

# Saint John Bosco Parish

## Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12



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

Associate Priest: **Fr. Adaikalaraj Albert**  
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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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### **Office Hours**

Monday- Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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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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*On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11*

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think. A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

*Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. Jesus, I trust in You. (Catholic Daily Reflections)*



**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, 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.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; SCHEDULE JANUARY 4 – JANUARY 12, 2025</b>		
Saturday, January 4	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, January 5	9:30 a.m.	Rita Chamberlain
Tuesday, January 7	6:30 p.m.	Irene and Pat Leeder
Wednesday, January 8	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Janet Molson ADORATION
Thursday, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Int. of Fr. Albert
Friday, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Saturday, January 11	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, January 12	9:30 a.m.	Patrick O’Grady
<b>The Sanctuary Candle the week of January 5, 2025: Shirley Beriau</b>		

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Budget for weekly collections: \$3,500

**Christmas collection:** \$3668

**Actual collections for December 29:** \$8482.10

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Volunteers will be at the weekend Masses of January 4/5, 2025 taking a collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please support this wonderful organization.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** We have a few spots available to have your business advertised on the back of our weekly bulletin. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are always seeking volunteers for Saturday and Sunday Mass. Please consider helping if you’re able. Please contact the office if you can help in any way.

**FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION:** The First Communion class will be **Sunday January 12, 2025** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Parents will attend Mass while the children will attend a catechism class.

***“We have come from the East to pay homage to the King.” Matthew 2.1-12***

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</b>	<b>WELCOME DESK</b>
Tuesday, January 4 5:15 p.m.	Michel LaBonté	Al Cyr	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Wednesday, January 5 9:30 a.m.	Doug Roughton	Gary Byrnes and Dayna Golledge	Marguerite Whiteland	Ewa El-Mubarak
Saturday, January 11 5:15 p.m.	Rick Fraser	Joanne Story	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, January 12 9:30 a.m.	Peter Verhoeven	Emily Heffernan and Lloyd Clayton	Joan Murray	Janie Verhoeven

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday, January 6	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, January 7	4:00 p.m.	SSVP Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Wednesday, January 8	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday, January 11 & Sunday, January 12	At Mass	Presentation by Chalice
Sunday, January 12	9:30 a.m.	First Communion Class

**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. Thank you to the Liturgy Committee for their hard work making sure everything was perfect. Also thank you to Anya, Perry, Kathleen Crosby, Mary Ferguson and choir, Jan Jansen and James McKenzie for their music enrichment for our liturgy during Advent and Christmas season!

**CHALICE:** Chalice is coming to St. Francis Xavier & St. John Bosco Parish! At the January 11-12 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in January:  
 Jim and Linda Kafenzakis 49 years January 17  
 Jim and Nicole Duhart 54 years January 30

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We are excited to announce that Fr. Albert will be leading a weekly Women's Bible Study on Monday nights at 6:30 pm, **beginning January 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John Bosco Parish.** We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew using the Great Adventure Series. All are welcome, registration is not necessary.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT REFLECTIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP MULHALL.**

St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston)  
*A note from Archbishop Mulhall:*  
 We have begun our Wednesday 7:00 pm spiritual reflections in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. I look forward to our time together. Throughout my priesthood and especially in the past several years, these moments of prayer and reflection together have been deeply rewarding for me. At the end of last August, we completed our reflections on the Our Father and prayer in general. This coming year between Advent and September, I propose to reflect with you on the Beatitudes of St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5 as well as a series of Psalms of the Old Testament which we pray each day at Mass. As usual, we will also give time to the liturgical celebrations of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter as we pass through the year. It is good to remember that there is no starting point or end point as in a series of lectures or an academic course. Though we refer to previous reflections, we repeat our thoughts frequently so that anyone can join at any stage or miss weeks without losing any necessary points or developments. I like to think of our reflections as one long continuous series of reflections on a mystery from countless starting points. All these reflections I pray will be beneficial for us at whatever time of life or stage of our spiritual pilgrimage. The Lord, in whose presence we will pray together will always provide the grace, consolation, and strength that we need to make steady progress in our life of faith.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why did the girl throw a stick of butter out the window?  
**Answer: To see a butterfly**  
 Why did the tomato blush?  
**Answer: Because it saw the salad dressing**

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