

# Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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



"...I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.

~ Jn 14:1-12

Dear Parishioners,

Happy & Holy Eastertide! Fr. Thomas is away on Pilgrimage this first week of May, so your monthly letter is written on his behalf by Terri Nelson, Pastoral Associate. It is an honor to wish you all a very blessed Easter Season. While Easter Sunday is one day, do you know how long the season of Easter is? Seven weeks! Seven Glorious Weeks! It does not end until Pentecost, which falls on May 27th. “We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song,” Saint Pope John Paul II reminds us. It’s time for us to look at the cross with joy and see love in suffering. All Lent we strived to fast and prepare ourselves for this! Now is the time to renew the rejoicing. Make that effort to have Easter be more than merely a day. Make it your season to renew your Easter spirit in your entire life – even if life is challenging, even if you aren’t sure how. Like the women who found the empty tomb, shout for joy and tell the world!

We were blessed with the presence of Archbishop Etienne last month as he conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 16 of our youth and 2 adults. Our neophytes and newly confirmed are invited to take their rightful place as fully initiated disciples within our parish community. On Sunday, May 21st, we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion. Please keep our first communicants in your prayers over the next few weeks. Thank you to all who have assisted in the preparation and formation of all who received sacraments this Easter Season.

We begin the month with the May Crowning of our Mother Mary. You can honor Mary by mindfully praying the rosary in groups or within your family during the month. The Annual Catholic Appeal is currently underway – please prayerfully consider your pledge/donation and return your ACA envelopes as quickly as possible. We are extremely pleased with the continued rise in participation and attendance at our masses and ministries. What a wonderful blessing your presence is to our parish community! Unfortunately, financial contributions and collections numbers remain low. As Priest Administrator, Deacon, and Parish Staff, we have cut budgets and expenditures to the bare minimum, while continuing to try and provide quality programming, ministry opportunities, weekly breakfasts, and beautiful facilities and grounds. We are currently operating at a (-\$50,000) budget shortfall – every penny counts! Please prayerfully consider a weekly or monthly contribution to the parish either through Online Giving, envelopes, or collection baskets. We thank you for this consideration and for all you continue to do for our parish community.

A few items to be aware of this month – the Catholic Daughters and Women at the Well have teamed up for a Baby Shower Drive for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center; Bingo is Saturday, May 20th from 2:30-4:00pm; and our last day of Faith Formation classes AND breakfast is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Coming up in June, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua with mass and a fiesta celebration on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; and we are planning a two-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) on June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>!

Mary, mother of Jesus, we look to your life of faith and draw inspiration from you. The witness of your life readies us to be people of immeasurable love, to give of ourselves wholeheartedly to a life of ongoing transformation. How grateful we are to have you as an exemplar of how to strengthen our faith and deepen our union with the Christ, the Holy One. Happy Easter. Alleluia.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Terri Nelson

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

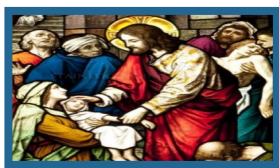
Jeff Greer, Permanent Deacon: Liturgy, Baptism, RCIA

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).

Celebrate the  
**EASTER**  
**SEASON**  
April 9 to May 28



Click the link below to view Archbishop Etienne's 50 Days of Easter Video...

[Easter 2023 with Archbishop Etienne \(vimeo.com\)](https://www.vimeo.com/711111111)



### **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 and exited the Parish Waiting Area. Do not remove your mask when making your request. Thank you.

### Mass Times at St. John Bosco

The parish office will be closed Tuesdays between 9:30am and 10:30am and Wednesdays 10am and 10:30am until further notice. Doors open for prayer.

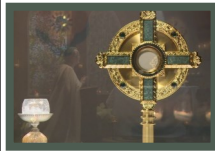
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Mass - 9:00 am  
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

### 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.

**Remaining days for breakfast:**

**May 7th**  
**May 14th**  
**May 21st**



## 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

### Happy Easter!

#### Faith Formation (grades K-5):

Sundays from 11:30-12:30

#### Youth Ministry (grades 6-12):

Sundays from 11:30-12:30

### Confirmation

Congratulations to all our youth and Adults who were confirmed on April 20<sup>th</sup> by Archbishop Etienne.

