

# Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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



"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them." ~ Mt 18:15-20

September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Summer is almost over, I hope you had a wonderful time relaxing, vacationing, and you have been left feeling refreshed. This summer has been a good one for me as my parents came over from Vietnam to stay with me for almost two months. What a wonderful blessing it had been to have them around. Thank you so much for your hospitality and warm welcome. They have enjoyed meeting you and even though they speak a different language, it does not prevent them from reaching out to you. They appreciate your prayers and care for their son. They want you to know that they pray for you daily.

This past month, we had a wonderful Parish-Wide Picnic. We all had a great time. Thank you for showing up to support the parish and bond with other parishioners. Thank you to all of you who volunteered to assist with the activities and those who helped organize the event. You made it happen in such a joyful way. I cannot believe that I got second place in the ping pong tournament. I did better this year though. I personally want to thank my staff and volunteers for their hard work.

We will have Mass at our Grotto on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 10:00 am. Breakfast will be served right after Sunday Mass on September 3, 2023, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 as we observe Labor Day. I believe that most of the students will be back to school after that day. We wish and pray that you will have a successful upcoming school year.

There will be a 9-day Novena held at our church from September 20-28, 2023, in honor of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz. All are welcome to pray.

I will be leading a pilgrimage to Poland, Austria, and Rome from September 8-22, 2023. Please keep us in your prayers as we remember you on our pilgrimage.

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry registration will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with the kick off on September 17<sup>th</sup>. I invite you to register your children and grandchildren for these programs.

The Archdiocese Partners in the Gospel program is in underway. We are in the period of consultation. We will have three listening sessions in our parish hall: (1) September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am for all parishioners. (2) September 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm for parish ministries and groups. (3) October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 am for youth, young adults and the rest. You are also invited to contribute your thoughts and suggestions by email or other ways.

Please join me in welcoming **Marianne Manning** as she begins working as a Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

May God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John Bosco, and all the Saints bless you, and your families. May they unite us as One, in Christ, to Worship and Love, Witness and Serve.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas

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

Marianne Manning, 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).



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of  
Claire Peske, Wanda Bishop, Napoleon  
Cadungug

May they, their families and friends find  
peace and comfort in the Lord.



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



### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday - 8:00 a.m. to Noon**

**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 Wednesdays 10am and 10:30am until further notice. Doors open for prayer.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Mass - 9:00 am

**No 9 am Daily Mass: 9/13 - 15, 9/20 - 22**

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



## 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



### 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**.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

We will continue our Children's Liturgy of the Word program this Fall but are in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Marianne to volunteer and check out our website for more info: [stjbosco.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word](http://stjbosco.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word)

For More Info or Questions, please visit our Website: [stjbosco.org/faith-education](http://stjbosco.org/faith-education) or contact Marianne Manning at [marianнемanning@stjbosco.org](mailto:marianнемanning@stjbosco.org)

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration dates: September 3, 10, 17  
Faith Formation Kick Off: September 17

*"Calling all families to meet us for a weenie roast after mass on the 17th to kick off another year of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Includes registration, information, prizes, and more."*

Faith Formation Registration Forms available at:  
[Faith Formation - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://Faith%20Formation%20-%20St.%20John%20Bosco%20Catholic%20Church%20-%20Lakewood,%20WA%20(stjbosco.org))

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## FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Registration Forms available at:  
[First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://First%20Reconciliation%20&%20First%20Holy%20Communion%20-%20St.%20John%20Bosco%20Catholic%20Church%20-%20Lakewood,%20WA%20(stjbosco.org))

## CONFIRMATION

If you are interested in Confirmation, please register for youth ministry.  
[Youth Ministry - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://Youth%20Ministry%20-%20St.%20John%20Bosco%20Catholic%20Church%20-%20Lakewood,%20WA%20(stjbosco.org))

