

Saint John Bosco Parish



THE BEATITUDES

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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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Today’s readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and work to uplift them, thus declaring our “option for the poor,” as Jesus did. Contrary to popular belief, wealth, health, power, and influence are not the sources of true happiness. The word “beatitude” means “blessedness” in a double sense: both enjoying God’s favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness.*

Scripture lessons: *In the first reading, Jeremiah tells us that true happiness consists in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 1) finds beatitude in keeping God’s Law. In the second reading St. Paul warns us that true beatitude is obtainable only in Heaven, and that Christ’s Resurrection gives us our assurance of reaching Heaven for an everlasting life of happiness. In today’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. “Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced,” because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God’s providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of one’s commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing. The Beatitudes consist in humble selflessness and compassionate, generous sharing of our blessings with the needy. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.*

Life Messages: *1) We need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily life. Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the Beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now. 2) Let us light a candle instead of blaming the political set-up. God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another. 3) We must take care to choose our way wisely. “There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways.” These are the opening lines of the “Didache” a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The way of life and true happiness is the way of Jesus, the way of the beatitudes, the way of rendering loving service to God by serving our brothers and sisters.*

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: Betty DeKleine, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Karen Jones, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 15– FEBRUARY 23, 2025		
Saturday, February 15	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, February 16	9:30 a.m.	Don Boyd
Tuesday, February 18	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, February 19	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Int. of Josie Bracamonte ADORATION
Thursday, February 20	9:00 a.m.	Matthew Diotte and Paul DiLosa
Friday, February 21	10:30 a.m.	BRIDLEWOOD Unannounced Mass
Saturday, February 22	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, February 23	9:30 a.m.	Rita Riely
The Sanctuary Candle the week of February 16, 2025: Lena Rebeiro		

FINANCIAL UPDATE:
Budget for weekly collections: \$3,500
February 9: \$2567
Thank you for your generous donations!

GROCERY CARDS: Did you know that you can buy grocery cards for **Real Canadian Superstore, Food Basics/Metro and Giant Tiger** at the parish? We have gift cards available in \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. This program is an important source of funds for the parish at no extra cost to you. They can be purchased before and after Sunday Mass or from the office on weekdays. Please buy and use grocery cards.

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.

“Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.” Psalm 1

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>USHERS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</i>	<i>WELCOME DESK</i>
Saturday, February 15 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, February 16 9:30 a.m.	Jill Heffernan	Micheal Juneau and Michelle Morrow	Jill Heffernan	Noreen Shepherd
Saturday, February 22 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Al Cyr	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, February 23 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Mike Kozey & Emily Heffernan	Noreen Shepherd	Shelby Golledge & Dayna Golledge

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, February 17		PARISH CLOSED Family Day (no Women's Bible Study)
Tuesday, February 18	7:00 p.m.	CWL meeting
Wednesday, February 19	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Friday, February 21	10:30 a.m.	Mass at Bridlewood Manor

HAPPY FAMILY DAY: Many blessings to you and your families. The office and parish will be closed on **Monday February 17, 2025.**

COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins March 5, 2025 this year. Lent is a time for every person to assess where she or he stands before God – a time to take a step back and recognize who we truly are and who God has called us to be by virtue of our Baptism. Let us take this time, for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

SHROVE TUESDAY: The Knights are hosting a Pancake Supper on **Tuesday March 4th, 2025 from 4:30-6:30** Come join us for pancakes and sausages. Free will offering.

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 June.

TAX RECEIPTS: 2024 Tax receipts are available in the atrium for pick up. Picking up your tax receipt helps reduce the cost of mailing to parishioners. Thank you for your generous contributions!

ENCOUNTER RETREAT: Saturday, March 22; 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. St. Joseph Parish (392 Palace Road, Kingston) All catechists and sacramental preparation volunteers are invited to the Encounter Retreat on **March 22 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.** Please join us for a half-day of prayer, worship, and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Goretta DaSilva by March 17 at pastoralservices@archkingston.ca

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. Benefits of Confession: helps us to better “know thy self”, helps us overcome vice, brings us peace, helps us become more saintly – more like Jesus, and makes our will strong. Jesus invites you to Confession to experience the incredible feelings of mercy, peace, joy, relief and love by receiving grace through this Sacrament.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION: The next First Communion class will be **Sunday March 30, 2025** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Parents will attend Mass while the children will attend a catechism class.

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