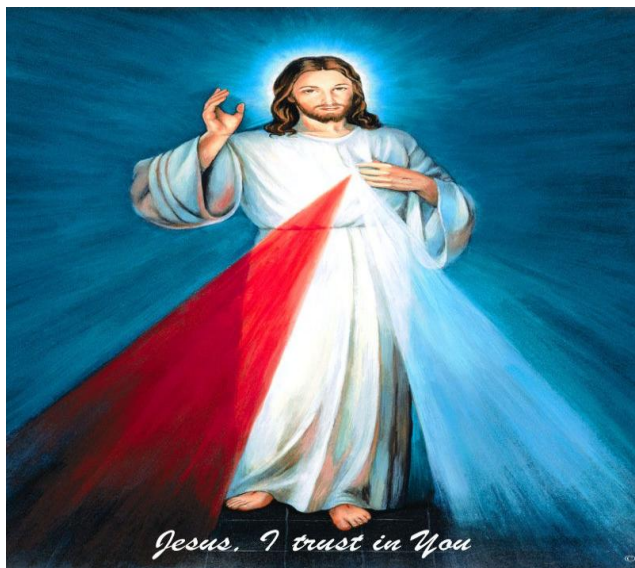
Monday- Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The readings for this Sunday are about God’s mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as “*God of everlasting Mercy.*” In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, “*His mercy endures forever!*” God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death, and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments (all instituted to sanctify us), especially that of Reconciliation.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord’s healing love in “*signs and wonders.*” The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation (given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos), was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time. Today’s selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope. Today’s Gospel recalls Jesus’ institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, “*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*” (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas’ famous profession of Faith, “*My Lord and my God,*” the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Life messages: We need to accept God’s invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God’s mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God’s merciful judgment.



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Fr. Phil Horrigan, Vince Del Riccio, Betty DeKleine, Doug McCaul, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Donna Brewer, Nila Suan, Lucile Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Karen Nesbitt, Desmond Liston, Kerry Walsh, Noel Davis, Norah Kirkby and Joseph O’Grady.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE April 17-April 27, 2025		
Saturday, April 26	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, April 27	9:30 a.m.	Int. of Nolan, Roughton, Black and Taylor families
Tuesday, April 29	6:00 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, April 30	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Rose Schindler ADORATION
Thursday, May 1	9:00 a.m.	Paul DiLosa and Matthew Diotte
Friday, May 2	10:00 a.m.	Pope Francis SHERWOOD MANOR
Saturday, May 3	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, May 4	9:30 a.m.	Int. of the Nolan, Black, Roughton and Taylor families
The Sanctuary Candle the week of April 27, 2025: Chantal Heffernan		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Budget for weekly collections: \$3,500

April 20: Regular offering \$1403.00

Easter Offering: \$3445.75

Needs of Church in Holy Land: \$820

Thank you for your generous donations!

EASTER SEASON: The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them “the great Sunday.” Christians sing the “Alleluia” during these days in their rejoicing.

YEARLY DECLARATION: A message from the Parish Screening Committee: For those parishioners who serve in Ministries of "high trust" where a Police Check was required, it is time for the annual declaration process to affirm there have been no changes to the status of the Police Check. You will be receiving an email with the Offence Declaration form attached and an additional Annual Review and Feedback form to be completed. If you have any questions, there will be a telephone number

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 118

APRIL 26, 2025

included. Sincere thanks to all volunteers for your ongoing support of Parish ministries and activities.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS TIMES	WELCOME DESK	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS
Saturday, April 26 5:15 p.m.	Carol Ravnaas	Sylvia Shackles	Carol Ravnaas	Al Cyr
Sunday, April 27 9:30 a.m.	Paulette Psiuk	Lise Lalonde-Matte Gary Byrnes	Jill Heffernan	Art Psiuk
Saturday, May 3 5:15 p.m.	Melinda Condon	Rick Fraser	Melinda Condon	Micheal Juneau
Sunday, May 4 9:30 a.m.	Noreen Shepherd	Mike Kozey & Nathan Heffernan	Nicole McNamee	John McGeough

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, April 26	3:30 p.m.	Baptism of Cooper Jensen
Sunday, April 27	9:30 a.m.	First Communion Class
Monday, April 28		ELECTION DAY Parish office closed
Tuesday, April 29	6:30 p.m.	**Women's Bible Study
Sunday, May 4	9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	First Communion Retreat
	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class

CONGRATULATIONS: and prayerful best wishes to **Cooper Jensen** who is being received into baptism on **April 26** and his parents Allana and Kyle Jensen. May God continue to bless you as you teach your child to grow in faith.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE: Voting for the Federal Election will take place here on Monday April 28, therefore the **Women's Bible Study will be moved to Tuesday April 29 at 6:30p.m.** Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate.

UPDATE ON FR. PHIL HARRIGAN: Fr. Phil Harrigan is at home now and on the road to recovery! Please continue to pray for his recovery.

BIRTHRIGHT: is celebrating Mother's and Father's Day again this year by distributing baby bottles on Mother's Day weekend. If you want to make a difference in this CHANGE FOR LIFE campaign, please take a bottle, fill it with coins, paper money or cheques and return it on Father's Day weekend. The money we raise will enable us to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant women and girls who

find themselves facing a difficult or un planned pregnancy. Thank you for your support. *"The Essence of Birthright is Love; and where love is, miracles happen."*

YARD SALE: Spring cleaning? Please consider turning your surplus household items into cash for worthy local causes. Our yard sale is scheduled for **May 24, 2025** at St. John Bosco parish hall. We will be receiving your donated items on the afternoon of May 23, so please hang onto them for a little longer.

MARCH FOR LIFE- MAY 8, 2025 OTTAWA: A coach bus coming from Kingston is available for pick up at the Days Inn, off Stewart Blvd., for the annual **March For Life on Parliament Hill on May 8th.** If interested please contact Anna Gibbons at annagib2000@myhighspeed.ca

PLANT SALE: To all gardeners, young and old! CWL is having a plant sale on May 24 but we need your help. When you are thinning out your perennials please consider donating some to our plant sale. You can drop off your potted plants on Friday May 23 any time during the day, put the plants in the court yard behind the statue of Mary. Thanking you in advance, Ladies of the CWL

CWL NEEDS YOUR HELP: Like many, many organizations in the Brockville area the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Mental Health and Addiction Foundation needs some help. They need travel size toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, wet wipes, deodorant and toilet paper. Items can be dropped off at the church anytime until May 4, 2025.. Thanking you in advance for your support.

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 \$60. Please indicate the name of your loved one and your phone number on each order to ensure the flowers are placed properly.

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EASTER FLOWERS

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LOVED ONES*

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

In Memory of;

David Cepeda from A. Cepeda

John Nolan from Mary and Cec Drake

The Pittman family from Marguerite Whiteland

Brian Fraser from the Fraser, Currie, Kelly, Tait families

The Byrnes Family from Gary and Geri Byrnes

The Burns & Gladu Family from Gord & Norma Burns

The Cahill & Léger Family from Nancy Léger

Janet Molson from Gary and Catherine Molson

Tom Barr & Irene Leeder from Jean Barr

The Sylvestre & Shepherd Family from Noreen Shepherd

Deceased members of the CWL

Croteau & Shackles Family from Sylvia & Bob Shackles

Elaine & Grant Miller and the Bernardo & Bracamonte Family from

Josie & Mel Bracamonte and Lourds & Mike Koktan