

Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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



"The last will be first, and the first will be last."

Mt 20:1-16a

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 3rd and 10th with the kick off on September 17th. I invite you to register your children and grandchildren for these programs.

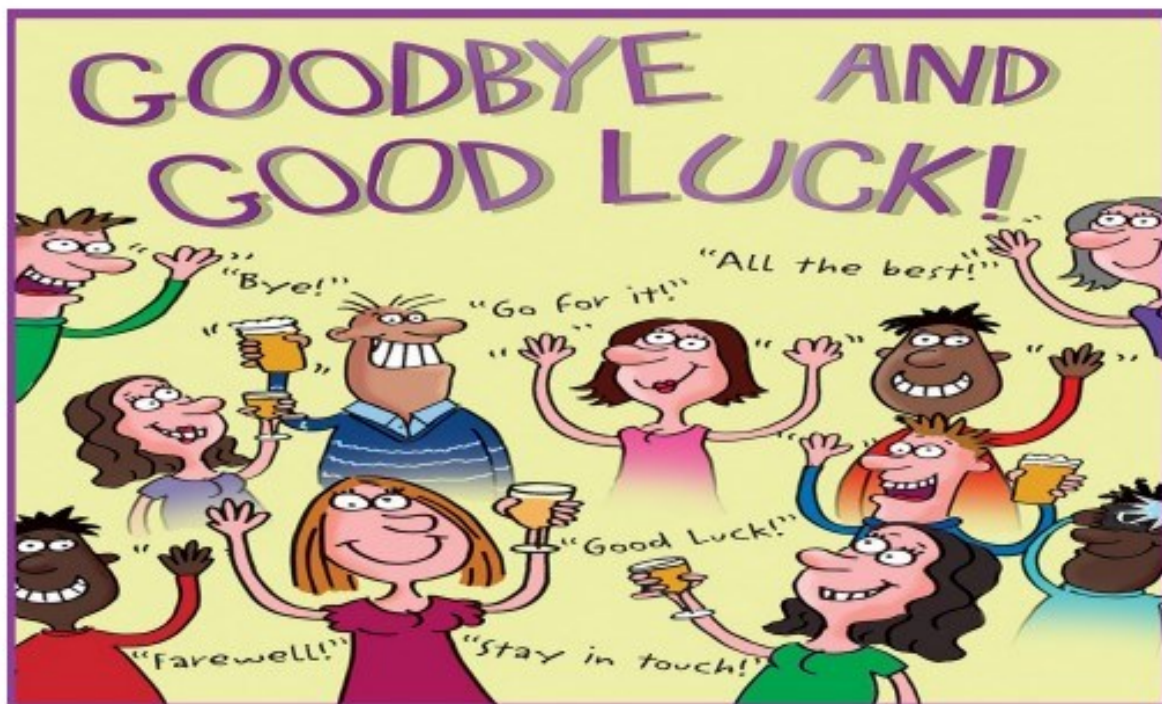
The Archdiocese Partners in the Gospel program is in underway. We are in the period of consultation. We will have three listening sessions in our parish hall: (1) September 24th at 11:15 am for all parishioners. (2) September 30th at 3:30 pm for parish ministries and groups. (3) October 1st at 11:15 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

JOIN US AS WE SAY ...



Terri Nelson

Saturday, September 23rd for a

POTLUCK reception *after* our 5pm Mass

OR ON

Sunday, September 24th for cake and refreshments

after our 11:15am Partners in the Gospel Listening Session

(Location Parish Hall)

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

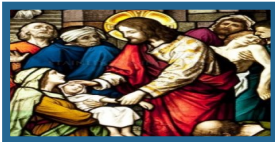
Marianne Manning, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Laurie Kaiser, Secretary

NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to our community. Please call the office at [253-582-1028](tel: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.



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.



