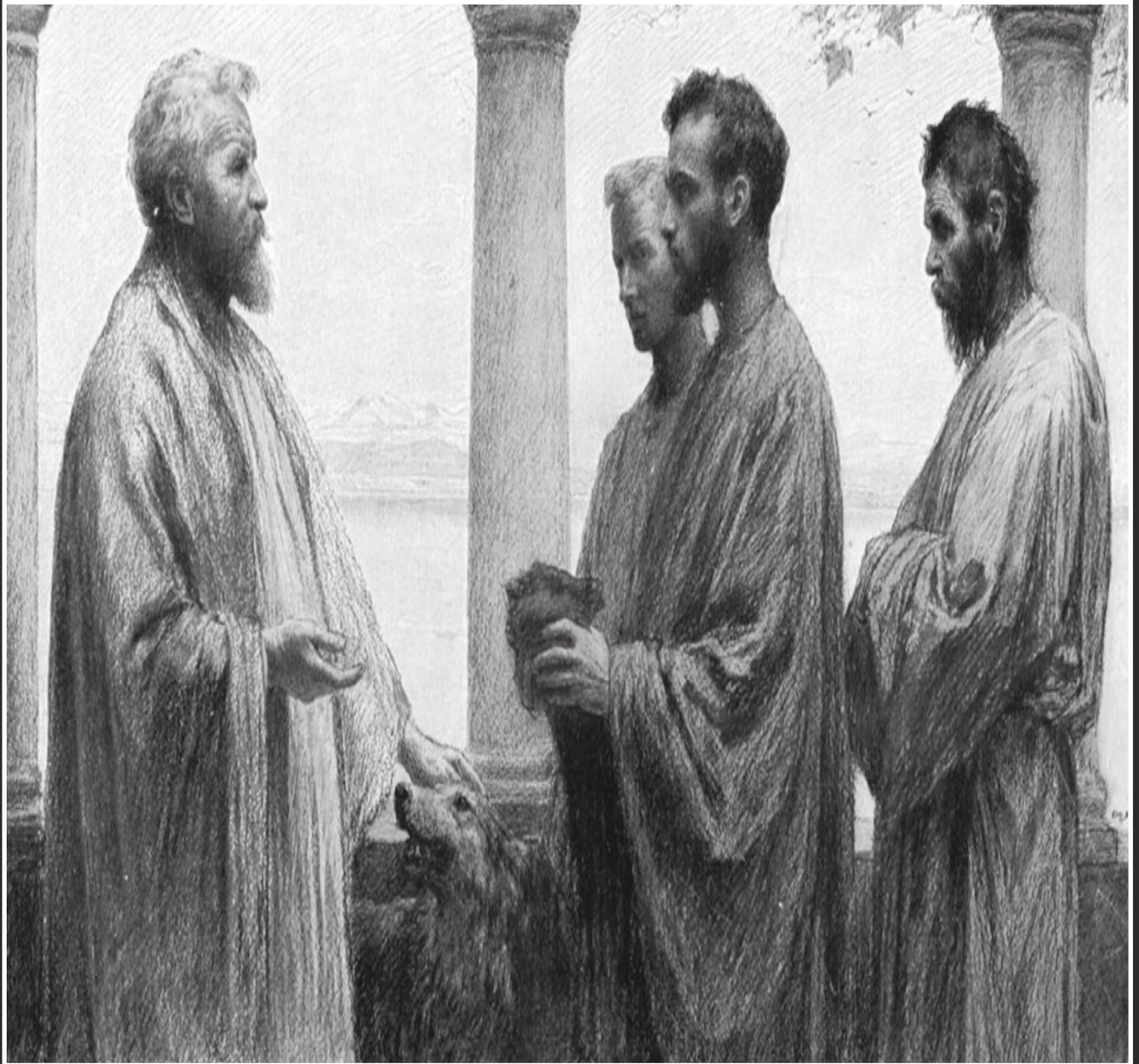


Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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



HOW ARE YOU USING
THE GIFTS OF GOD?
MT 25: 14 - 30

November 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Father Thomas asked that I assist him in composing this month's pastoral letter. As many of you are aware he suffered a fall on October 19th resulting in a head injury to include a traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage and a skull fracture. He was hospitalized for three days and he has since been recovering at the rectory with 24/7 assistance from numerous compassionate parishioners. We expect his recovery will be complete with no permanent cognitive impairment and his return to full duties, excluding roof maintenance, will be soon. We pray for his speedy and full recovery and we are grateful his injuries were not more serious. He thanks you for your prayers and support.