You can find some pictures from the night on our website: <https://stjbosco.org/confirmation>

### First Communion

We will be celebrating First Communion on May 21st so please keep all our students who will be completing this wonderful sacrament in your prayers as they finish their Preparation.

### 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 for this program so if you are interested in learning more please join us one Sunday or email Cassie Denning.

### Scholarship Applications now Available!

Each year St John Bosco awards two scholarships, The Amadore & Victoria Corridore Scholarship and The Monica Lightell Memorial Scholarship, to HS seniors in our parish. The Applications for both are now available from the Parish Office or on our Website: <https://stjbosco.org/scholarships> Applications are due May 31, 2023.

**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](https://stjbosco.org/faith-education)



# Annual Catholic Appeal

**“Give,  
and it will  
be given  
to you.”**

— Luke 6:38

Your donation to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation and support services for your parish and people in your community – and much more.



*“All our work reaching out to those on the margins is because of you!”*

*Your support enables our Pastoral Outreach team to hold the hands of the dying in hospitals, to accompany our incarcerated brothers and sisters, support the seafarers entering our ports after months away at sea and be a welcoming neighbor for immigrants and those seeking asylum.*

*Our Pastoral Outreach team also provides guidance to support your parish ministries – most recently for our mental health, deaf and inclusion ministries. Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal!”*

**Joe Cotton, Director of Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry**

**PICTURED FROM TOP:** Joe Cotton with seafarer volunteer, Hospital ministry, Prison baptism



**Make Your Gift Today**

**[archseattle.org/GiveACA](http://archseattle.org/GiveACA) | Call 800-809-4921 | Scan the QR code**

**Annual Catholic Appeal | 710 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104 | [aca@seattlearch.org](mailto:aca@seattlearch.org)**





# DONATE

## Annual Catholic Appeal

As of May 5, 2023

Parish Goal \$54,680  
Pledges Received \$5,550

Thank you to those of you who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge. The Annual Catholic Appeal funds ministries and services for your local Catholic community across Western Washington. This combined effort of parishes and missions ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation, administration services for parishes and much more! If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider the letter sent earlier this week from our pastor in support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. If your gift crosses his letter in the mail, thank you for your prompt response!

All gifts received over our goal will be returned to the parish for our parish project which is buildings and grounds deferred maintenance. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in helping our parish be a light to others.

Donate at:

Option 1: Online Webpage: [archseattle.org/GiveACA](https://archseattle.org/GiveACA)

Option 2: Link to be taken directly to : [GiveACA - Archdiocese of Seattle \(archseattle.org\)](https://archseattle.org)

Option 3: Visit our website and scroll down on the homepage to find the link to be taken to the Archdiocese donation page.

Option 4: Fill out a Pew Envelope and forward to the office.



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter:**

*In the gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.*

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul **Red envelopes** bring Christ love and compassion to 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.**

### **MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

CALVARY CEMETERY IN TACOMA

With Deacon Mike Teskey

(5212 70th Street W., Tacoma, WA 98467)



MAY 29, 2023 @ 11:00 AM



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

terrinelson@stjbosco.org



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

Weekly Collection  
Including Weekly Online Giving

### **April 29 & 30, 2023**

Weekend Collection	\$7,184.50
Weekly Online Giving	\$3,670.25
Total Weekly Collection	\$10,854.75
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$11,938.18
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	(\$1,083.43)
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$461,204.03
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	\$525,279.92
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	(\$64,075.89)
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection.)	\$2.00
Holy Land	\$1,637.00
CRS – Rice Bowl - (includes soup supper donations)	\$1,637.50
Catholic Relief Services USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development, Migration & Refugee Services, Holy Father's Relief Fund.	\$320.00

**"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.**

**To one without faith, no explanation is possible."**

**- St. Thomas Aquinas**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

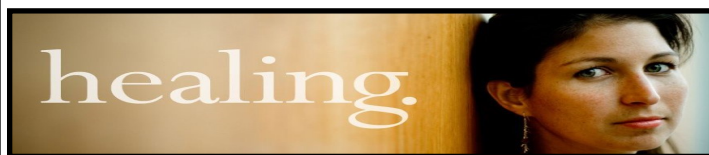
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### YARN & STITCH MINISTRY 2nd & 4th of Every Month @ 11am

Join our new Yarn & Stitch Ministry and learn how 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.

