

# Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

"United as One, in Christ, to Worship and Love, Witness and Serve"



"...I Was Blind And Now I See."

- Jn 9:1-41

## Holy Season of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday when we mark ourselves with the cross on our foreheads reminding us that, “we are dust, and to dust, we shall return.” Lent is marked by two important themes: baptism and penance. This season focuses on recalling and preparing for baptism. Alongside with the catechumens, who are in an intense season of discernment and preparation during Lent, the entire church recalls baptism. Repentance is a turning away from the sins and mistakes of the past and a turning toward God. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, abstaining, and almsgiving. It is a preparation for Easter when we celebrate the Paschal Mystery which is Christ’s death and resurrection. Lent is an opportunity for the community of faith to pause and reawaken to the bounty of God’s love. It also challenges us to look beyond ourselves to the communal good of the Church and the world. In our church, we have the stations of the cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm, followed by a soup and bread supper. We also have Holy Hour on Fridays after our 9:00 am Mass and a ***Lenten penance service on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm***. I encourage you to use this time to pray for the conversion of hearts, and the needs of the world so those living in suffering today may experience hope, love, and the mercy of God. This is also a time to fast on social media, and TV and spend time meditating on the word of God, praying the Rosary; Divine Chaplets; and helping others in need. Participating in the Rice Bowl program is a good example to observe the Lenten practice.

Congratulations to our newly elects and candidates for the sacraments on Easter Vigil, our prayers and support are with you as we journey together in this path of faith. Deacon Jeff and I were so proud of you as we presented your names to Bishop Frank Schuster on Saturday, February 25, 2023. May God who has begun the good works in you bring you completion and fulfillment. Congratulations to Patrick and Desiree Mendiola; Doug Vaskey and Monica McInnis who will be married during this season in the church.

Thank you, Cassie and the volunteers who did a marvelous job organizing the Hunger Retreat for the youths of our Piece Deanery. It was a privilege for us to host this event and I was thrilled to be able to help them with Mass and confessions. They are the future of the church. Thank you to all the volunteer groups who make the Sunday breakfast and Friday soup supper possible. Thank you all who come to help clean up around the rectory, Meditation Park, Grotto, and Community Garden.

May our Lenten observances unite us to the life of Christ, his passion, death, and resurrection; and bring hope, love, joy, and peace to those who are in need. May God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John Bosco, and all the Saints bless you, and your families during these 40 days. May they unite us as One, in Christ, to Worship and Love, Witness and Serve. Happy Holy season of Lent everyone.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas

St. John Bosco  
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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 par-

## The Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend's Catholic Relief Services Collection (March 18th and 19th) supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Donation Envelopes can be found at the exit doors.



### **Church Office Hours**

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

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

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

**Update: We will have Mass on March 23rd  
No Daily Mass or Adoration March 24th (Funeral)  
No Daily Mass April 26, 27, 28**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Mass - 9:00 am

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

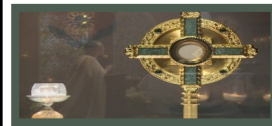
Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

### Reconciliation



The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St. John Bosco every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 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

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.



Interested in being part of our Homebound Ministry Program visiting the sick and homebound? Contact Terri Nelson at: [terrinelson@stjbosco.org](mailto:terrinelson@stjbosco.org)

## 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. Complete the application prior to attending the class. The baptismal Intake Form and Guidelines for choosing godparents can be found at [www.stjbosco.org](http://www.stjbosco.org). Click on the Liturgy & Sacraments tab and then Sacraments.



## Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Join us Sundays!

**Faith Formation (grades K-5):**  
Sundays from 11:30-12:30

**Youth Ministry (grades 6-12):**  
Sundays from 11:30-12:30

**Confirmation (grade 7+):**  
Sundays from 12:30-2:00

### Confirmation:

We are meeting all Sundays in March from 12:30-2:00. We are entering our final weeks of preparation before Confirmation on April 20th. So please keep our Confirmation in your prayers.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word:

We have started a new ministry on Sundays for children. We invite children of all ages to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during mass on Sundays. This is a great program where children are able to understand and participate in. We are also looking for additional volunteers or this program so if you are interested in learning more, please join us one Sunday or email Cassie Denning.