## Catechists and Volunteers Needed for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

We are looking for a few more catechists/teachers and assistants to help in our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Program. We are hoping to add a Preschool (ages 3 & 4) to our list of classes this year! Grades as follows:

PK (ages 3 & 4), K-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sacramental Prep, 3-4, 5-6 Confirmation Prep grades 7 + up  
Youth Ministry grades 7-12



## St. Vincent De Paul

Serving those in Need

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

*Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining our St. Vincent de Paul Society? You can be a part of this ministry in various capacities. Call our helpline 253-820-9472 and leave message for our St. Vincent de Paul team.*



Put God in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

Oct 13-15, 2023

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way, WA

Oct 6-8 Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA

Nov 15-17 at Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds, WA.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321.



### Weekly Collection

September 2 & 3, 2023

Including Weekly Online Giving

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

Weekend Collection	\$7,067.54
Weekly Online Giving	\$2,825.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$9,892.54
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	\$146.12
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$98,297.61
Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$97,464.20
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	\$833.41
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection total).	\$2.00



Parish Goal **\$54,680** - Pledges **\$ 64,484.81**

Thank you to those of you who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge. If you have not yet made a pledge, there is still time to do so.

Donate at: [archseattle.org/GiveACA](http://archseattle.org/GiveACA)

**"A man who can own pearls, does not bother about shells,  
and those who aspire to virtue, do not trouble themselves over honors."**

- Saint Francis de Sales

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

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# Breakfast

## 2023/2024 Breakfast Schedule

September 3	February 4
October 1	February 18
October 15	March 3
November 5	March 17
November 19	April 7
December 3	April 21
December 17	May 5
January 7	May 19
January 21	

# Coffee & Donuts

Courtesy of Catholic Daughters & Parish Leadership

## 2023/2024 Schedule

October 8	March 10
October 22	March 24
November 12	April 14
November 26	April 28
December 10	May 12
December 24	May 26
January 14	
January 28	
February 11	
February 25	

## PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL & JORDAN

From Seattle \$3,389  
November 28 - December 12, 2023



Includes all but lunch and gratuity. The Bible will come alive for you as you journey with Fr. Tom Suss and fellow pilgrims to visit Mt. Nebo, Jerash, Madaba and Petra in Jordan. Cross into Israel to Haifa, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and so much more. Donato-Amato Tours, Lod Israel & Polyways Travel Service LLC, Ronald WA. For all details call Evelyn Czapiewski, [253-229-5554](tel:253-229-5554).



### Listening Sessions

Session 1: September 24th @ 11:15am  
All of our parish community

Session 2: September 30th @ 3:30pm  
Parish ministries/groups

Session 3: October 1st following 11:15am  
Youth

Here is your opportunity to provide input, have your questions and concerns heard and offer your constructive feedback.

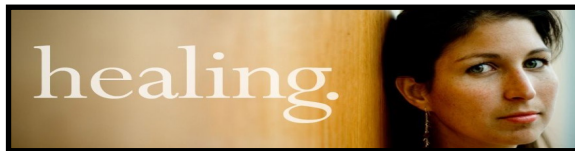




### Shawls of Comfort and Joy 2nd & 4th Tuesday of Every Month @ 11am

Join our Shawls of Comfort and Joy Ministry the 2nd and 4th of every month at 11am and learn how to make shawls providing comfort or joy to those during illness or recovery, at times of loss and in times of joy. Your hand-crafted gift 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



*"It is in the dark that God is passing by. The bridge and our lives shake not because God has abandoned, but the exact opposite: God is passing by. God is in the tremors... Though it is black, and we can't see, and our world seems to be free-falling and we feel utterly alone, Christ is most present to us..."* — Ann Voskamp

Has it seemed very dark since the day of the abortion? Perhaps no one knows just how dark it truly is for you. God knows. He was there that day, and He is here now. Will you join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to fill your life with light and warmth again as He touches your aching heart with His merciful love?