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

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

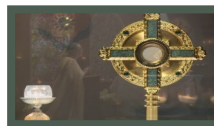
Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

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



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



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 god-parents can be found at www.stjbosco.org - *click on the Liturgy & Sacraments tab and then Sacraments.*



Are you an adult interested in learning about becoming Catholic or in need of completing initiation sacraments?

All people who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and to learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to begin the RCIA process. Many people come to an awareness of their desire to learn about membership in the Catholic Church in various and different ways. Often it may be a personal faith experience, overcoming personal difficulty and tragedy, or a relationship or discussion with a person of faith which leads one to begin this exciting journey. All that is truly required is a sincere desire to learn, to grow, and to develop one's relationship with God.

The RCIA process can be applied to the following 3 groups:

- * Unbaptized: persons (age of discretion: 7+ years) who have never been baptized and who need a process to help them grow in awareness to God's call to conversion as well as ways to respond to that call. They are considered catechumens.

- * Baptized in Another Christian Church: Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. They are considered candidates. For baptized Christians interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church, the process will vary depending upon the depth on one's religious and spiritual readiness.

- * Baptized (but uncatechized) Catholic Adults: persons who were baptized as infants and not given any religious instruction in the Catholic faith. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. They are also considered candidates.

Please join us for our first gathering on Sunday, October 8, 2023, following the 10:00 am mass in the Parish Library Meeting Room. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 253-582-1028.



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

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

Faith Formation (First Class October 1st after Mass)

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

YOUTH MINISTRY (First Class October 1st after Mass)

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

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 Reconciliation & First Holy Communion - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA (stjbosco.org))

CONFIRMATION (First Class October 8th after Mass)

If you are interested in Confirmation, please register for youth ministry. [Youth Ministry - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://Youth Ministry - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA (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, 2nd grade Sacramental Prep, 3-4, 5-6 Confirmation Prep grades 7 + up
Youth Ministry grades 7-12

We look forward to seeing you for classes!



The 6th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk is approaching fast, September 30, 2023. Proceeds go to benefit the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Don't miss out. . . Register at <https://www.fopwalk.org/>

On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting families, providing food, money for utilities. Thank You!

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! Call 253-820-9472 and leave message for our St. Vincent de Paul team.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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. 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 16 & 17, 2023

Including Weekly Online Giving

Sign up for online giving at: stjbosco.org

Weekend Collection	\$4,024.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$2,307.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,331.00
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	(\$3,415.42)
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$114,624.86
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$116,957.04
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	(\$2,332.18)
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection total).	\$0.00



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

Pope Francis calls us to "read the signs of the times" while adapting to both the needs of the faithful and to historical changes.

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]

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).



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

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/Faith Formation Parents

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



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

UPDATE

An update for parishes and parishioners on Partners in the Gospel

This summer was busy as the consultation process progressed across the Archdiocese of Seattle.

After priests provided their input, the Oversight Committee and Presbyteral Council made adjustments to the Parish Family configurations, and a new draft was created. This draft has been going through consultation with:

- Deacons
- Principals
- Archdiocesan staff
- Parish and school staffs

Now it's time to hear from YOU

On Sept. 23, 2023, the three-week public input phase begins. Each parish will host its own parishioner listening and input sessions to collect feedback and insights about the proposed parish families. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend one of these parish sessions. The public input phase ends on Oct. 14, 2023.

How to prepare

We can prepare by first praying and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance. For these input sessions, we will use synodal listening, which means the effort is grounded in prayer with a sincere desire to listen to the Holy Spirit.



Rosa Luna from St. Pius X in Mountlake Terrace shares her perspective about Partners in the Gospel.

Scan QR code to watch



"Partners in the Gospel is our response to the realities we face. It is a significant process of restructuring to maximize our existing pastoral leadership and provide a sustainable structure for the future."

