

# Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

**“United as One, in Christ, to Worship and Love, Witness and Serve”**



January 2023

Dear parishioners,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. May you be filled with joy, peace, and love as we celebrate the Christmas Season and New Year 2023 in Jesus Christ, the Emmanuel, "God with us."

During our Christmas celebration, you received a book "Holy Moments" – [*A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*] by Matthew Kelly which was gifted to you by the parish. It is a small spiritual book, simple and easy read, only 109 pages with the contents consisting of four major parts. I really enjoyed reading it. I hope you will find it beneficial and meaningful for your prayer life. Every moment in our life is given freely from God and they are good. The question is: "How we use them and make them holy?" In other words, what are holy moments? Matthew defines, "A holy moment is a single moment in what you open yourself to God, you make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference of self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do" (Kelly 33).

On behalf of Deacon Jeff and the staff, I thank you for your prayer, support, and cooperation in preparing for Christmas. I have a good sense of our parish family coming together in praising God and helping others. We had a wonderful time celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary at the mission in Steilacoom and Simbang Gabi at St. John Bosco. We feel very blessed to host and be able to welcome so many people from various parishes within the Pierce Deanery. Archbishop Etienne will be with us on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to celebrate our patron Saint, Saint John Bosco. I invite you to mark that day on your calendar and be present at our 5:00 pm Mass to welcome our chief shepherd, give thanks to Almighty God, and ask for the intercession of St. John Bosco. There will be a reception after Mass and all are welcome.

Beginning January 8, 2023, join us Sundays for breakfast following our 10:00 am Sunday Mass. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and to share your faith journey with each other. Additional opportunities for fellowship include Bingo once a month and Ping-Pong Club twice a week. Please see the bulletin and the website for additional information.

I want to inform you that we just hired a part-time Parish Liturgy Consultant, Brian Guillot and hopefully we will get a maintenance person on board by the end of February.

Thank you so much for your patience, prayers and contributions. Please continue pray for each other especially those who need them the most.

Lastly, I will be taking sometime away from the parish from 12/26 - 1/2/2023. Fr. Justin Ryan will cover the weekend Masses while I am gone. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Ryan during my absence. In the following weeks beginning at Ordinary Time, I will preach on the different parts Holy Mass.

Blessing of the Emmanuel to you all,

*Fr. Thomas*

## December 31st & January 1st

St. John Bosco  
10508 112th Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98498  
Parish Phone: [253-582-1028](tel:253-582-1028)  
Parish Website: [www.stjbosco.org](http://www.stjbosco.org)

### Parish Staff:

Fr. Thomas Tran, Priest Administrator

Jeff Greer, Permanent Deacon: Liturgy, Baptism, RCIA

Terri Nelson, Pastoral Associate, Outreach & Parish Involvement

Debbie Pedraza, Pastoral Assistant for Administration

Cassie Denning, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Laurie Kaiser, Secretary



### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & COMMUNION

**Emergency Anointing of the Sick: 253-376-2924**

*"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."*

- From the Rite of Anointing of the Sick

**PRAYER LINE:** Are you, a loved one, or a friend in need of a prayer? Call the parish office at [253-582-1028](tel:253-582-1028) to be added to our prayer line.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please call the parish office at [253-582-1028](tel:253-582-1028).



Interested in being part of our Homebound Ministry Program visiting the sick and homebound? Contact Terri Nelson at:

[terrnelson@stjbosco.org](mailto:terrnelson@stjbosco.org)



### Church Office Hours

**Tuesday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Parish Office Closed  
December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30**

Masks are required upon entering the Parish Waiting Area and the Parish Office. Only one individual or family is permitted in the Parish Waiting Area at a time. Please wait in the Hall until the individual or family has completed their personal request, exited the Parish Waiting Area. Do not remove your mask when making your request. Thank you.

### Mass Times at St. John Bosco

**No Daily Mass December 28, 29, 30 & January 11**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Mass - 9:00 am

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

### Reconciliation

**No reconciliation on Saturday, 12/24/2022.**



The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St. John Bosco every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 pm in the church reconciliation room (masks required) or by appointment. Call the office at 253-582-1028 to schedule an appointment.

### First Friday Adoration



**First Friday Adoration  
After 9am Weekday Mass**



**PARISH BREAKFAST  
(No Breakfast January 1)**

Beginning January 8, 2023, join us Sundays for breakfast following our 10:00 am Sunday Mass. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and share your faith journey with each other.

## NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to our community. Please call the office at **253-582-1028** to register. Anyone over 18 years of age, still living at home, should register as a single adult member of our community.



### **Baptism & Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you or someone you know who...has expressed interest in becoming a Catholic? Has a child over 7 who has not been Baptized? Was Baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Is a Baptized Catholic but would like to return to the Church after a long time away? St. John Bosco Parish community offers an opportunity to come together (online for now) in a small group to learn about our beliefs and explore our journey of faith to God. Sessions focus on our Christian roots revealed in the Bible and the teachings and experience of the Church. For those who choose, we also prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in this process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

### **Baptism Classes**

Baptism classes will be held the third Sunday of every month at 9am in the parish library with Deacon Jeff. Contact the office for an application prior to attending the class.



# Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Merry Christmas! We have had a wonderful first half of the year in Faith formation and Youth Ministry! We are looking forward to the New Year and the spring when we have students receiving their sacraments! To learn more about our program or to register please check out our website.

Next, we are excited to be starting Children's Liturgy of the Word in the New Year, January 8th at the 10 am mass. If you are interested in helping with this program, please let me know.

Also, I am looking for additional catechists to help out with second grade/sacramental prep if this is something that interests you please let me know. I am also looking for a couple subs to help when needed.

I hope you all have a wonderful and prayerful Christmas season! I look forward to seeing you when we resume classes on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings!

