

Saint Francis Xavier and St. John Bosco Parishes



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mission Statement

St. John Bosco and St. Francis Xavier Parishes are faith communities 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 & St. Francis Xavier Parishes!

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 these wonderful parishes? View our websites or contact our church offices to find out more information about the various programs and ministries we have in our parishes. **We encourage your active participation!**

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Why Are Crucifixes and Statues Covered During Lent?

Veiling typically begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, known as Passion Sunday in some traditions. This timing coincides with the Church's shift toward meditating on Christ's passion and death.

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.



SJB AND SFX LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

We invite all parishioners to attend our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Services – **Sunday March 22 at 3pm at SJB and Sunday March 29 at 3pm at SFX**

A NOTE ABOUT PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE

ILL: We will soon be updating our prayer list. Some names have been on the list for a considerable time and we would like to ensure it is up to date. If you would like to continue having yourself or a loved one included, please contact the parish office. Thank you for helping us keep this ministry of prayer active and current.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Dorothy Heasley, Christopher Shim, Francoise Tremblay, Rosemarie Geraghty, Wayne Cruse, Kelley Williams, Judy Kenny, John Davis, Cecile Houle, Rick Weir, Vince Del Riccio, David White, Al Tremblay, Betty DeKleine, Peter Laflour, Florence & John Boisvert, Al Ferguson, Doug McCaul, Mary Lambert, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, , Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Donna Brewer, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Noel Davis, Norah Kirkby, Lauraine Parent, Vincent Boileau, Linda Ellis, Michele Stenoff, Johanna Ford, Victoria Roy, Rod McAvoy, Helen Simones, Mary Ford, Phyllis Dennis, Ray Dubuc, Mary Jane Desmarais, Mary Gilliard, Fila Kelba, Normand Buckle, Laureen Elliott, Jeanette De Dekker, Geraldine Secord, Bruce McDougall, Father Leo Byrne, Zoltan Zadory, Jocelyn and Joseph O'Grady, Rev. Michael McCarthy, Claire Rousseau, Don Pickett, Joan Capener, Leona Dove, Suzette Cousineau, Marilyn Smith, John Heuthorst, Jazmyn Boyer, Fr. Mac Burke, Bill Frankcom, Ann Macdonald and Amber Legace.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

Rev. Bill Steacy, Laureen Elliott, Gregory Sylvestre, Sabu Joseph, Father Stan Alanen, Claude Sigman, Gerry Fetter, Kathryn Coates, Emmanuel Yapou, Jane Anderson, Ethel Palko, Karen Nesbitt, Lorraine Horahan, Heidi Reid, Bernice Ladanyi, James Nyitrai, Margaret Mullins, Patricia Gooding, Carl Comeau

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE & LOCATION	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday March 24 St Francis Xavier	12:10 pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday March 25 St. John Bosco	4:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study
Friday March 27 St. John Bosco	12:10 pm	Stations of the Cross And Soup for the Soul
Saturday March 28	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage
Sunday March 29 St Francis Xavier	3:00 pm	Lenten Confessions
Monday, March 30 St. John Bosco	6:00 pm	Baptism Information Session Registration Required

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ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE March 23 – March 29, 2026		
Monday, March 23		No MASS
Tuesday, March 24	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, March 25	9:00 a.m.	Paul DiLosa
Thursday, March 26	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of The Wade family
Friday, March 27	9: 45 a.m.	School Mass Unannounced Mass
Saturday, March 28	5:15 p.m.	John Kenney
Sunday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	Our Parishioners

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE AT SJB:


Saturday March 28: WELCOME DESK: Carol Ravnaas
LECTOR: Mary MacDermott EUCHARISTIC MINSTER:
Carol Ravnaas USHERS: Michael McMahon and Jim
DuHart.

Sunday March 29: WELCOME DESK: Janie Verhoeven
LECTOR: Lise Lalonde-Matte and Lloyd Clayton
EUCHARIST MINSTER: Jomol Joseph USHER: Peter
Verhoven and Craig Suave ALTAR SERVERS: Lucy
Heffernan and Shelby Golledge .

Holy week Schedule at St. John Bosco Parish

 **March 29 – Palm Sunday 9:00 AM**

Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

 **April 2 – Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30PM**

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Washing of the Feet & Adoration

 **April 3 – Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross – 10:00 AM
Passion of the Lord – 3:00 PM

 **April 4 – Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil – 7:30 PM

 **April 5 – Easter Sunday**

The Resurrection of the Lord – 9:00 AM


STATIONS OF THE CROSS PILGRIMAGE: To deepen our experience of praying The Stations of the Cross, we are organizing a pilgrimage to churches in our area on **Saturday March 28th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** We will journey together, by car, from St. John Bosco Church to St. Philip Neri Church (Toledo), St. Laurence O'Toole Church (Spencerville), St. Mark Church (Prescott) and end at St. Francis Xavier Church. We will say 2-3 stations of the cross at each church we visit. This is done in other countries and can be a powerful reminder of Christ's suffering, sacrifice and love. Please consider joining us. If you are able to provide a ride to someone who can't drive themselves, please let Joanne Hewitt know at hewitt293@gmail.com or call her at 613.340.5387

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE March 23-March 29 2026		
Monday, March 23	12:10 p.m.	Barbara Kostuch (Family)
Tuesday, March 24		No Mass
Wednesday, March 25	12:10 p.m.	Anna, Alexandra and Stanley Waskiewicz (Fila Kleba)
Thursday, March 26	12:10 p.m.	Suzanne Frankcom Wright (Mom, Dad and Kevin)
Friday, March 27	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Irene Gordon (Colombe)
Saturday, March 28	4:00 p.m.	Harry Kowlessar (Larry & Mary Teresa Kowlessar)
Sunday, March 29	10:30 a.m.	Mass for Parishioners


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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT SFX-following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we will have overnight Adoration until 8:00am on Good Friday. We require 2-3 volunteers for each time slot, please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to come and spend time in prayer during this time.

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS GOOD FRIDAY

Unlike other novenas, where people ask for something from God through the intercession of His Holy Saints, the Divine Mercy Novena is intended to be prayed for graces and/or salvation to be given to other people with each day dedicated to prayers for a different group. Jesus asked that this novena be prayed prior to the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter), beginning on Good Friday.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY All are warmly invited to join us for Divine Mercy Service on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Divine Mercy Sunday is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on God's endless mercy and love for us.

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