

Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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



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
10508 112th Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98498
Parish Phone: **253-582-1028**
Parish Website: www.stjbosco.org

Parish Staff:

Fr. Thomas Tran, Priest Administrator

Jeff Greer, Permanent Deacon: Liturgy, Baptism, RCIA

Debbie Pedraza, Pastoral Assistant for Administration

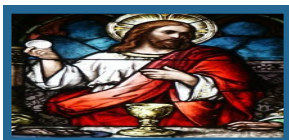
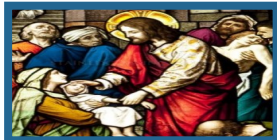
Marianne Manning, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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: 12/22, 12/25, 12/26, 12/27, 1/1/2024)

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 12/8

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

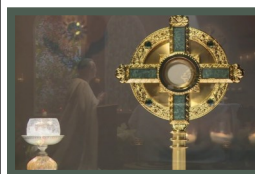
****Holiday Christmas Schedule: See Flier****

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



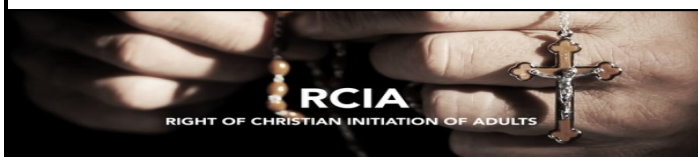
First Friday Adoration
After 9am Weekday Mass



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))



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: ***"...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."***

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve 17 families, providing gift cards of \$170.00 in food, \$346.29 for services etc. Thank You!

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 18 & 19, 2023

Including Weekly Online Giving

Sign up for online giving at: stjbosco.org



Weekend Collection	\$8,581.25
Weekly Online Giving	\$2,027.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$10,608.25
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	\$861..83
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$209,737.45
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$204,674.82
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	\$5,062.63
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



***** (November 26 - NO Lite Breakfast) *****

December 3 (Breakfast)

December 10 (Lite Breakfast)

December 17 (Breakfast)

***** (December 24 - NO Lite Breakfast) *****

January 7 (Breakfast)

January 14 (Lite Breakfast)

"His Mercies Are New Every Day."

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
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!

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.

Inclement
Weather



MASS CANCELLATIONS

We will make the decision to cancel masses at the latest 1 hour before the scheduled mass. We will be sure to update our website when the decision has been made and post on Facebook.

If you have any doubts or are worried about making the trip, please stay home. You are excused from Mass.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE
OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.

Effective 11/20/2023

Family Returned Pledges: 94
Total Pledged Amount: \$241,361.00
(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>

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8

**Immaculate Conception of Mary: 11am (IC) - 7pm (SJB)
(IC Seating Capacity 50)**

Sunday December 10

Advent Activity Workshop (Youth): 11am (SJB)

Friday, December 15

Advent Penance Service: 6pm (SJB)

Saturday, December 16

Last Confession Before Christmas: 4pm to 4:45pm (SJB)

Sunday, December 24

Sunday Mass: 10am (SJB)

Christmas Carols: 4pm (SJB)

Christmas Nativity Pageant: 4:30pm (SJB)

Christmas Eve Mass: 5pm (SJB)

Monday, December 25

Christmas Mass: 10am (SJB)

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass: 9am (SJB)

Sunday, January 7

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Mass: 10am (SJB)



The Christmas Giving Tree

Kickoff Weekend 11/25 & 11/26

A Family Activity
Teaching the Gift of Service and Love

This weekend is our Christmas Giving Tree Kickoff! Select a tag from the tree and return gifts along with tags to parish by December 22. You must return the tag to the parish so that we can match the gifts to the correct family.



Saint Nicholas Day



Wednesday, December 6



Our Annual Reminder About Your Taxes

For those who might be itemizing their deductions, we will process all donations on December 31, 2023. Donations **received by** that date will be recorded on your 2023 parish giving report. Anything **after** December 31, 2023 will be recorded on your 2024 parish giving report.



SIMBANG GABI

PIERCE DEANERY 2023 NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE

JOIN US

COMMISSIONING MASS

December 9
11:00 AM

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
804 9th Ave | Seattle

26th Anniversary
of Simbang Gabi celebrations in the Seattle Archdiocese

DAY 1 - SUNDAY

December 10
12:30 PM

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
7712 South 12th St | Tacoma

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY

December 13
6:30 PM

ST. LEO
710 South 13th St | Tacoma

DAY 7 - SATURDAY

December 16
5:00 PM

ST. ANDREW
1401 Valley Ave East | Sumner

DAY 2 - MONDAY

December 11
7:00 PM

ST. JOHN BOSCO
10508 112th St SW | Lakewood

DAY 5 - THURSDAY

December 14
6:00 PM

ST. FRANCES CABRINI
5715 108th St | Tacoma

DAY 8 - SUNDAY

December 17
11:00 AM

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN
14601 A Street South | Tacoma

DAY 3 - TUESDAY

December 12
6:00 PM

ST. ALOYSIUS CHAPEL
at Bellarmine Preparatory School
2500 South Washington St | Tacoma

DAY 6 - FRIDAY

December 15
6:00 PM


HOLY DISCIPLES
10425 187th St East | Puyallup

DAY 9 - MONDAY

December 18
7:00 PM

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII
7025 Park Ave S | Tacoma

Experience the spirituality of the season, the anticipation and expectation of the Birth of our Lord, and fellowship with faith communities throughout the Seattle Archdiocese and in our greater Pierce County parish-sponsored Simbang Gabi celebrations in Advent.

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