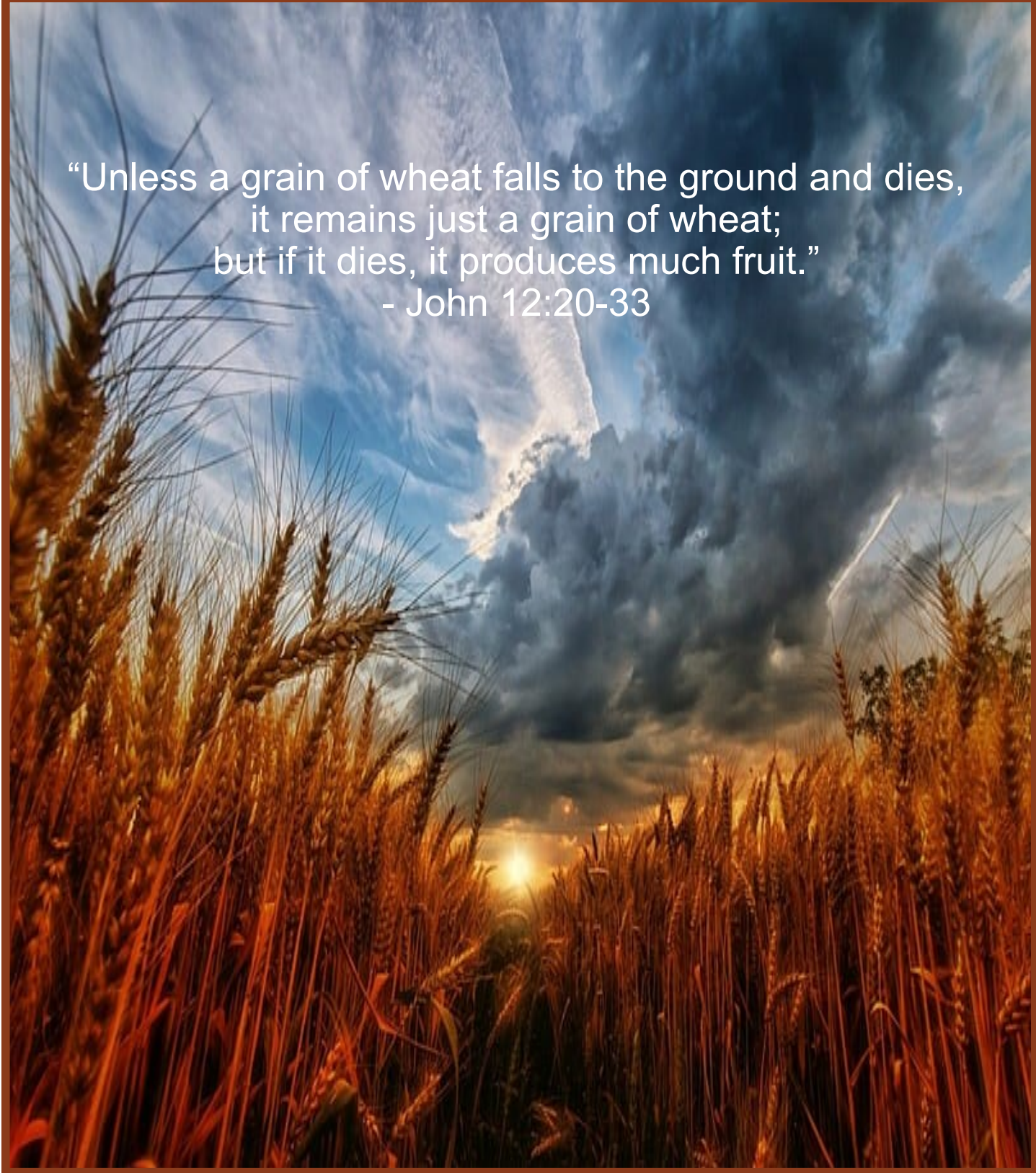


Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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



“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”
- John 12:20-33

March 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner this month along with Irish dancing, music, and good food. This type of social event brings us closer to God and each other. Thank you, Paul, Don, and all of our volunteers who care for and cultivate Meditation Park, making it attractive and available for many people, young and old; believers and non-believers who come to pray, reflect, rest, and give thanks to God. It is my joy to see different groups come to pray the Stations of the Cross, the rosary, or walk around in this beautiful spot. Thank you to those of you assisting us with Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, soup supper, our "Bible in a Year" and "Rescue Project" discussion groups. I am sure these spiritual nourishments will bring us closer to God and one another as a family of faith.

