

St. Francis Xavier and St. John Bosco Parishes



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Mission Statement

St. Francis Xavier and St. John Bosco Church 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.

***Merry Christmas to all parishioners and visitors.
May the joy and peace of Christ be with you this Christmas
season.***

NATIVITY OF THE LORD HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION: As we celebrate Christmas Day, we are reminded of the humility with which our Lord chose to enter the world. Jesus was born in a place where animals dwelt because Mary and Joseph were away from their home to register for the Roman census. At first glance, one might conclude that the physical environment, most likely a cave, was unfortunate. However, we can be certain that this humble and poor setting was part of God's divine plan, adding to the glory of that night. Christ, in His humility, chose this setting to reveal to us the true greatness of love.

The poverty and humility of the cave and the manger—a feeding trough for animals—helped point to the sacredness of Jesus' birth. No glamor, no fancy or comfortable setting, only love. Pure love. The love in the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the devotion of Saint Joseph, and the Incarnate presence of the Son of God was everything needed to make that night glorious.

One lesson we can learn from the Nativity of the Lord is that the beauty, peacefulness, and contentment of our lives are not dependent upon how much money or how many material possessions we have, but rather on the purity of our love. The Holy Family's hearts were perfectly fulfilled, not because of their surroundings, but because of their intimate union with God in the person of Jesus Christ.

The presence of the Son of God in that place of poverty sheds light on the true riches we crave. The true treasures we seek are found not in wealth, comfort, or possessions, but in the love and grace of God. The Holy Family's witness reveals to us that when we place our hearts in God's hands, we will be filled with all we need.

Reflect today on that most sacred, simple, and humble scene. As you do, try to imagine how humanly fulfilling that experience was for the Holy Family. Jesus was wrapped tightly in swaddling clothing, and He was adored with the greatest affection of His mother and foster father. Mary and Joseph's hearts contained all that was necessary for profound gratitude and fulfillment. If you struggle with being fulfilled, learn a lesson from the Holy Family and seek to imitate Mary and Joseph so that your love for our Incarnate Lord fills you with all you need.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Judy Kenny, John Davis, Cecile Houle, Rick Weir, Vince Del Riccio, David White, Al Tremblay, Betty DeKleine, Peter Lafleur, 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, Jack Nelson, 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: Kathryn Coates, Emmanuel Yapou, Jane Anderson, Ethel Palko, Karen Nesbitt, Brenda Bain, Bernard Bolger, Lorraine Horahan, Heidi Reid, Bernice Ladanyi, Ron Grimsgaard, Brianna Cousineau, Marcel Gendron, James Nyitrai, Margaret Mullins, Margot Green, Patricia Gooding, Carl Comeau

ST. JOHN BOSCO AND ST. FRANCIS: CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION We are pleased to announce that registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will open in January. Families with children who wish to prepare for this milestone in their faith journey are encouraged to watch for details regarding registration in upcoming bulletins. This year Confirmation will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church.

YEAR END DONATIONS: The Parish financial books close on **December 31, 2025**. All donations received after that date will be credited for the 2026 tax year

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: We have a few spots available to have your business advertised on the back of our weekly bulletin. Please contact your parish office if you are interested. The cost is \$125 for the year.

TRAINING FOR LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Do you feel called to serve your parish? We invite all current Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers—and anyone interested in becoming part of these important ministries—to join us for an upcoming training session.

- **St. Francis Xavier:** January 8 at 6:00 PM @ SFX
- **St. John Bosco:** January 22 at 6:00 PM @ SJB

Please plan to attend the session at your parish. We look forward to welcoming both current ministers and new volunteers.

