

# Saint John Bosco Parish



## 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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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:30am**

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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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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** The common theme of today's readings is transformation. The readings invite us to work, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to transform and renew our lives during Lent, that we may radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received, to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The **first reading** describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so. The **second reading**, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us. We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing, and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain, and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and his Gospel. In the Transfiguration story in today's **Gospel**, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him, as the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33), for today encourages us to do. **Life messages:** The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting our own temptations and a source of grace for renewing our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day. Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. By receiving in Faith, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are spiritually, and sometimes physically, healed, and our sins are forgiven. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: *"This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."* Our 'Lenten penance' will lead us to the 'Easter joy.'

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Michel Rochefort, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Betty DeKleine, Donna Brewer, Paul Cosgrove, Sean O'Connell, Nellie Kester, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Mary de Ruiter and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>March 4 – February March 12</b>		
<b>Saturday, March 4</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, March 5</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Shan Warder</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 8</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, March 9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Greg Kelly</b>
<b>Friday, March 10</b>	<b>9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Irene Leeder</b>
<b>Saturday, March 11</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>John Cindric</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>		
<b>Week of March 5: Int. of the Cousineau and Bolduc Family</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

February 26, 2023: \$4730

*Thank you for your generous contributions.*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** 2022 tax receipts have been mailed.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:**

**Upcoming dates for Sacraments:**

Catechism class (First Communion): Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 4pm to 6pm at St John Bosco Parish.

**SSVP:** This weekend is the collection for Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Members will be at the door for collection. Please remember their good works this Lenten season and thank you for your generous contributions.

***"Jesus' face shone like the sun." Matthew 17.1***



## MARCH 5, 2023

MASS TIMES	USHERS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	WELCOME DESK
Saturday, March 4 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Joanne Story	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, March 5 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Mike Kozey	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, March 11 5:15 p.m.	Al Cyr	Rick Fraser	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, March 12 9:30 a.m.	Lloyd Clayton	Theresa Iddon	Noreen Shepherd	Noreen Shepherd

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, March 8	6:30 p.m.	RCIA class
Friday, March 10	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Soup for the Soul
Saturday, March 11	3:30 p.m.	Baptism - Emily Wing

**LENTEN PARISH RETREAT:** Come and join us in a mini-retreat over three Wednesdays during Lent. Over the course of the three weeks we will watch six short video presentations by Father Albert Haase, OFM. Throughout his presentations Father Haase gives us the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in our lives and then show us how to fan it into flame. After each of the Video presentations there will be time to reflect on his talk with some suggested questions for discussion. All are welcome to attend as many as the sessions as you are able.

**Dates: Wednesday March 15, 22, and 29 2023 6:30pm-8:30pm at St. John Bosco Parish.**

Hosted by Father Shim and Father Jacob  
Sign up sheets at the back of the atrium (to help us prepare).

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND OUR PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** We invite all parishioners to attend our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on **Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m.** with the penitential service followed by individual confession. Parents of the First Reconciliation Candidates are encouraged to make their Reconciliation along with their child to head them to the confessional without fear.

**BENEFITS OF GOING TO CONFESSION:** helps us to better “know thy self”, helps us overcome vice, brings us peace, helps us become more saintly – more like Jesus, and makes our will strong. Jesus invites you to Confession to experience the incredible feelings of mercy, peace, joy, relief and love by receiving grace through this Sacrament.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before weekday Mass, we will be doing Stations of the Cross in the chapel beginning at 9:10 a.m. We will also be doing Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12:10pm during Lent.

**SOUP FOR THE SOUL:** Soup for the soul is back! After Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:10 pm, hot soup and buns will be served. We need volunteers to bring soup and help with Stations of the Cross. **Please consider signing up, sign up sheets are at the back of the atrium.**

### 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.*



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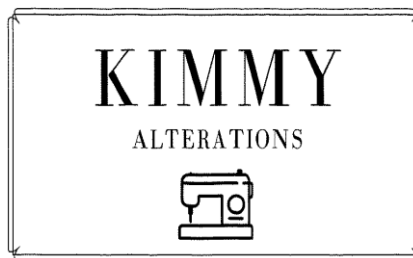
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