There is a Lenten Penance Service on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 pm. I highly encourage you to come to this service and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Easter. Holy Week is the most sacred week in Catholicism, beginning with Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. The summit of the liturgical year is the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). As a single celebration, the Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, leading us to Friday and through the Passion and Death, and to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The Vigil Mass is the high point of the Triduum and the liturgical year. At this Holy Mass, the Catechumen and Candidates will receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We give thanks to Almighty God, to our Faith Formation team, and offer congratulations to you, our newest members of St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

May the Risen Lord, 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. Happy Easter Everyone. Alleluia.

In the Risen 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

DeAnna Bridenback, Pastoral Assistant for Outreach & Parish Involvement

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 during office hours: 253-582-1028

Emergency Anointing of the Sick parish office after hours: 253-384-8916 - This number is to be called for those who are actively dying only.

"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

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

August Caryl, Carlos Felizardo, Maria Galo, Bob Hadley, Jim Kaiser, Juan Galang Villasica, Apolonia Voluntad, Patricio Voluntad, Reese Widman

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: 3/29, 4/1, 5/27, 6/19, 7/4, 9/2)

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

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

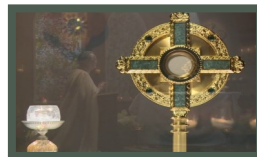
Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

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? Contact DeAnna Bridenback at: dbridenback@stjbosco.org



Baptism classes will be held the *third Sunday* of every month at 8:45am in the parish library with Marianne Manning. Complete the application prior to attending the class. The baptismal Intake Form and Guidelines for choosing godparents 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.

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@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))

Saint Vincent de Paul

March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[™] SPRING VIGIL

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 24
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

public right of way outside of
CEDAR RIVER CLINICS
1401 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, WA

40DAYSFORLIFE.COM

The Rescue Project
9-Part Video Series Discussion Group for Lent
(Began 2/22 - No Meeting on 3/28)

Thursdays at 6pm
St. John Bosco Library

Contacts:

Jodi Petrinovich: jodipetrinovich@gmail.com
Evelyn Czapiewski: zapmom@hotmail.com

Weekly Collection

March 9 & 10, 2024

Including Weekly Online Giving

Sign up for online giving at: stjbosco.org

Weekend Collection	\$9,251.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$4,318.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$13,569.00
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	\$3,822.58
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$443,965.58
Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$360,617.54
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	\$83,348.04
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection total).	\$0.00

Parish Stewardship Update

Effective 2/27/2024

Family Returned Pledges: 155

Total Pledged Amount: \$353,987.00

Charitable Gifts

All year-end charitable gift letters have been mailed.

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.

Lent is a journey that moves us towards the cross.

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

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

Project Rachel offers:

- Complete confidentiality
- A chance to share your grief in a safe atmosphere of acceptance and trust
- Referrals to priests or professional counselors
- Forgiveness, healing, and peace through Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats

As a program of Catholic Community Services, Project Rachel welcomes people of all faiths, and is not for women only.

English Retreat

Friday, March 8, Sunday, March 10, 2024

English: (206) 920-6413

Email: projectrachel@ccsww.org

Visit us at: www.ccsww.org/projectrachel

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Love is in the air! No matter how long you have been married, you can still have romance in your marriage.

- * The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to keep your marriage alive and vibrant.
- * Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: April 12-14,
- * 2024 at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA, Mar 8-10, 2024, Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett, WA.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: wwme.org or contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321.



Ping Pong Club
Tuesdays & Fridays
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
All are welcome
Location: Classroom 7

No ping pong:
March 15, 22, 29

Immaculate Conception Mission Steilacoom, WA



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

Upcoming Masses
4/20, 6/15

August, October, and December dates to be determined.

All are welcome to include children with wiggles and whispers.