### Lent!

Lent has begun. To learn about more ways to celebrate at home please check out our Resource Pages.  
Faith Formation: <https://stjbosco.org/ff-lent>  
Youth Ministry: <https://stjbosco.org/ym-lent>

### Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper:

Each Friday of lent we will have a Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper.

### Lenten Youth Night:

March 29th, 6-8pm  
Sixth-Twelfth grade youth join us for a Night of Mass and Reflection this Lent. For details, please contact Cassie Denning.

For More Info or Questions please contact Cassie Denning.

Email: [cassiedenning@stjbosco.org](mailto:cassiedenning@stjbosco.org)  
Phone: (253) 582- 1028 ext. 623  
Website: [stjbosco.org/faith-education](http://stjbosco.org/faith-education)





### Third Sunday of Lent:


### Fourth Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. With God's grace we are also transformed from not seeing and then we are sent to help others to see and believe.

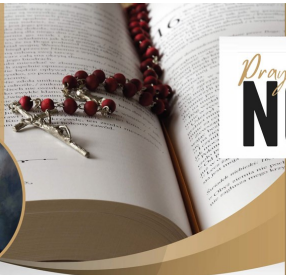
Ask for the grace to "see" the suffering in the poor in your neighborhood as you place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul red envelopes.

***Is there a family you know that needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent DePaul so that together we can help the suffering and the poor.***

***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.***



VENERABLE  
AUGUSTUS  
TOLTON



Praying for Spiritual Welfare  
**NOVENA**

MARCH 23-31  
6-7PM  
ZOOM

Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/3RbpEkv>

## THE JOY OF GENEROSITY



PRAYERS PRESENCE GIFTS SERVICE WITNESS

### Weekly Collection

Including Weekly Online Giving

Sign up for online giving at: [stjbosco.org](http://stjbosco.org)

### March 11 & 12, 2023

Weekend Collection	\$7,175.80
Weekly Online Giving	\$1,762.25
Total Weekly Collection	\$8,938.05
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$11,938.18
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	(\$3,000.13)
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$388,768.14
Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$441,812.66
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	(\$52,944.52)

### Childrens Collection

(Included in weekend collection.)

Expenses to Date \$393,154.23

### Year End Statements

Year end donation statements were mailed out on January 31st. For those of you who have provided us with an email, they were emailed to you. For those of you who have not provided us with an email, they were mailed to you. If you have not received your statement, please contact the parish office at 253-582-1028.

"Each day, every moment, choose the path of love,  
and you will become the kind of person fit to live in Heaven."  
- Bishop Robert Barron

**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



## YARN & STITCH MINISTRY

Join our new Yarn & Stitch Ministry on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am to Noon to make shawls providing comfort to those during illness or recovery, at times of loss and in times of joy. Your hand crafted gift of a prayer shawl enables the recipient to be surrounded by prayer, and is a tangible reminder of God's care and love. All levels welcome from beginning to expert. We will supply the yarn. You bring the needle.



CRS Rice Bowl February 22nd - April 7th

Weekend March 18/19

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult - and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services Program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others?

CRS Rice Bowls can be found at the exit doors. Please convert your rice bowl coins to bills or write a check to: St. John Bosco and insert in the check memo line: Rice Bowl.



**Fridays** in Lent...

6pm Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Simple Soup Supper

\*Simple (**meatless**) soup with bread and water.

Contact the office if you are able to provide soup or bread.

## PING PONG CLUB



Join Fr. Thomas' Ping Pong Club  
**Tuesday's & Friday's 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**  
 All levels of experience welcome.  
 Location: Classroom 7  
**No Ping Pong March 31 & April 28**

## Immaculate Conception Mission in Steilacoom



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



## Mother Teresa UPDATE 3/17/2023

There will not be a 2-hour viewing of Mother Teresa on April 20th.



