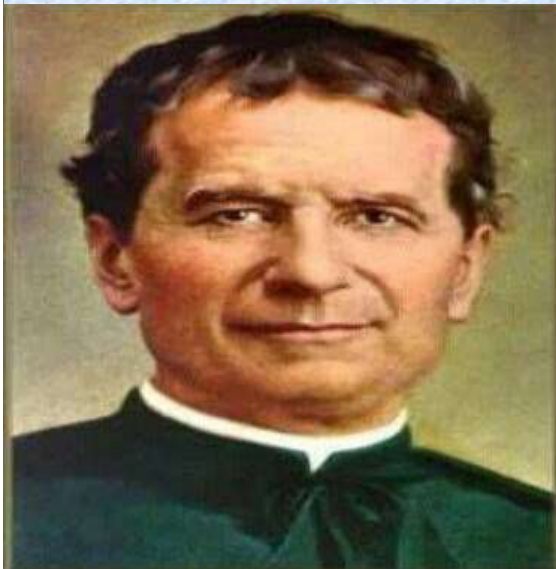


Saint John Bosco Parish



"Be humble and patient, and the Lord Jesus will give you the will and the means."

-St. John Bosco

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Grocery Certificates

Available at the Parish
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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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

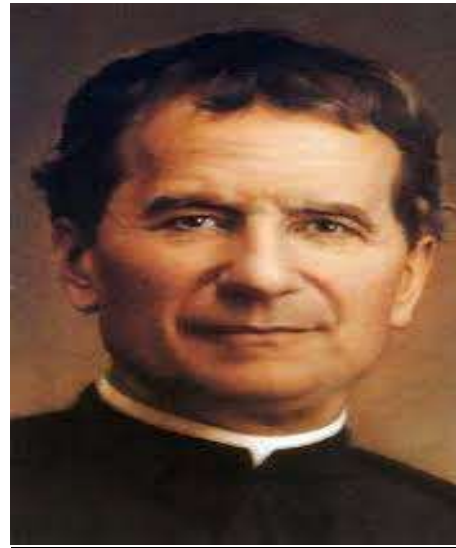
SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament in their messages, by the apostles (including St. Paul), in their writings and teaching in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry. Mark describes one sample Sabbath day of Jesus' public life. Jesus joins in public worship in the synagogue as a practicing Jew, heals the sick, drives out evil spirits and prays privately. People immediately noticed that Jesus spoke with authority and healed with Divine power. Jesus explained the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, he answered with authority. Jesus used his real (authentic) Divine authority to teach, empower, liberate, and heal others. The evil spirit mentioned in today's Gospel recognized Jesus as the Messiah and acknowledged him as such. Jesus commanded the evil spirit harshly, using strong words and tones: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" This was another reason Jesus developed a reputation for speaking with authority. Life Messages: 1) We need to approach Jesus for liberation: Jesus did not use his authority and Divine power to rule and control people. He came to make people free. Hence, let us approach Jesus with trusting Faith so that he may free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and that prevent us from loving others and sharing our blessings with others. Jesus also frees us from all the "evil spirits" of fear, jealousy, envy, addictions, compulsions, selfishness, anger, resentment and hostility. May he free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, dumb, blind, lame and paralyzed, physically and spiritually. 2) We need to use our God-given authority to build up lives. So many people with authority have made a lasting impression on our lives either for good or bad. Perhaps it was a grandparent, an uncle, or a parent, who loved us and cared for us. Perhaps it was a Sunday school teacher who encouraged us in our Faith and exerted a positive impact on our lives. Perhaps we remember the kindness as well as the firm discipline that a schoolteacher gave us. Teachers are powerful because they change and mold lives. Hence, let us all become good teachers like Jesus and use our authority to mold young lives in the right way.



ST. JOHN BOSCO FEAST DAY (January 31): This weekend would have been our St. John Bosco Parish weekend as we celebrate our Patron Saint.