RCIA Sundays at 11:30am

Link to Video Series: <http://tinyurl.com/yz373hdx>

March 24: Part 1 Session 5

March 30: Easter Vigil

April 28: Mystagogy



the
RESCUE
project

9-Part Video Series
Lenten
Discussion Group

Thursdays at 6pm
Library

No Meeting On 3/28/24





Get Your Rice Bowl Today
Available at the Exit Doors

EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope

When returning your Rice Bowl, please con-



Final Parish Families

To view Archbishop Etienne's latest letter, the list of final parish families, and the Partners in the Gospel prayer, go to:

[Feb. 4, 2024 - Partners in the Gospel UPDATE newsletter](#)

"The Bible In A Year" Podcast Discussion Group

(Produced by Ascension Press - Narrated by Fr. Mike Schmitz)

We are offering two Discussion Group session times for you to choose from each month that covers the same material. Point of contact: Carole White whitex1@comcast.net

Option 1:

The last Tuesday of each month from 6pm - 7pm

Option 2:

The last Wednesday of each month from 3pm - 4pm
To begin The Bible In A Year Podcast click on the link below:

[The Bible in a Year \(with Fr. Mike Schmitz\) \[All Episodes\] - YouTube - Search Videos \(bing.com\)](#)

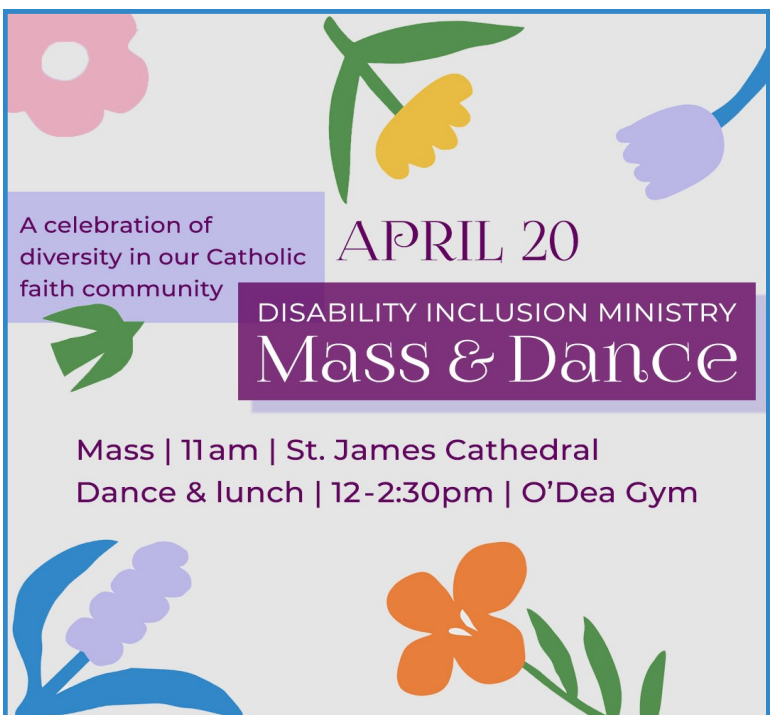
Employment Opportunity Maintenance & Custodian Position

Provides cleaning and hands-on maintenance services to buildings, grounds, vehicles and maintenance equipment including light carpentry.

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

For questions, please contact Debbie in the parish office at 253-582-1028.



LENT

A SEASON OF PREPARATION AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

Weekday Daily Mass: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5pm & Sunday 10am

Ash Wednesday (2/14): 9am & 6pm Mass

(12pm - 1pm Ashes Available for Those Scheduled to Work During 9am & 6pm Mass.)

Stations of the Cross (2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15): 6pm

Soup Supper After Stations of the Cross: (2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15)

Adoration During Lent (3/1, 4/5): 9:30am

During Lent, we invite you to private prayer in the worship space.

Penance Service (3/22): 6pm Service

Palm Sunday (3/24): 10am Mass

Holy Thursday (3/28): 6pm Mass w/Adoration to follow at 7pm

Good Friday (3/29): 12pm Stations of the Cross in Meditation Park

6pm Veneration of the Cross (Church)

Easter Vigil (3/30): 6:30pm Easter Pageant

7 pm Mass

Easter (3/31): 10am Mass

Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt Following Mass