## VOLUNTEER

The office occasionally has projects where we could use some assistance to include straightening and putting materials in pews, stuffing envelopes, replacing candles etc. If you would like to be added to our volunteer list, please contact Laurie in the office.

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

Rosary available Wednesdays at 10:30am. St. John Bosco volunteers Cecilia Lago and Marie Cadungug 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.

**March Mass: 3/29 - April Mass: Moved to 4/19**



## WOMEN AT THE WELL



Beyond the Thanksgiving Baskets, our group meets the third Monday of each month at 7 PM in the library for social and spiritual fellowship. (No meetings in the summer) Please join us as we explore opportunities for faith in action at St John Bosco and in our community. Below are the dates of meetings and their scheduled speakers.

March 20	Shar Dorland-Lott	Catholic Daughters
April 17	Dorothy Wilhelm	Local Historian
May 15	To be scheduled	



Partners in Gospel is a strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church. Today we face many realities that impact parish life and make it difficult to fully live out our mission. This archdiocesan-wide renewal effort, led by the Holy Spirit and grounded in prayer, will help us better support vibrant, sustainable, mission-focused parish communities across the entire Archdiocese of Seattle. To learn more about Partners in the Gospel, visit [archseattle.org/Partners](http://archseattle.org/Partners).

Be sure to subscribe to the *Partners UPDATE* for the latest information sent right to you email box.

Today the archdiocese has 80 diocesan pastors for 174 locations, by 2036, we estimate we will only have 66 diocesan pastors, an 18% decrease. (We also have fewer seminarians and fewer lay ministry leaders).

While the overall population of the Archdiocese of Seattle is growing, registered households are declining, along with Mass attendance, baptisms, first communions, marriages in the Church and parish giving:

From 2010 to 2019, Mass attendance as a percentage of total registered parishioners decline from 40.7% to 35.5%. Between 2010 and 2019, baptisms declined 30% and weddings declined nearly 19%.

Currently, 67% of parishes operate with a financial deficit (excluding extraordinary income, which is income apart from Sundays and Holy Days).

## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, AUSTRIA & ITALY: \$4,150 September 8-22, 2023



Join Fr. Thomas Tran as together we follow the footsteps of St. John Paul II in Krakow. Visit the Divine Mercy Capitol, Lagiewniki and the tomb of St. Faustina before going on to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Then to Czestochowa to pray before the miraculous icon of the Black Madonna. Heading for Rome, overnight in the Austrian Alps at Mariazell. From there we journey to Venice and Padua, Italy. At Assisi we will learn about St Francis and St. Clare. In Rome, we tour St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican museums and the Sistine Chapel, attend the audience with Pope Francis...and so much more. For complete details call Janina Hansen, 253-241-6177, or Evelyn Czapiewski, 253-229-5554.

Join us at St John Bosco this



**WORSHIP + PRAY + LEARN + GIVE**

Lent Begins February 22nd. Join us for Ash Wednesday at 9am or 7pm.

## **Worship**

### **Weekday Mass**

Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays  
at 9am

### **Weekend Mass**

Saturdays at 5pm • Sundays at 10am

### **Penance Service**

March 31st at 6pm

## **Pray**

### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 6pm

### **Soup Supper to Follow**

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

### **Adoration**

Fridays following Daily Mass

February 24,

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,

and April 7

## **Holy Week**

### **Palm Sunday**

Saturday, April 1, 5pm

Sunday, April 2, 10am

### **Holy Thursday**

April 6, 7pm

### **Good Friday**

April 7, 7pm

### **Easter Vigil**

April 8, 8:30pm

### **Easter Sunday**

April 9, 10am

## **GIVE**

### **CRS Rice Bowl**

### **Mediation Park Work Day**

March 4, 9am-12pm

## **Learn**



FORMED, CRS Rice  
Bowl, Archdiocese  
Resources and More!

**Visit Our Website!**

**Questions? Visit our Website or call the Parish Office**

**Cancelled**

There will be no 9am weekday Mass followed by Adoration on 3/24/2023.