On November 1st we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints and their communion with the multitudes who are in heaven enjoying the joy and happiness of perfect salvation while seeing God face-to-face. On All Souls Day (November 2nd) and continuing through the following week we pray for those souls in purgatory awaiting their call to heaven. We pray for our departed loved ones, both family and friends. We remember our family and friends who are deceased and we make an extra sacrifice for them.

As an invocation for the souls in purgatory you may pray:

My God, bestow Thy blessings and Thy mercies on all persons and on those souls in Purgatory for whom I am in charity, gratitude, or friendship bound and have the desire to pray. Amen

Father asked that I deliver to everyone his heartfelt thank you for your participation in Partners in the Gospel. St. John Bosco parishioners made a robust contribution to the process. The public input phase has concluded. In early 2024 the final parish family structures will be announced by the Archbishop. At some point after the parish families are announced a priest will be assigned to each family parish and his duties will commence in July 2024. Parish families will then journey together for three years to become one parish in 2027.

Thank you for reading this communication as we all hope and pray that Father will write December's pastoral letter himself.

In Christ,
Steve Pace



The Journey to Vibrancy



Update—Fall 2023

Partners in the 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.

Today we face many realities that are impacting parish life and making it difficult to fully live out our mission. We face an urgent — yet exciting — opportunity to transform parish life — and the faith of all those who live here.

The draft of parish families was publicly released on 9/23/2023, opening up a public input phase that was completed on 10/14/2023. The final parish family structures will be announced early 2024.

Here is a timeline of key milestones for Partners in the Gospel to come:

- January 2023: Public launch
- Spring 2023: Current Reality Report and video released
- Summer 2023: Consultation with clergy and lay leaders on parish families
- Fall 2023: Consultation with all Catholics on the draft parish families
- **Early 2024: Final parish family structures announced**
- **July 2024: Parish families go into effect with one pastor**
- **2024–2027: Parish families journey together to become one parish**

The public consultation process is completed, the final parish family configurations will be announced in early 2024, and the announcement of priest pastoral assignments will follow in spring 2024 along with vicar assignments. The families will become a reality on July 1, 2024. The pastor, the parish staff, parish leadership and parishioners will then work together over about three years to discern how to become one faith family, given their own unique situations, needs, challenges and gifts. This process will take time — and we will not rush it. In the first year, the focus will be on getting to know the people and the cultures of each parish community, finding opportunities to meet each other, and coming to understand the unique gifts we bring to the family.

Thank you to all of our parishioners here at **St. John Bosco and Immaculate Conception** for their input. All comments have been sent to the Archdiocese and have been reviewed by at least two members of the oversight committee. Your voices have been heard and noted. Please continue to pray for this ongoing process.

Fr. Thomas Tran

For more information and details, go to archseattle.org/Partners

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

St. John Bosco
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Fr. Thomas Tran, Priest Administrator

Jeff Greer, Permanent Deacon: Liturgy, Baptism, RCIA

Debbie Pedraza, Pastoral Assistant for Administration

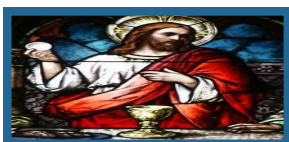
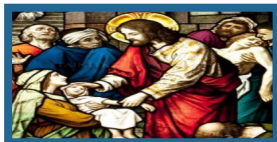
Marianne Manning, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Laurie Kaiser, Secretary

NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to our community. Please call the office at **253-582-1028** 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: 253-582-1028

"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** 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-



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Benjamin Clarito, Felicidad Clarito, Paula
Franklin, Corazon Rodriguez

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.

(Office Closed on Thursday, 11/23 & Friday, 11/24)

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

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am Daily Mass

No 9am Daily Mass on 11/23, 11/24, 12/8

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

*November 23rd: Thanksgiving Mass: 10 am (**SJB**)

*December 8th: Immaculate Conception of Mary

-11am Mass at (**IC**)

-7pm Mass at (**SJB**)

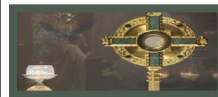
*December 15th: Advent Penance Service 6pm (**SJB**)

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



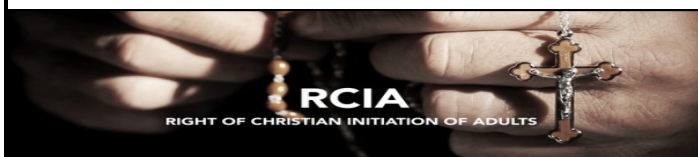
First Friday Adoration
After 9am Weekday Mass



Interested in being part of our Homebound Ministry Program visiting the sick and homebound? Contact the Parish Office at 253-582-1028.



