

Saint John Bosco Parish

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



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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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

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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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The third Sunday of Advent is called “*Gaudete Sunday*” because the Mass for today (in its original Latin text), begins with the opening antiphon: “*Gaudete in Domino semper*” --“*Rejoice in the Lord always.*” To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle. The common theme of the day’s Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings urge us to make the preparations required of us as we await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. Holy Scripture reminds us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. **Scripture lessons:** Prophet Isaiah encourages the Jewish exiles returning from Babylon to rejoice because their God, Yahweh, is their strong Guide, Provider and Protector. In today’s Responsorial Psalm (Luke 1:46 ff.) Mary rejoices in the great blessing given to her by exclaiming: “*My soul glorifies the Lord; my spirit finds joy in God my Savior.*” St. Paul, in the second reading, advises the Thessalonian Christians to “*rejoice always*” by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ’s second coming is near, and he is faithful in his promise to reward them. Today’s Gospel tells us that John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus as the Light of the world. The Baptizer wants all to rejoice because the long-expected Messiah, as the light of the world, will remove the darkness of sin from the world. We rejoice at the humility of John the Baptist who tells the Sanhedrin members challenging him that he is unworthy even to become the slave of Jesus the Messiah. We also rejoice in the sincerity and commitment of John who spent himself completely in preparing people for the long-awaited messiah. We have an additional reason to rejoice because, like John the Baptist, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. **Life message** We need to bear witness to Christ the Light. Our mission as brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Church is to reflect Christ’s Light to others, just as the moon reflects the light of the sun.

PRAVERS 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, and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you had a Mass Intentions scheduled for the week of December 8-11, it has been rescheduled in February or March 2021. Please call the office if you have any questions. Sorry for the inconvenience.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: This week we light the third candle, the candle of Joy. From hope, peace and love grows joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

MASS SCHEDULE December 5 – December 13, 2020		
Saturday, December 12	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, December 13	9:30 a.m.	Deceased members of Sylvester and Shepherd families
Tuesday, December 15	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, December 16	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday, December 17	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Friday, December 18	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Saturday, December 19	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, December 20	9:30 a.m.	Lionel Burgess
Sanctuary Candle the week of December 13: Jim Stone Jr.		

FINANCIAL UPDATE: *Weekly target \$ 3500.00*
December 6, 2020 – Offertory: \$ 3631.00
Thank you for your generous contributions!

MASS THIS WEEKEND: This weekend we welcome Father Killian from Kingston to our St. John Bosco Parish, Mass times remain the same. Thank Fr. Killian for celebrating Mass with our Parish! ***Week day Mass has been cancelled for the week of December 15-18, 2020.***

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DECEMBER 12, 2020: The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

“Among you stands one whom you do not know.” Mark 1.1-8

December 13, 2020

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Saturday, December 12 5:15 p.m.	Scott MacDermott & Michel LaBonte	Mary MacDermott	Melinda Condon	Jill Heffernan	Karen and Kevin Frech
Sunday, December 13 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough and Art Psiuk	Johanne Cardinal	Marg Bougie	Noreen Shepherd	Liam Heffernan

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Saturday, December 19 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonte and Scott MacDermott	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Jill Heffernan	Josie Bracamonte
Sunday, December 20 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough and Lloyd Clayton	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marguerite Whiteland	Noreen Shepherd	Liam Heffernan

ANGEL TREE: We have just a few angels left on our tree. If you are able to help, please pick one up this weekend. Please return your gift along with the angel tag attached, this weekend, December 12/13. The presents will be picked up on Monday December 14, 2020.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: Parishioners are once again may asked to bring potted flowers in memory of a loved one by **Wednesday December 23** along with a card so that the names of loved ones may be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

CHRISTMAS RESERVATIONS: *Mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm and 730pm are now full.* There are a few spots remaining for **Christmas Day at 930am.** Please call the office (613) 342-5095 or email at sjbparish@bellnet.ca to reserve your spot.

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Your envelopes may now be picked up in the atrium. Please let us know of any changes to your address.

SSVP TAX RECEIPTS: Donations to St. Vincent's de Paul Society for 2020 must be received by December 30th so that they can be deposited by December 31 2020. Donations can be left at Parish office for SSVP.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: "Fake Jeep?" Christmas shopping, though fun, can be difficult. Did you hear about the guy that bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas? A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty 4-Wheel drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where am I going to find a fake Jeep?"

UPDATE FROM FATHER JACOB: Dear & loving parish family, just want let you know "how much I miss you in Church". By the grace of God and with your valuable prayers I am getting better except one or two issues which could be better soon I hope.

My doctor's goal is to bring back my BP into 120/70. It is getting close to that with good medications. My goal was to "light the candle of JOY" (Rose Candle) with you in Church and show my "Rose Vestment" which I wanted show you in March 22nd on the 4th Sunday of Lent! (I never had Rose Vestment before) March 22nd was the first Sunday of locked down - you were separated from me in Church so I did not wear it and waited to wear it on third Sunday of Advent! This time I am separated from you in Church! Now I have to wait again for the 4th Sunday of Lent in March, 2021 if God willing...

Well, this separation due to illness taught me few more lessons in life to practice! And was also a great time to understand and experience your love & care through your deeds, words and thoughts-PRAYERS)

Grateful to our Archbishop Mulhall, thoughtful arrangements and bringing Frs. Paul & Killian to celebrate Mass with us. Very much appreciative to Jill & Roger for their skill and smartness to run our parish activities in calm and smooth along with the support of many of you through your tireless volunteering at this special time of our lives. I thank you all for your good care of my spiritual, and physical needs Looking forward to light the 4th Candle of Advent(LOVE).

Wish you Happy Third Sunday of Advent, May Jesus fill your hearts with full of JOY.

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