

Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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



O Come, Let Us Adore Him

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord." ~ Luke 2:11

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Season of Advent will begin the first Sunday of December and it is also the beginning of the new Liturgical Year 2024 (Year B). The Advent Season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. It reminds us how to prepare ourselves in three different ways: the Solemnity of Christmas, the second coming of Christ at the end of time, and his daily coming into our hearts in Holy Communion. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

There are a few ways in which you can anticipate this season. Join us for our Advent Penance Service on Friday, December 15th at 6:00 pm and participate in our Christmas Giving Tree Program which started last weekend. I invite you to consider getting involved with our parish ministries in the role of Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Altar Server, and other charitable works; and perhaps, now is a good time for you to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ by going to daily Mass, setting up a time to meditate and reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation of Christ and His salvation of the world.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. It can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Just a friendly reminder the solemnity of obligation for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is December 8th. We will have Mass at our Mission Church in Steilacoom at 11:00 am and St. John Bosco Church at 7:00 pm. Simbang Gabi will be celebrated at St. John Bosco with a Mass on December 11th at 7:00 pm and a reception to follow.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your love, prayers, and support since I sustained a fall. I am grateful to each one of you in various ways for assisting me during this difficult time. Praise God, I am getting better every day and hope that one day soon I will be fully recovered to serve you. I want to assure you that you are all in my prayers.

There are a couple of heating issues happening at our facility. We will get them fixed as soon as possible. In the mean time, you may experience the cold in the parish hall and our daily chapel. Thank you for your patience.

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. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas

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

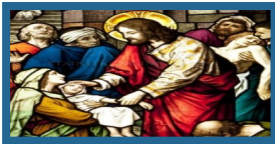
Marianne Manning, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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 parish office at **253-582-1028**.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Paula Franklin, Yvette & Robert Hadley, Lucille & John Kaiser, Russ Kaiser, Douglas Manning, Kendon Cone Pedraza, Reese Widman, Dallas Goad, Rosemarie Lewis, and Franklin Hyke. 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

(Friday, 12/22, 12/27, 1/10 Daily Mass Cancelled)

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

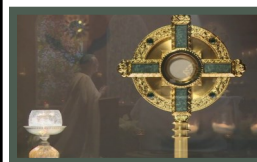
****Holiday Christmas Schedule: See Flier****

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 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10am Mass on Sundays. We still need volunteers to help run the program. 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 marianne Manning@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))

**Youth Mass on Friday Dec. 29 at 6 pm for Grades 7-12.
Dinner Included.**

Saint Vincent De Paul

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, and frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them a real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

If you need assistance or would like to be a part of this important ministry, call Saint Vincent de Paul at 253-820-9472 to leave a message.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our next Class is Sunday, January 7, 2024. Meetings are held in the Library at 11:30am.

Are you an adult interested in learning about becoming Catholic or are in need of completing initiation sacraments? Contact Marianne Manning in the Parish Office as soon as possible at 253-582-1028.

Weekly Collection

December 16 & 17, 2023

Including Weekly Online Giving

Sign up for online giving at: stjbosco.org



Weekend Collection	\$30,460.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$2,864.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$33,324.00
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	\$23,577.58
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$281,760.48
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$243,660.50
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	\$38,099.98
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection total).	\$2.00

Breakfast - Lite Breakfast



December 17 (Breakfast)

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

January 7 (Breakfast)

January 14 (Lite Breakfast)

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
filled with Peace, Love, and Joy. - Your SJB & IC Staff

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 Meeting on 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
2/26, 12/29

Rachel's Corner

"10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. Luke 2: 10-11 We at Project Rachel wish you abundant joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with Us!

English Retreat

Friday, March 8, Sunday, March 10, 2024

English: (206) 920-6413

Email: projectrachel@ccsww.org

Visit us at: www.ccsww.org/projectrachel

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services



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.

Immaculate Conception Mission
Steilacoom, WA



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

Scheduled Mass for 2024

2/17, 4/20, 6/15

August, October, and December dates to be determined.

All are welcome to include children with wiggles and whispers.

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.



The Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas Giving Tree. With your assistance, we were able to provide gifts to **149** people in need.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

TIME. TALENT.
TREASURE.

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE
OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.

Effective 12/18/2023

Family Returned Pledges: **132**

Total Pledged Amount: **\$316,631.00** (Funds pledged remain at the parish)

Thank you to the 121 families who filled out pledge cards totaling \$289,781.00. Our Stewardship goal for 2024 is \$506,814.00. I would like to see an increased participation towards Stewardship. The funds for this campaign help fund the operations of our parish, St. John Bosco and Immaculate Conception. You may either fill out a pledge card available in the pews or you can make your weekly offertory and other donations via online giving at stjbosco.org/stewardship-1.

Annual Tax Reminder

Donations postmarked or received by December 31, 2023 will be included in your 2023 donation statement. Anything after December 31st, will be recorded on your 2024 donation statement.



Pastoral Assistant for Outreach & Parish Involvement

Part time 20 hours per week

If interested please complete an application on at <https://archseattle.org/careers>

Click Parish, Chancery, Camps & other positions

Sort by: location

Under filters click location

Scroll to 0141 St. John Bosco Parish

Click search

Any questions please contact Debbie in the parish office.

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)