Archbishop Etienne

Partners in the Gospel Pastoral Letter

Sign up to read the online
Partners in the Gospel UPDATE
newsletter at
archseattle.org/partners



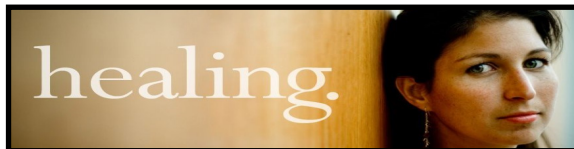
Shawls of Comfort and Joy 2nd & 4th Tuesday of Every Month @ 11am

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.



Ping Pong Club
Tuesday's Only
During September
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
All are welcome
Location: Classroom 7

Rachel's Corner



"Before I did not understand how affected I was by my decision, but now I can see how much it had changed me. I was able to share all my pain and hurt, to get it all out without hurting anyone and with people who had been there too. This has been a very important experience in my life, and I will never forget it." - Testimonial

If you are not sure how what you are feeling is related to your abortion experience, consider attending our next Project Rachel retreat. Let the members of Project Rachel tell you how much it affected them and how much it helped to lay that burden down. They have been there. Don't miss this opportunity.

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.

Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or
www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Immaculate Conception Mission Steilacoom, WA



Join us every other month on the third Saturday for daily Mass at **9am**. Our next Mass is: **10/21**.

December 12/8/2023

Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is 11am. Seating capacity is 50.

****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.



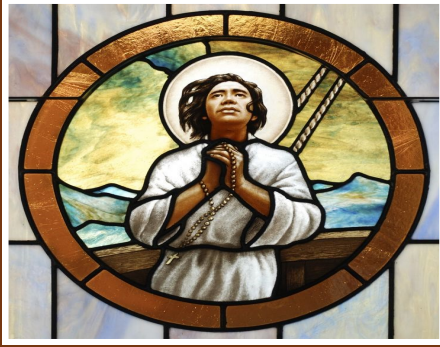
We Have Five Bottles Left



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.

Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Etienne as a delegate to the Synodal assembly in Rome this October. In this special celebration, we pray together with him in preparation for this extraordinary time for the whole Church.

September 23rd 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Watch it at [@ArchdioceseofSeattle](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle) on Vimeo and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle)



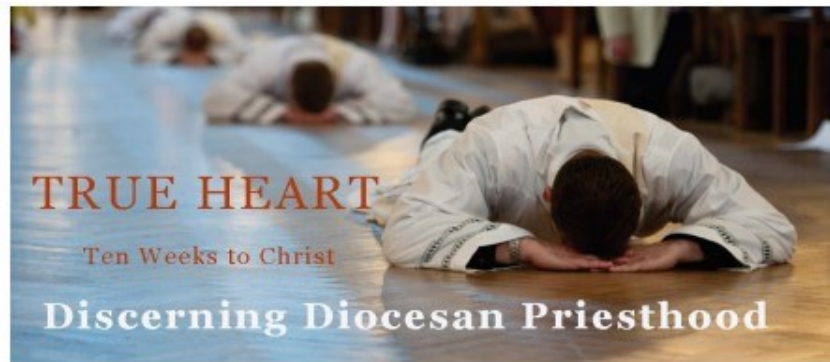
Saint Lorenzo Ruiz - 9 Day Novena Feast Day - September 28

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.**

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Once again, Women at the Well are inviting you to participate in feeding our local families in need. We already have the funds for our purchase of the turkeys, but your kind donations of non-perishable food items will be wonderful!

Place the food in the baskets at the entrances to the church now until mid-November. Please no expired items, glass jars, or juices. Your generosity in the past makes money donations *unnecessary* this year. The baskets will go to the families the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Items Needed

Cans: Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, yams), fruits, cranberry or apple sauce, gravy, tuna, other canned meats, soup, chili, beans, and tomatoes

Bottles/Jars: Vegetable oil, mayonnaise, peanut butter

Boxes/Packages: Stuffing mix, cereal, crackers, rice, dried beans, pasta, muffin/cornbread mix, cake/frosting mixes

May God bless you for your generosity!