

# Saint John Bosco Parish



Parish Priest: **Fr. Andrew Shim**  
Custodian: Rick Fraser

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**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.

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him throughout the world by their lives and preaching. But the ascended Jesus is still with us through his indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."* Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death, and Resurrection – a glory in which we, too, hope to share.

The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. First, Jesus instructed his apostles to *remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit* so that they might become his *"witnesses to the ends of the earth"* by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then *a cloud took Jesus from the sight* of the disciples and two Heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' *"second coming"* or return in glory. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 47) suggests that by his Ascension, the risen Lord *"mounts his throne"* in glory. In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly Glory, provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. The command was to *"proclaim the Good News to the whole creation," "to be his witnesses,"* and *"to make disciples of all nations."* (Mt 28:16-20, Mk 16:15-20, Lk 24:46-53, Acts 1:1-11).

**Life messages:** 1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

2) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and preaching and gave as we have experienced our Lord and Savior.

3) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches



**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; SCHEDULE</b> May 31 – June 8, 2025		
Saturday, May 31	5:15 p.m.	Garnet Strong
Sunday, June 1	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, June 3	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, June 4	9:00 a.m.	Matthew Diotte and Paul DiLoss
Thursday, June 5	9:00 a.m.	Gloria Dennis
Friday, June 6	10:00 a.m.	SHERWOOD MANOR Unannounced Mass
Saturday, June 7	5:15 p.m.	Helen Ravnaas
Sunday, June 8	9:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
<b>The Sanctuary Candle the week of June 1, 2025: Brian Fraser</b>		

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Fr. Phil Horrigan, Vince Del Riccio, Judy Clayton, Betty DeKleine, Doug McCaul, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Daniel Bellemore, Laurie Lirette, Ursula Thompson, Donna Brewer, Nila Suan, Lucille Paolini, Peter Vander Linden, Karen Nesbitt, Kerry Walsh, Noel Davis, Norah Kirkby and Joseph O'Grady.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** and prayerful best wishes to **Brady McFayden** who is being received into baptism on May 31, 2025 and his parents Bailey and Brandon. May God continue to bless you as you teach your child to grow in faith.

**FROM THE CWL:** Big thank you to all the parishioners that donated toiletries items, puzzles, craft items and plants for the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health. The ladies of the CWL are very grateful.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY:** Come and join us! St. John Bosco and St. Francis Xavier parishes are organizing a bus trip to St Joseph's Oratory in Montreal on **Tuesday September 30, 2025.** All are welcome!

The bus will leave from the St John Bosco parking lot at 8:00 am and will leave Montreal mid afternoon to return to Brockville. The cost will be between \$50-60 depending on the size of the bus we need. Lunch can be purchased at the St Joseph's Oratory restaurant but will require a group reservation. Please contact Jill in the office (613-342-5095 or stjohnbosco@archkingston.ca) if you are interested and indicated whether you will eat in the restaurant or bring your own lunch.

*"God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet." Psalm 47*

JUNE 1, 2025

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS TIMES	WELCOME DESK	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS
Saturday, May 31 5:15 p.m.	Melinda Condon	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Kevin Frech
Sunday, June 1 9:30 a.m.	Dayna and Shelby Golledge	Emily Heffernan and Lloyd Clayton	Joan Murray	John McGeough
Saturday, June 7 5:15 p.m.	Carol Ravnaas	Al Cyr	Carol Ravnaas	Michel LaBonté
Sunday, June 8 9:30 a.m.	Noreen Shepherd	Lise Lalonde-Matte and Micheal Juneau	Nicole McNamee	John McGeough

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, May 31	9:00 a.m.	Marian Walk & Mass in Rockport
	3:00 p.m.	Baptism
Monday, June 2	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, June 8	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Budget for weekly collections: \$3,500

May 25: Regular offering: \$3390

Pope's Pastoral works: \$360

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all the parishioners who donated to or shopped at the Yard/Plant/Bake sale last weekend. It was a big success for the CWL and Knights.

**THANK YOU:** A special thank you to all the people who helped put together First Communion last Sunday. Special thank you to Sara Rebello, Diane Garvin, Loyd Joseph, Anya Perry and the choir, the altar servers and Fr. Shim.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** This weekend will be the monthly collection for Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, a member can be reached at 343-327-2120.

**MASS TIME CHANGE FOR ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:** Please be aware that beginning in the month of July, **SJB Sunday Mass time will change to 9:00 a.m.** Saturday evening Mass time will remain at 5:15 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER will be changing their Mass times beginning this weekend. Saturday Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday Mass will be 10:30 a.m.

**VOTIVE STAND:** You may have noticed a new votive stand in the church. This was a donation from a parishioner. It will be functional next weekend. While you may have seen these in many churches, this might be useful to read;

**Why are Votive Candles used in the Catholic Church:** People purchase and light them to symbolize their prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some hours or days (depending on the size) and thus signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a "burnt offering." In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

Catholics who light candles are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray." (Simply Catholic.com)



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