

# 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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**MASS : Saturday at 5:15pm and Sunday at 9:30am  
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00am**

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

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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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### Office Hours

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

## ASCENSION OF OUR 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).

**THANK YOU MOTHER:** Thank you, dear Lord, for our mothers: who were brave enough to give us birth, who loved us through many growing-up years, who taught us about God and love and being good, who often got no thanks, whose ears could hear the slightest cry, whose eyes didn't miss much either, whose hands held and bathed and picked up, whose hearts were often broken, who always forgave and forgot, who encouraged us when things went badly, who always had time to listen to us, who worked so hard to make things go, who made the world so much better -- who deserve our love on Mother's Day and every day even for eternity. Amen.



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, 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, Maria Frendo-Cumbo and Joseph O'Grady

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY:** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**THE MONTH OF MAY:** The month of May is a Marian month; praying the Rosary is one of our most important traditional prayers. We will pray the Rosary as a community before the Mass on weekend during the month of May. **Saturdays we will begin the Rosary at 4:50 a.m. and Sundays at 9:10 a.m.**

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>MAY 11 – MAY 19, 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Irene and Pat Leeder</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass ADORATION</b>
<b>Thursday, May 16</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Matthew Diotte and Paul DiLosa</b>
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>MASS AT BRIDLEWOOD Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Cathey McNamee</b>
<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Elizabeth &amp; Kuriakose Chelamootil</b>		

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Operating Weekly Target: \$3500**

**May 5, 2024: \$3216**

**Pope's Pastoral Collection: \$578**

*Thank you very much for your generous contribution.*

**FIRST COMMUNION:**

Last Sunday we celebrated Mass and 17 children received the Eucharist for the first time. Thank you to everyone who made this special day possible, especially the choir, Lise Lalonde-Matte, Jill Heffernan and the CWL for providing gifts for the children.

***"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Mark 16.15***

**MAY 12, 2024**

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</b>	<b>WELCOME DESK</b>
Saturday, May 11 5:15 p.m.	Kevin Frech	Karen Frech	Melinda Condon	Melinda Condon
Sunday, May 12 9:30 a.m.	Art Psiuk	Emily Heffernan & Lise Lalonde-Matte	Joan Murray	Paulette Psiuk
Saturday, May 18 5:15 p.m.	n/a	Rick Fraser	Carol Ravnaas	Carol Ravnaas
Sunday, May 19 9:30 a.m.	John McGeough	Lloyd Clayton & Theresa Iddon	Marg Bougie	Ewa El-Mubarak

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Saturday, May 11	7 a.m -1 p.m.	Yard Sale, Plant Sale and Bake Sale
Tuesday, May 14	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus meeting
Wednesday, May 15	9:30 a.m.	Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Group LAST MEETING
Friday, May 17	6:30 p.m.	Movie night The Chosen

**WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY: MAY 12, 2024:**

Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media and social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** On May 11/12 weekend Masses, the Knights will be distributing "Roses for Life" lapel stickers and pins. Donations are very much appreciated, and all profits from donations will be directed to non-profit, pregnancy resource centres that offer services consistent with Catholic moral principles. There are two such centres that serve mothers in need in our area – Birthright (Kingston), and the Miriam Centre (Ottawa).

**PRIESTS RETREAT – MAY 20-MAY 24:** I will join the other priests of the Archdiocese for our annual retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto. During my absence, there will be no regular weekday Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday.

**BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION:** This Mother's Day, please consider donating to Birthright (Kingston). If you want to make a difference in their **CHANGE FOR LIFE** campaign, **please put an envelope in the offertory basket with your name and address and clearly marked Birthright.** The money they raise will enable them to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant women and girls who find themselves facing a difficult or un planned pregnancy.

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

<b>Ronald and Jill McCracken</b>	<b>58 years</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>Derrick and Ann Gilliard</b>	<b>49 years</b>	<b>May 24</b>
<b>John and Karen McGeough</b>	<b>38 years</b>	<b>May 24</b>
<b>Roland and Colette Thornycroft</b>	<b>23 years</b>	<b>May 26</b>
<b>Vincenzo and Nancy Del Riccio</b>	<b>59 years</b>	<b>May 29</b>
<b>John and Dorothy Lapierre</b>	<b>26 years</b>	<b>May 29</b>

**CONFIRMATION:** Please remember our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this special Sacrament –  
 May 25, 4 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Confirmation class  
 May 29, 10 a.m.- 2p.m. Confirmation retreat  
 June 15, 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
 June 16, 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass

**FLOWERS AT THE CEMETERY:** The Knights of Columbus Brockville Council #1049 will be planting and watering flowers for loved ones resting at St. FX Cemetery. The cost for each plot is \$50. If you have any questions about this program, please call **Stewart Glashan at 613.342.3855** or drop off your money at the Parish clearly marked with your name, the plot and your phone number.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** A four-year-old and a six-year-old presented their mom with a houseplant. They had used their own money to buy it and she was thrilled. The older of them said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you. It was real pretty but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said **"Rest in Peace,"** and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest.

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