

# Saint John Bosco Parish

“YOU ARE THE  
**LIGHT**  
OF THE WORLD.”



## 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.

## Catholic Schools

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613-345-5914

St. Mary Catholic High  
School (7-12)  
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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** The common theme of today's three readings is our two-fold mission to the world, to be salt and to be the light of a city built on a hilltop. In our **first reading**, the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us. *"Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday"* (58:7, 10). The refrain for today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps.112), reminds us, *"The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright."* St. Paul, in the **second reading**, tells us that our proclamation of Faith will carry the Spirit and His power when we rely on the power and wisdom of God. Using two simple metaphors of salt and the light of a city on a mountaintop in today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world. As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. In the ancient world, salt was the commonest of all preservatives, used to prevent the putrefaction of meat, fish, and fruits in pickles. Salt lends flavor to food items and was used to season and preserve food. A light is something which is meant to be seen. A lamp or light is a guide to make clear the way. A light serves also as a warning (e.g., red traffic lights which tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Finally, light, particularly the sun's, gives warmth and heat. **Life messages: We need to be the salt of the earth:** As salt is a symbol of purity, used in sacrifices, the Christian must be an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought. As salt is an antiseptic and healing agent, the Christian must have a certain antiseptic influence on life and society, defeating corruption, fighting against injustice and making it easier for others to avoid sin. As salt preserves foods, we need to preserve the religious Faith, Christian cultural values, and moral principles which Jesus has given us, and to work at reconciling quarreling factions in families and communities. As salt is a food-flavoring agent, we need to add flavor to the lives of desperate people through outreach programs, which give meaning to their lives, boost their morale, offer them occasions to help others, and provide hope where there is none. **We need to be the light of the world:** The second role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, and respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or with no faith at all. As guiding light in darkness, our duty is to show the correct and safe way and to illuminate it with Christ's Light, thus removing the darkness caused by hatred, prejudice, spite, and jealousy. As a warning light, it is the Christian's duty to give timely and loving warning of physical and moral danger to fellow Christians. As a warming light, our duty is to warm the cold hearts of others with warm, and affectionate words and deeds.

**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> February 4 – February 12, 2023		
Saturday, February 4	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, February 5	9:30 a.m.	Gordon MacKenzie
Tuesday, February 7	9:30 a.m.	Irene and Pat Leeder
Wednesday, February 8	9:30 a.m.	Helen Hanley
Thursday, February 9	9:30 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Friday, February 10	9:30 a.m.	Ralph O'Brien
Saturday, February 11	5:15 p.m.	Irene Leeder
Sunday, February 12	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b> <b>Week of February 5: Anna Hergott</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

January 22, 2023: \$2969

January 29, 2023: \$4139

*Thank you for your generous contributions.*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:** We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**COUNTDOWN TO LENT:** **Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins February 22, 2023** 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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION:** Will be held this weekend. Representatives will be at the door at each Mass to receive your financial support. We ask for your support to help the local poor and needy.

*"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5.13*

## FEBRUARY 5, 2023

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</b>	<b>WELCOME DESK</b>
Saturday, February 4 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonte	Karen Frech	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 5 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Lloyd Clayton	Marguerite Whiteland	Jill Heffernan
Saturday, February 11 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, February 12 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Lise Lalonde-Matte	Jill Heffernan	Noreen Shepherd

### **ST. JOHN BOSCO FEAST DAY (January 31):**

*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.*

**FATHER JACOB AND FATHER ALBERT:** A big welcome back to Father Jacob! And thank you to Father Albert for filling in while Father Jacob was away.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO FEAST DAY:** Please join us for our potluck this **Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 4pm-6pm at St. John Bosco Parish Hall.** Musical entertainment will be provided by Roger Wooller and his band The Brockville Social Club.

### **FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:**

**First Communion Enrollment Mass:** Saturday February 11, 2023, or Sunday February 12, 2023

**Confirmation Enrollment Mass:** Saturday February 18, 2023, or Sunday February 19, 2023

Please contact the office if you have not yet registered your child.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** The blessing of throats is associated with the Feast of St. Blaise (February 3). It is a special blessing in which the faithful invoke St. Blaise's intercession, asking him to protect them from ailments of the throat and every other illness. This blessing will be offered at the end of each Mass this weekend.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts will be available for pick up the weekend of February 18/19, 2023. To reduce the cost of mailing, please pick up at the Parish if possible. Anything left will be mailed by February 28, 2023.

### **TRANSFORMATION NIGHT:** (Hosted by Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission) Friday, February 24, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**St. Joseph Parish (392 Palace Rd, Kingston)** Fr. Cosmas Ajawara will speak about Jesus' desire to "Bring fire to the earth" (Lk 12:49). NO CHARGE. Registration required: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/transformation-night-feb-2023>. A period of silent Adoration will be followed by continued worship with song. Following the talk, there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry and fellowship. For more information contact Miriam at [kingston@encounterschool.org](mailto:kingston@encounterschool.org).

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** A man is struck by a bus on a busy street in New York City. He lies dying on the sidewalk as a crowd of on-lookers gathers around. "A priest. Somebody get me a priest!" the man gasps. A policeman checks the crowd—no priest, no minister, no man of God of any kind. "A PRIEST, PLEASE!" the dying man says again. Then out of the crowd steps a little old man dressed shabbily and of at least eighty years of age. "Mr.. Policeman," says the man, "I'm not a priest. I'm not even a Catholic. But for fifty years now I've been living behind St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on First Avenue, and every night I've listened to the Catholic litany. Maybe I can be of some comfort to this man."

The policeman agrees and brings the octogenarian over to where the dying man lay. He kneels down, leans over the injured man and says slowly in a solemn voice: "B-4. I-19. N-38. G-54. O-72..."

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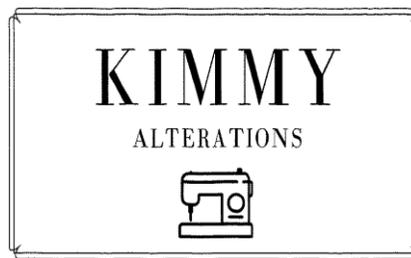
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