December 25 & 28, 2025

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE December 29, 2025 – January 4, 2026		
Monday, December 29		No MASS
Tuesday, December 30	6:30 p.m.	Jack and Gloria Dennis And Theresa Varey
Wednesday, December 31 Mary, Mother of God	5:15 p.m.	The McDougall Family
Thursday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God	9:00 a.m.	Int. of Maureen Prudhomme
Friday, January 2	9:00 a.m.	Gordon and Ellen MacKenzie
Saturday, January 3	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, January 4	9:00 a.m.	Int of Kevin and Vedika
The Sanctuary candle: The Intentions of Kevin and Vedika		

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE December 29, 2025-January 4, 2026		
Monday, December 29	12:10 p.m.	Paul Lavigne (Family)
Tuesday, December 30		NO MASS
Wednesday, December 31 Mary, Mother of God	4:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God	10:30 a.m.	Bobby Paciorek (Family)
Friday, January 2	11:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Adoration James Murphy (Claire Ballantyne)
Saturday, January 3	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	St Lawrence Lodge Souls in Purgatory Mass for Parishioners
Sunday, January 4	10:30 a.m.	Henry Peiris (George, Ruth & Family)

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE AT SJB:

Wednesday December 31: WELCOME DESK: Melinda Condon LECTOR: Michael Juneau EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Melinda Condon USHER: Mel Bracamonte
Thursday January 1: WELCOME DESK: Ewa El-Mubarack LECTOR: Lloyd Clayton and Nancy Alexander EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Marguerite Whiteland USHER: Doug Roughton and Michel LaBonte

Saturday January 3: WELCOME DESK: Karen Frech LECTOR: Joanne Story EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sylvia Shackles USHER: Kevin Frech and Don Houle
Sunday January 4: WELCOME DESK: Dayna Golledge LECTOR: Mike Kozey and Gary Byrnes EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Nicole McNamee USHER: Art Psiuk and Jean-Guy Léger ALTAR SERVERS: Shelby Golledge and Sara Anish

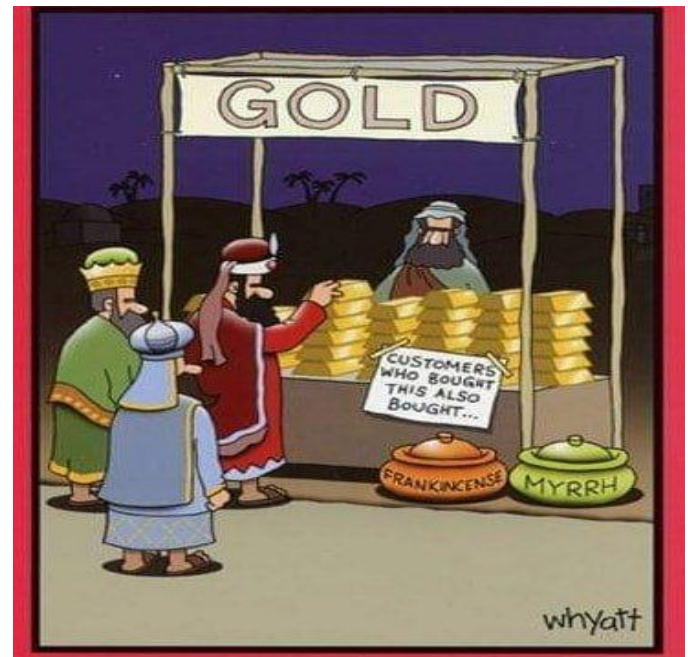
THANK YOU: A **BIG THANK YOU** to Mel Bracamonte who built the new manger for the church. And to all the Christmas elves who helped with all the decorations in the church. We are most grateful!

VOLUNTEERS: New to the church? We are always looking for volunteers, please contact the office during the week find out what ministries need volunteers.

CEMETERY FUND ENVELOPES- Cemetery Fund envelopes are now available at both churches. Parishioners who wish to donate to support the care and maintenance of our cemeteries may pick up an envelope at either church, donation can be dropped off at the office or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us preserve our sacred spaces.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Manned collection boxes will be at all entrances of the Church next weekend January 3-4, 2026 (first Sunday of each month). E-transfer available ssvpstfrancisbrockville@gmail.com Thank you for your support. For information call 343-327-2120.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CWL- - All parishioners are invited to join the CWL for a **Coffee Social** after 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday December 28. Stop by for coffee, light refreshments, and a chance to visit and connect with one another. We hope you can stay and join us—everyone is welcome.



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