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.*



(NO RCIA CLASS 11/26/23 & 12/24/2023)

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.

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

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

Faith Formation

Please join us for Faith Formation class after breakfast (11:30-1pm) every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Please enter classrooms through the outside doors labeled with the grade your child is registered to attend. Grades 7-12 (Youth Ministry) meet in the room behind the parish hall. Parents must bring student to check them in and must sign child out at the end of class.

The classes are broken up into the following groups:

Kindergarten-First

Sacrament Prep (labeled Second Grade)

Third-Fourth

Fifth-Sixth



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

Please join us for Youth Ministry after breakfast (11:30-1pm) every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

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

Confirmation class meets every other Sunday (11:15-1pm) every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. 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))



**November 19:
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give furniture, household items, and clothing, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

Is there a neighbor, a family, or do you need assistance because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leave a message at 253-820-9472.

Weekly Collection

November 11 & 12, 2023

Including Weekly Online Giving

Sign up for online giving at: stjbosco.org



Weekend Collection	\$8,705.25
Weekly Online Giving	\$1,742.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$10,447.25
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	\$700.83
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$199,129.20
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$194,928.40
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	\$4,200.80
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection total).	\$2.00

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE COUNTER

February 9 - 11, 2024

La Quinta Inn & Suites, Tacoma, WA

Apply at wwme.org

Questions: Jeff & Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

**Breakfast - Lite Breakfast
(Upcoming)**

November 19 (Breakfast)
**** (November 26 - NO Lite Breakfast)**
 December 3 (Breakfast)
 December 10 (Lite Breakfast)
 December 17 (Breakfast)

"The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action."

- Mother Teresa

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]



Shawls of Comfort and Joy
2nd & 4th Tuesday of Every Month at 11am
(No Meetings on 11/28, 12/12, 12/26)

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. **Next Meeting 1/9/2024.**



Ping Pong Club
Tuesdays & Fridays
 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
 All are welcome
 Location: Classroom 7
No Ping Pong
11/24, 12/8, 12/15, 12/26

Rachel's Corner

Respect Life Month Intercessions for Life

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name; good indeed is the LORD, his mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation.

- Psalm 100: 4-5

The greatest gifts God gives us are his love and mercy. If you carry the wounds from involvement in a past abortion, the women and men of Project Rachel want to help you discover the love and mercy he offers.

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!

10th Nation Eucharistic Congress
Come to Adoration

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement in the United States to restore understanding and devotion to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. It was launched by the USCCB on June 19, 2022 and will conclude on the feast of Pentecost on July 21, 2025.

To Register: [10th National Eucharistic Congress - Official Website](https://www.usccb.org/national-eucharistic-congress-2025)

Immaculate Conception Mission
Steilacoom, WA



Join us every other month on the third Saturday for daily Mass at **9am**.

Next Mass: 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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

**WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE
 OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.**

Effective 11/17/2023

Family Returned Pledges: 70
 Total Pledged Amount: \$199,388
 (Funds pledged remain at the parish)

Thank you to those of you who have returned your pledge cards. If you have yet to do so, there is still time. Fill out a pledge card in the pews or go to: <http://stjbosco.org/stewardship-1>



Youth Mass Meals

If you are interested in providing a meal for our Youth Ministry Group, please sign up at the link below or contact Marianne Manning at 253-582-1028.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuunLPqImLvJLGUW59gAkwqeESPbeW3Bwn>



Confirmation Class Meals

If you are interested in providing a meal for our Confirmation Class Group, please sign up at the link below or contact Marianne Manning at 253-582-1028.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-iE86firLmpg3VQz2BLXJuRdiXY8SaTqU>



Children's Liturgy of the Word Needed

St. John Bosco offers a Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) every Sunday at 10am. During our regular Mass, the Scriptures are proclaimed using adult language making it challenging for the children to comprehend. Our weekly CLOW sessions have been adapted to allow the children to experience the Liturgy of the Word, gain a better understanding of Scripture, and allows them to discuss, discover, and recognize themselves in the Gospel reading.

Parents and volunteers play an important role in the religious education of our children. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry. Contact Marianne Manning at 253-582-1028.



Christmas Nativity Play Rehearsals Begin!

Christmas Nativity Play rehearsals begin this Sunday, November 19th at 12:45 (last 15 minutes of class). If no class is scheduled, rehearsals are immediately after the 10am Mass in the church. For questions, please contact Ashlee Pace (253) 208-2130.



November 25th: Christmas Giving Tree Kickoff...Stay tuned for additional information...