Known to many as Don Bosco, this patron saint of youth was born in Piedmont, Italy in 1815. Raised in poverty, John was ordained in Turin in 1841. After witnessing the circumstances of boys living in a local prison, he resolved to devote himself to working among disadvantaged boys – children living on the street, juvenile delinquents, and any child who was suffering because of disadvantage.

He formed the Salesian Society, name after Francis de Sales, and began educating boys of the poor and working classes, holding evening classes in factories, in fields or wherever there was a need. John believed in equipping boys for life in the world and trade schools soon formed a large part of Salesian training. A progressive thinker, he abhorred all punishment, believing that by removing youth from temptation, treating them with dignity and kindness, and enriching them with skills, they could be led to more productive lives. His rule was, "Not with blows, but with charity and gentleness must you draw these friends to the path of virtue." John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE- FEBRUARY 2,

2021: 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." (St. John Paul II)

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Weekly target \$ 3500.00

Sunday offering - January (up until January 28) \$ 8190

Loaves and Fishes – January \$559

Initial offering – January \$494

Thank you for your generous contributions.

"They were all amazed: A new teaching – with authority." Matthew 1.14

JANUARY 31, 2021

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JACOB: Dear friends,
We are celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where the Liturgy of the Word focus on the Power and authority of God can change persons into new life and freedom from bondage of sin if they submit themselves to God's Power and authority.

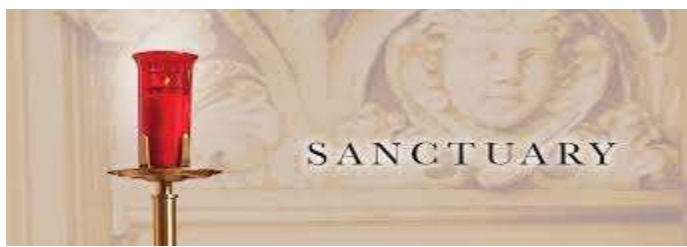
This Sunday also has special importance for us as we celebrate the Feast of St. John Bosco, Parton Saint of our Parish. January 31st also remarks the 35 Anniversary of our Church, celebrating the first Mass in St. John Bosco Parish. Wishing you all Happy Feast and Happy Anniversary of the inauguration of St. John Bosco Church. May the Grace of God be with you every time when a Mass is offered in our Church. May the intercession of St. John Bosco be with you, with your family and our community.

I am planning to celebrate Mass in our Chapel on Sunday 31st on St. John Bosco day; you will be able to attend either on our parish website or on the my Facebook if you are on my friend's list at 9.30 AM. Fr. Horrigan extends his Anniversary and Festal greetings to you all.

God Bless You.

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 the Intentions of Jacqueline Brougham.



COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Lent begins February 17, 2021 this year. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

If you are at the church, please pick up one of our Lenten books **"Not by Bread Alone; Daily Reflections for Lent."** They are available in the front atrium.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: Violence against women – we pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER: The Parish is still open for private prayer in the chapel Monday –Friday from 9:30am-1230pm. No more than 10 people at a time are permitted. Sanitizing wipes are available and we ask that you please sanitize your chair after your prayer period. Masks are required when you are in the Parish. 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 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. 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in February:

Phil and Carolyn Sauve	57 years	February 8
Earl and Rennie Leclair	61 years	February 27

WORKSHOP FOR GRANDPARENTS: The Archdiocese will be hosting a zoom workshop on **Feb 22, 6:30-8:30 PM** for **Grandparents** entitled **"Sharing our Story "** with presenter **David Dayler**. For more information or to register for this workshop please contact Gorett at ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or phone 613-548-4461 Ext 112. Please see our website for more information

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>

JOKE OF THE WEEK: You may have heard about the preacher who asked one elderly lady how it was with her soul. "Oh," she replied, "the old devil has been giving me a rough time." Immediately her husband protested. "Now hold on," he said, "she's not too easy to live with herself."

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