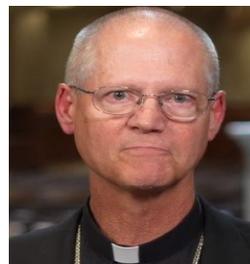
[Cassie Denning](#)

Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

St. John Bosco Catholic Church

Email: [cassiedenning@stjbosco.org](mailto:cassiedenning@stjbosco.org)

Website: [stjbosco.org/faith-education](http://stjbosco.org/faith-education)



### **Archbishop Etienne's Christmas Message 2022**

Click on the link below to view the video.

[Archbishop Etienne's Christmas message 2022 \(vimeo.com\)](#)

## Saint Vincent de Paul



### Epiphany:

Today we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, where the Magi finds the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Holy Family of Jesus.

**This Christmas, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the light of Jesus into the dark places of the poor, by assisting families, providing \$497.00 in food / gifts and \$989.00 in utility bills. A total of \$1,486.00.**

**Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining St. Vincent de Paul Society? Call our helpline 253-820-9472 and leave message for St. Vincent de Paul team.**

**Enjoy a peaceful and MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### Immaculate Conception Mission in Steilacoom

Join us every other month on the third Saturday for daily Mass at 9am. Mass schedule for 2023: 2/18, 4/15, 6/17, 8/19, 10/21. December 12/8/2023 time to be determined.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS IN JANUARY 2023**

Wednesdays at 1:30pm: Adoration and the Rosary

Eucharistic Adoration is adorning or honoring the Eucharistic presence of Christ. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament - His body, blood, soul, and divinity. He waits for our acts of faith, adoration, thanksgiving, repentance, forgiveness, and love. All are welcome!

## STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



Weekly Collection Including Weekly Online Giving  
Sign up for online giving at: [stjbosco.org](http://stjbosco.org)

### **December 10 & 11, 2022**

Weekend Collection	\$8,978.68
Weekly Online Giving	\$3,619.25
Total Weekly Collection	\$12,597.93
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$11,938.18
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	\$659.75
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$235,547.53
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$286,516.32
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	(\$50,968.79)

### **December 17 & 18, 2022**

Weekend Collection	\$9,896.70
Weekly Online Giving	\$2,009.25
Total Weekly Collection	\$11,905.95
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$11,938.18
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	(\$32.23)
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$247,453.48
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$298,454.50
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	(\$51,001.02)

### **TAX REMINDER**

Donations received (or postmarked) by December 31st will be recorded on your 2022 parish giving report. Online Giving donations made by you on or before December 31st will also be recorded on your 2022 giving report.

*The mother of God, the Virgin Mary - Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)*

**WELCOME** We welcome you to St. John Bosco Parish, celebrating with us, whether you are new to the area/parish or maybe not so new but just have not registered. If you are not registered, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Thank you. (This is not a registration form).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
{ } New Parishioner { } New Address { } Moving, please remove from parish directory]

## INCREASING SCAM REQUESTS — 12/23/2022

Fr. Thomas, parish staff, and volunteers will **NEVER** personally email, text, or call you to purchase gift cards, request cash or money orders, ask for your bank information or for you to wire them funds. The parish will only collect funds for Special Collections or the Annual Parish Stewardship and Catholic Appeal campaigns that are publicized at Mass and in the bulletin. Contact the office at 253-582-1028 when in doubt.

## Parishioner Data Review & Update

As a part of the preparation for data migration from our current database, we are asking ALL PARISHIONERS to stop by the parish library after Mass during Advent to review the information we have on file for you.

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Saturday, December 31, 2022 5pm  
Sunday, January 1, 2023 10am

## Epiphany of the Lord



Saturday, January 7, 2023 5pm  
Sunday, January 8, 2023 10am

## Feast of Saint John Bosco



January 28, 2023 5pm

## **\*\*Patriots Landing\*\***

Rosary available Wednesdays at 10:30am. St. John Bosco volunteers Cecilia Lago and Marie Caudungug will offer communion (not a liturgy service) to those who are homebound after the rosary.

Celebrate Mass with Fr. Thomas every last Wednesday of the month. The anointing of the sick will be offered every other month.

## PING PONG CLUB



Join Fr. Thomas' Ping Pong Club

Tuesday's & Friday's 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**Note: The final day for ping pong in December will be the 13th and will resume January 3rd**

All levels of experience welcome.

Location: Classroom 7

## St. John Bosco & Immaculate Conception Maintenance & Custodian Position

Full-time with Benefits

If interested in the position, click the link below for the application and position description:

Careers - Archdiocese of Seattle ([archseattle.org](http://archseattle.org))

Select "Chancery & Parish Positions"

Questions? Contact Debbie Pedraza at: [253-582-1028](tel:253-582-1028)

December 30, 2022

PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
TIME. TALENT.  
TREASURE



Thank you to the 183 families who have already returned their Parish Stewardship commitment cards for a total of \$336,009.50 and those of you who submitted your prayers. If you haven't returned your commitment card or completed one online at our website [www.stjbosco.org](http://www.stjbosco.org), it's not too late. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

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**“Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.” - Philippians 3:13**

**May the Lord bless you with happiness, health, and prosperity.**

**- Fr. Thomas and Staff**



# Celebrate the **CHRISTMAS SEASON**



CHRISTMAS  
12/25



FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN  
12/26



FEAST OF SAINT JOHN  
12/27



FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS  
12/28



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
12/30



SOLEMNITY OF MARY  
1/1



EPIPHANY  
1/8



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
1/9

As Catholics, we celebrate the feasts and solemnities of the Christmas Season from Christmas Day to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Learn more at [archseattle.org/Christmas](http://archseattle.org/Christmas)

