

# Saint John Bosco Parish



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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.

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.

## **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 Hours**

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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** *Today's Gospel, presenting Jesus' "inaugural address" in the synagogue of Nazareth in which he outlines a theology of total liberation, marks a great moment in Jesus' ministry. The Scripture readings for today focus our attention on the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as "sacramental," making God present in our midst. The readings challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, then put it into practice as we live out our lives, thus liberating ourselves and others from all types of bondages.*

Today's first reading, taken from Nehemiah, and Luke's Gospel each describe a public reading of Sacred Scripture which challenges the hearers to make a "fresh beginning" with a new outlook. In the first reading, after rebuilding the Temple and restoring the city, Ezra leads the people in a "Covenant renewal" ceremony by reading and interpreting the Law. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) sings the praises of the Law of the Lord and its effects on those who accept it. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that "together we are Christ's Body, but each of us is a different part of it." This suggests that, as different parts of Christ's Body, each of us has a share, as instruments in God's hands, in bringing the freeing and saving mission of Christ to our world in our times. Today's Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the Messiah and his mission. Jesus claims that he is One sent "to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed"—language that reflects the Biblical year of Jubilee. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declares that Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment "in your hearing," because the prophecy foretells and describes Jesus' own mission and ministry. Jesus' mission is still to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his "Good News," accept it and put it into practice. Luke reports that surprise and admiration were the initial reactions of the people who were astonished at the power and eloquence of this son of their soil.

**Life messages:** We need to receive Christ's freedom, live it, and pass it on to others: As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. But we are captives of sin. We need Christ to set us free. We are often blinded by our evil habits, addictions, and need for financial security. Once we receive true liberation from Christ, we have to share it with those we encounter in our daily lives, families, neighborhoods, parishes, schools, and workplaces.

We need to let the power of the Holy Spirit fill us and then be ready to have miracles done through us. Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus performed miracles because he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us be ready to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom.

-Taken from Fr. Tony's Homilies

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Alison Juneau, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, 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, Noel Davis, Norah Kirkby and Joseph O'Grady.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; SCHEDULE JANUARY 25– FEBRUARY 2, 2025</b>		
Saturday, January 25	5:15 p.m.	Carl Ravnaas
Sunday, January 26	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Monday, January 27	6:00 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Tuesday, January 28	6:00 p.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, January 29	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday, January 30	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Friday, January 31 FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO	9:00 a.m.	Casmiro Fernades & Ian McDonald
Saturday, February 1	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, February 2	9:30 a.m.	Christopher Cross
<b>The Sanctuary Candle the week of January 26, 2025: Int of Bruce Macdougall</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Budget for weekly collections: \$3,500

**January 19:** \$2793.00

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** January 26, 2025: In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (Pope Francis)

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** The next class will be Sunday February 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**"Your words, Lord, are spirit and life." Psalm 19**

**JANUARY 26, 2025**

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</b>	<b>WELCOME DESK</b>
Saturday, January 25 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, January 26 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Nathan Heffernan & Michelle Morrow	Jill Heffernan	Paulette Psiuk
Saturday, February 1 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Rick Fraser	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 2 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Gary Byrnes & Lise Lalonde-Matte	Marg Bougie	Jill Heffernan

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday, January 27	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, January 29	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Friday, January 31	6:00 p.m.	Ray's Reptiles at SJB!
Saturday, February 1	8:00-10:30a.m.	Parish Breakfast Free will offering
Sunday, February 2	4:00 – 7pm	SJB Parish Potluck

**FATHER SHIM AND FATHER ALBERT:** Father Shim is away this week until January 31, 2025. Father Albert will be leaving January 28<sup>th</sup> and returning at the beginning of March. We wish both our wonderful priests safe travels! And for those who wish to say hello to Father Price, he will be covering St. Francis Xavier from the end of January until beginning of March.

**CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE:** There will be a Mass celebrated on **Monday January 27, 2025** at 6pm at St. John Bosco. No Mass celebrated Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this week. Fr. Shim will celebrate Mass here at SJB on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9am.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed on Monday January 27, 2025.

**FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT ST. JOHN BOSCO:** Don't forget our upcoming feast weekend! The feast day of St. John Bosco is January 31 and we will celebrate our SJB weekend starting **Friday night at 6pm with Ray's Reptiles**, a fun presentation for the kids. Saturday morning there will be a **breakfast (Free will offering) from 8:00am -10:30 a.m.** Sunday afternoon is our **Parish potluck from 4pm-7pm.** Please sign up in the atrium for the potluck. We hope to see you all there.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE-February 2** The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord". (Saint John Paul II, 1997)

**CONFIRMATION:** There will be a Confirmation parent meeting on March 19, 2025 at 6pm. for those who wish to have their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring/summer of 2025.

**CHALICE:** Chalice Sponsorship Weekend - Between St. Francis Xavier & St. John Bosco parishes we were asked to sponsor 26 individuals. **Twenty-two (22)** people/families stepped up and were able to share their financial blessings to make a difference in the lives of the very poor; one was sponsored by the Junior Liturgy program at St. FX.; two were returned to Chalice; and one card went missing. Hopefully, the individual who has that child's card will act on it directly with Chalice. In this Jubilee Year of HOPE, once again our parishes were not indifferent to the needs of these children. Thank you so very much!

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are always seeking volunteers for Saturday and Sunday Mass. **Specifically we need ushers for Saturday evening Mass.** Please consider helping if you're able. Please contact the office if you can help in any way.

**CONFESSION:** Are you looking for a time to see a priest for Confession? Confession is available Wednesdays during Adoration (9:30-10:00a.m.) and half an hour before Mass on the weekend.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** My friend was showing me his tool shed and pointed to a ladder. "That's my stepladder," he said. "I never knew my real ladder."

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