

# 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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### **NO MASS AT THIS TIME DUE TO PROVINCE WIDE SHUTDOWN**

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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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 ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** The main theme of today's Scripture readings is Divine vocation – that everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, by leading lives of holiness and purity.

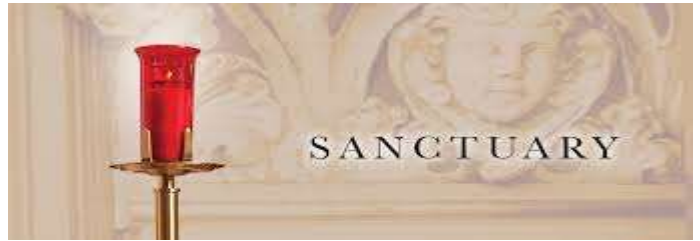
**Scripture lessons:** The first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service and how the boy Samuel responded to Him, saying, "*Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening.*" Hence, God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), the psalmist sings, "*Behold, I come to do Your will,*" indicating that his vocation is to obey, to do what God commands him to do. In the second reading, St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that their Divine call is a call to holiness. Hence, they need to keep their bodies pure and souls holy because by Baptism they have become parts of Christ's Body and the temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist claims that his vocation is to introduce Jesus as the "*Lamb of God*," suggesting Jesus' vocation to become a sacrificial lamb to atone for our sins. The disciples followed Jesus to his residence, accepting his invitation to "*come and see.*" They stayed with him that day. Then Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus, introducing Jesus to him as the *Messiah*. Thus, today's Gospel also describes the call or vocation of the first apostles and challenges us to invite others to Christ by our Christian witnessing. **Life message:** Our Christian vocation is to live and die like the *Lamb of God*. (A) We live like the *Lamb of God*: by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love; (B) We are called to die like the *Lamb of God*: by sharing sacrificially our blessings of health, wealth and talents with others in the family, parish and community; and by bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering through our graceful acceptance of all of it as an offering our sufferings for God's glory, and penance for our sins and for the conversion of sinners.



*"The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him." Matthew 3.13*

**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 Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice & Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Shelley McLaren, Ursula Thompson, Ellen Hart, Brian Fraser, Ros Crooks, Sean O'Connell, Betty de Kleine, Florence Boisvert and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** This week the Sanctuary candle burns for Denise Menard.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Weekly target \$ 3500.00

January 1-10 \$ 1531.00

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**STAY AT HOME ORDER:** The Parish is still open for private prayer in the chapel Monday-Friday **from 9:30am-12:30pm**. No more than 10 people at a time are permitted. Sanitizing wipes will be available and we ask that you please sanitize your chair after your prayer period. Face shields or masks are required when you are in the Church. **There is no Mass at this time at our Parish, but Archbishop Mulhall reminds us that the dispensation from the obligation for Sundays and Holy Days remains in place.** The office is closed during the lockdown but I continue to support your needs so please send an email or a phone call and I will be able to help you.

**OFFERTORY:** Please feel free to drop off your offertory at the church while it is open. There is a basket at the front entrance that you can use or you can slip it under the office door. We are able to take e-transfers but you must use the email: [sibeft@bellnet.ca](mailto:sibeft@bellnet.ca). If you'd like to sign up for Pre-Authorized payments please check our website for the form or call the office. Thank you to all the parishioners who make an effort by mailing their offertory, emailing it, signing up for Pre-Authorized contributions and dropping off their donations, we are so grateful.

JANUARY 17, 2021

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER JACOB:** My brothers & sisters in Christ, last Sunday by celebrating the Baptism of the Lord, we finished the Season of Christmas and entered in into the Ordinary Season where still we celebrate the Mystery of Jesus' life, ministry death and resurrection outside of the great mystery of Christmas & Easter. During this Season we meditate and reflect more on Jesus ministerial life where He was close to people and wiped their tears in many ways giving them healing, forgiving, comforting, feeding etc and inviting His followers to go and do likewise. We read in the bulletin the way St. Francis followed the path of the Lord and being with people preaching to them only by deeds! Live like that we too need to find Jesus in our life as the Apostle Andrew finding Jesus in his life and leading his brother Peter to Jesus and declare "We have found the Messiah!" May the Lord bless you to find Him in your life in the midst of all the uncertainties of lives, move around and comfort and encourage people we meet in person or even virtually, giving them new hope, courage and increase their joy: this is our Christian Vocation. **You may be interested** to get an update about my health! It's all good news as you know already that I have a loving heart for you!! My doctors confirmed again that I have a loving but a HEALTHY heart and a healthy brain too! MRI & Angiogram tests brought me very good results, BP is getting controlled, some of the issues that I face are not completely gone but I feel much better. I am hoping by the end of this locked down we will be able to celebrate Sacraments together. God heals us accepting our assistance like the friends of the paralyzed man in the Gospel who brought him to Jesus and Jesus heals him seeing the faith of his friends. Your faith and many prayers for me reached to God and God began His healing ministry on me... huge thanks to you all.

**CONFESSION:** Father Price is doing confession at St. Francis on Saturdays from 1-2pm. Restrictions are in place and only 10 people including the priest can be in the church at one time. Please be mindful of these restrictions.

**THE WORD – ONLINE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:** Teens, young adults & Adults of all ages, this online Catholic conference is being hosted by Mark Hart and has over 70 amazing Catholic speakers. **February 11-13 2021** It's FREE! You do have to register on their website: <https://www.cardinalstudios.org/catholic-bible-summit-home>

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Registration for kindergarten is now underway at the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO). Check out their website for more information at <https://www.cdsbeo.on.ca/students-parents/registration/>

**FRATELLI TUTTI: Tuesday January 26, 6:30PM-8:30PM via Zoom** Reading Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis Encyclical letter) - a Guided discussion with and Robert Mundle. What does Fratelli Tutti mean to me and my community? Some of the themes we will look at are: **Friendship, How do we journey with others? Human dignity. Encounter, Dialogue, Shared responsibility.** This evening is open to anyone but will be of particular interest to those involved in pastoral care. To register, please contact Gorett at [ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca)

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God. – St. Faustina.

**“Evangelization – St. Francis of Assisi style”:** One day, Francis of Assisi invited one of the young friars to join him on a trip into town to preach. The young friar was so honored at receiving such an invitation from St. Francis that he quickly accepted. They paused beneath a tree and Francis stooped to return a young bird to its nest. They went on and stopped in a field crowded with reapers and Francis bent his back to help load the hay onto a cart. From there they went to the town square where Francis lifted a bucket of water from the well for an old woman and carried it home for her. All day long he and St. Francis walked through the streets and byways, alleys and, suburbs, and they rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people. Each time they stopped, the young friar was sure that St. Francis would stop and preach. But no words of great truth or wise discourse issued from the saint's mouth. Finally, they went into the Church, but Francis only knelt silently to pray. At the end of the day, the two headed back home. Not once had St. Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the Gospel. The young monk was greatly disappointed, and he said to St. Francis, "I thought we were going into town to preach?" St. Francis responded, "My son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking and in everything we did. We were seen by many and our behavior was closely watched. It's of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk! Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words only if necessary." Fr. Tony (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

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