### *Rachel's Corner - Peace Starts Here*



"When we look at the fruits of our tree, we look at the fruits on the top. Our heart manifests many things. Sometimes the truth is that fruit on our tree will continue to manifest as long as the roots of our tree are active. In order to allow the Lord to come to us and transform and heal us, we have to allow Him to go to the root of our tree. He wants to go to the root."

—Sister Miriam James Heidland

If the story of an abortion decision is at the root of your tree, life can't flow freely within until that root is healed. The Project Rachel ministry invites you to experience God's mercy so you too may blossom in His love!

English: (206) 920-6413 (leave a confidential message)

Email [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org).  
Visit us at [ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://ccsww.org/projectrachel)

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an everlasting Love!

### Volunteers Needed For The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

*Thank You!*

Special thank you to George and Cindy Kovich, Ginny Smith, and Marie Cadungug for their ACA/office assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to assist with the ACA, contact Laurie in the office (253-582-1028).



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

### Immaculate Conception Mission in Steilacoom



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



**Save the Date!**

**May 20, 2023**

Join us for BINGO in the Parish Hall  
**2:30PM - 4:00PM**

### **\*\*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.





# Congratulations!

To those who were confirmed April 20, 2023



## Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Trevor Philip, Yusuf Joseph, Joshua Matthew, Audrey Abigail,  
Hannah Helena Augusta, Nicole Gregory, Mara Francis of Assisi,  
Mara Therese of Lisieux, John, Joel Anthony, Luca Charles Borromeo,  
Alice Cecilia, Kalea Rita Anthony Anthony,  
Lucy Elizabeth Ann Seton, Robert Paul, Bethany Dymphna

🕯 Wisdom 🕯 Understanding 🕯 Counsel 🕯 Fortitude 🕯 Knowledge 🕯 Piety 🕯 Fear of the Lord

# Attention HS Seniors! Scholarship Applications now available!

Each year St John Bosco awards two scholarships to HS seniors in our parish. Applications for both are now available from the Parish Office or on our Website.

## The Amadore & Victoria Corridore Scholarship

The scholarship is named in honor of Amadore and Victoria Corridore. It is awarded annually by the parish to a graduating senior who demonstrates a desire to pursue a career that will impact their community through Christian Social Service and Justice.

## The Monica Lightell Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship is named in honor of Monica Lightell who died in a tragic off-campus accident during her freshman year at Pacific Lutheran University. It is awarded annually by the parish to a graduating senior who demonstrates a potential for College Success.

**Learn More:** [stjbosco.org/scholarships](http://stjbosco.org/scholarships)

**Applications Due: May 31, 2023**

### GREETERS NEEDED!



Want the best volunteer job? Be a greeter!! We need families, or single people or older people or the younger set or anyone who wants to make our parish a welcoming place. Just spend a half hour once a month to welcome parishioners and visitors to St. John Bosco. Remember when "Bosco Hospitality" was something everyone talked about? Let's bring that great feeling back, and make new friends besides. For details, call Dorothy Wilhelm at 253-582-4565 or email [Dorothy@itsnevertoolate.com](mailto:Dorothy@itsnevertoolate.com).



**PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL UPDATE**

Partners in Gospel is the next stage of the strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church. It will bring most parishes together into a new family structure with two or more parishes. The pastor, parish leaders and parishioners will determine how this new family will best join together to carry out the mission of the Church as one parish.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Save the dates!

Life with the Holy Spirit Retreat  
A personal journey with Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Saturday, May 27th, 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Holy Spirit Parish/Faith Formation Center  
310 3rd Ave South, Kent, WA 98032  
\*Bring your lunch  
\*Register early at [wwccr.org](http://wwccr.org)

WWCCR Pentecost Celebration  
"Abiding in Christ"  
Prepare Your Wineskin for The New Wine!  
Sunday, May 28th at 2:00 - 5:00pm  
St. Thomas Catholic Church  
4415 S. 140th Street, Tukwila, WA 98168

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH**  
14601 A Street South, Tacoma, WA 98444  
Parish Office Number 253-537-3252



Remembrance Mass  
Friday, May 12, 2023 @ 7PM

Beloved Little Ones is hosting our annual Mass of Remembrance to honor the lives that ended before they could begin as the result of miscarriage or pregnancy loss. Whether your loss was recent or many years ago, you are invited to come join us in prayer to remember these little souls.

All are welcome to attend.  
Reception following Mass in the church hall



*"Come and follow me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine."*