Spanish Retreat – Friday, Oct. 27- Sunday, Oct. 29 **2023**  
English Retreat – Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 10, **2024**

English: (206) 920-6413 (leave a confidential message)  
Email [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org).  
Visit us at [www.ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://www.ccsww.org/projectrachel) or  
[www.facebook.com/projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww).

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

### We Have Seven Bottles Left



For those of you who are interested and entered into the union of marriage, we have Holy Water from Covadonga, Spain that was blessed for marriage available in the parish office.



Join Fr. Thomas' Ping Pong Club  
Tuesday's Only During the months of  
(June, August, September)  
No Friday Ping Pong During the Summer  
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: **10/21**. December 12/8/2023 time to be determined.

### **\*\*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.

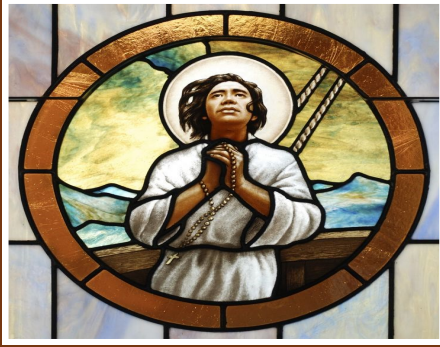
### **WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Liturgical Ministries: Eucharistic Minister, Altar Servers, Lectors, Sacristans, Greeters, Ushers

Outreach: Food Bank Garden, Shawls of Comfort & Joy, Funeral Ministry Team, Parish Nurse Ministry, Women at the Well, St. Vincent de Paul

Community Building: Breakfast Teams, Filipino-American Group, Library, Meditation Park

National Organizations: Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Knights of Columbus



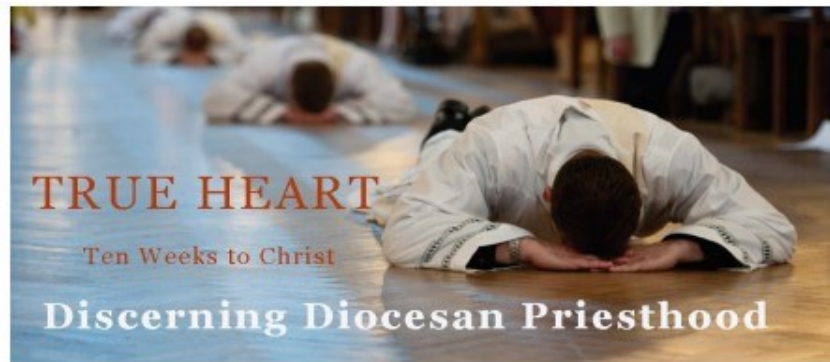
## Saint Lorenzo Ruiz - 9 Day Novena Feast Day - September 28

September 20th - 22nd 6pm (Chapel)

September 23rd 6:45pm (Chapel)

September 24th - 28th 6pm (Chapel)

(No Reception/Food or Beverages for this Event)



### TEN- WEEK DISCERNMENT JOURNEY FOR YOUNG MEN 16-35

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MAKE YOUR LIFE A SACRED STORY

**WHAT** -- 10 Weeks of Spiritual Exercises through the [True Heart Platform](#), and weekly Check-ins with a Discernment Group led by Fr Paul Brunet.

**WHEN** -- September 10th-16th (First Week) -- November 17th & 18th (Concluding with an All-Night Prayer Vigil)

**ABOUT** -- Learn how to pray, discern, listen to your heart, and know Jesus through daily spiritual exercises and weekly Scripture meditations. Meet new brothers in the Lord as you journey together, growing closer to the Lord through prayer and small group discussions.

**APPLY** -- Use This [Google Form Link](#) to Apply

**\*There is a \$100 fee to cover the cost of the materials and concluding All-Night Prayer Vigil on November 17-18. Indicate on the Google Form if you will need some financial assistance to participate.**