

# Saint John Bosco Parish



## 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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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

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

St. John Bosco (JK-6)  
613-498-0656

J.L. Jordan (JK-6)  
613-342-7711

St. Francis Xavier (JK-6)  
613-342-0510

Académie catholique  
Ange-Gabriel (JK-12)  
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.

## NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS & PRAYERS

*May Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas 2020 and every day of the New Year 2021. May He radiate His presence from within you to others as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity. May the Holy Babe of Bethlehem bless you with health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year. Fr. Jacob.*

“Do not be afraid.” The most consoling and encouraging message of Christmas is the angelic message, “Do not be afraid.” This is a phrase that occurs 88 times in the Bible -- and is mostly spoken by God to His people. This phrase is repeated so often that this short phrase has been called a distillation of the whole Bible. The Lord said it to Abraham before cutting a covenant with him: “Don’t be afraid.” Angel Gabriel said it to Daniel when he was frightened by a terrifying vision: “Don’t be afraid.” The angel said it to Zechariah, future father of John the Baptist. Angel Gabriel said it to Mary, who was troubled at the news she received. An angel said it to shepherds startled by the Christmas glory that shone round them. Jesus repeatedly said it to his disciples, culminating in his resurrected appearance when he came to his grieving, fearful friends and spoke the words, “Don’t be afraid.” Mary Magdalene heard this same command when she was in the garden searching for Jesus in the empty tomb. So, on this Christmas day, perhaps this command is the very one God would give to us today: “Don’t be afraid. Why we should not be afraid?” The essence of Christmas message is that we need not be afraid because of three main reasons. 1) We have a divine Savior to save us from our sins and grant us eternal life with Him. 2) We have an Immanuel God who lives with us and within us as our source of strength and guidance. 3) We have a love-sharing God who wanted to share His love with us by becoming one of us and sharing our fears, temptations, pains and suffering.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice & Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Shelley McLaren, Ursula Thompson, Ellen Hart, Brian Fraser, Ros Crooks, Sean O’Connell, and Kerry & Steve Walsh.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>December 24 – December 26, 2020</b>		
<b>Thursday, December 24</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>5:00 pm.</b> <b>7:30 pm.</b>	<b>McDougall Family</b> <b>John &amp; Teresa Doherty</b>
<b>Friday, December 25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Int. of the Heffernan Family</b>
<b>Saturday, December 26</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b><i>Sanctuary Candle the week of December 27: For the healing intentions of Father Jacob</i></b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Weekly target \$ 3500.00**

December 20, 2020 – Offertory: \$ 4954.00  
*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

**MASS:** For Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day Mass we welcome Father Brian McNally to celebrate with us. Thank you Father McNally for helping our Parish.

**YEAR END DONATIONS:** The Parish financial books close on **December 31, 2020**. All donations received after that date will be credited for the 2021 tax year. 2020 income tax receipts will be available in early February.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you had a Mass Intentions scheduled for December or January, they will be rescheduled in February, March and April 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office in the New Year.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in January:

<b>Sam &amp; Reis Hanna</b>	<b>1 year</b>	<b>January 4</b>
<b>Maureen Leclair and Don Noel</b>	<b>10 years</b>	<b>January 28</b>
<b>Jim and Nicole Duhart</b>	<b>50 years</b>	<b>January 30</b>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** To Father Jacob who is celebrating his birthday on December 29. Many blessings to you from your St. John Bosco Parish family.

*“The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.” **Luke 2.15***

December 25, 2020

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</b>	<b>WELCOME DESK</b>	<b>WASHROOMS</b>
Thursday, December 24 5:00p.m.	Michel LaBonte and Nicole McNamee	Lise Lalonde Matte	Karen Whalen	Melinda Condon	Roger Wooller
Thursday, December 24 7:30pm	Scott MacDermott Dave Publow	Mary MacDermott	Marguerite Whiteland	Noreen Shepherd	Josie Bracamonte
Friday, December 25 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough and Art Psiuk	Theresa Iddon	Jill Heffernan	Jill Heffernan	Liam Heffernan

**PROVINCE WIDE SHUT DOWN:** We will not be celebrating any daily or weekend Mass as of **December 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 until January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**. Archbishop Mulhall has requested that Father Jacob heal at home during this time. Archbishop Mulhall reminds us all that Sunday/Holy Day obligation remains suspended. The Parish will be open for private prayer in the chapel Monday-Friday beginning **December 29, 2020 from 9:30am-12:30pm**. No more than 10 people at a time are permitted. Sanitizing wipes will be available and we ask that you please sanitize your chair after your prayer period. **Face shields or masks are required when you are in the Church.**

**OFFICE HOURS:** The office will be closed December 25, 2020 and will remain closed for the provincial lockdown. I will continue supporting your needs in the mornings but please send an email or a phone call before you come to the Parish.

**CONFIRMATION DATE:** Due to provincial lockdown, the **Confirmation Mass of January 17, 2021 will be postponed until further notice.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS:** Ushers will arrive 30 minutes before each Mass. Please do not come before this as the Parish will not be open.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season. Thank you for all of your generosity with the Angel Tree gifts and the donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society for Christmas gifts. Thank you for all of the beautiful flowers donated in memory of loved ones. Also thank you to Kathleen Crosby and Mary Ferguson for their enrichment for our liturgy with music!

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** After explaining childbirth, the biology teacher asked her 3rd graders to write an essay on "childbirth" in their families. Susan went home and asked her mother how she was born. Her mother, who was busy at the time, said, "A big white swan brought you darling, and left you on our doorstep." Continuing her research, she asked grandma how she got her mother as a child. Being in the middle of something, her grandma similarly deflected the question by saying, "A fairy brought your mom as a little baby, and I found her in our garden in an open box". Then the girl went and asked her great-grandmother how she got her grandma as a baby. "I picked her from a box I found in the gooseberry bush," said the surprised great grandma. With this information the girl wrote her essay. When the teacher asked her later to read it in front of the class, she stood up and began, "I was very sad to find out that there has not been a single natural birth in our family for three generations... All our children were extraterrestrials."



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*We keep the memory of those who have died, in our prayers:*

*In memory of Peter Story from Joanne Story*

*In memory of Norm Blinn from Alice Blinn*

*In memory of Pat Leeder from Irene Leeder*

*In memory of Tom Barr from Jean Barr*

*In memory of the deceased members of the Léger and Cahill  
Families from Nancy Léger*

*In memory of Sheri Gill and Cor Vanderlinden from Tina  
Vanderlinden and Ron Gill*

*In memory of Evan Warder from Shan Warder*

*In memory of the deceased members of the Hould Family from  
Shan Warder*