



2023 **STRENNA** of the Rector Major Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime



AS THE YEAST IN TODAY'S HUMAN FAMILY

The LAY DIMENSION
in the family of Don Bosco

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St. John Bosco Sunday

**ST. ROSALIE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
January 29, 2023**

The Pastor Jots It Down! _____

Salesian parishes have the privilege to celebrate this feast on either the Sunday before or the Sunday after the liturgical feast so that as many parishioners as possible will be able to pause and remember and endeavor to imitate this “giant of sanctity” as Don Bosco was called by Pope Pius XI at his canonization on Easter Sunday 1934.

On the centenary of his death in January 1998, Pope John Paul II declared Don Bosco the **Father and Teacher of Youth**.

In writing about this great honor given to Don Bosco, the then Rector Major of the Salesians, Fr. Egidio Vigano, wrote in a circular letter to the Salesians:

“In this title in fact we can see condensed, unified and set out, the main values of the living heritage left us by Don Bosco:

his kind of holiness: practical love;

his choice of a field of apostolic activity: youth;

his strategy of approach: the preventive system;

his program of action: education;

the secret of his success: his intuitive knowledge of the juvenile heart.”

We, as members, of Don Bosco’s family by virtue of our membership in the Salesian Parishes of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco are called to imitate the living heritage of our Father and Founder: to strive for holiness through the practical love of God and neighbor; to have a predilection for the young and the desire to assist/educate them through the practice of the preventive system to become good Christians and good citizens.

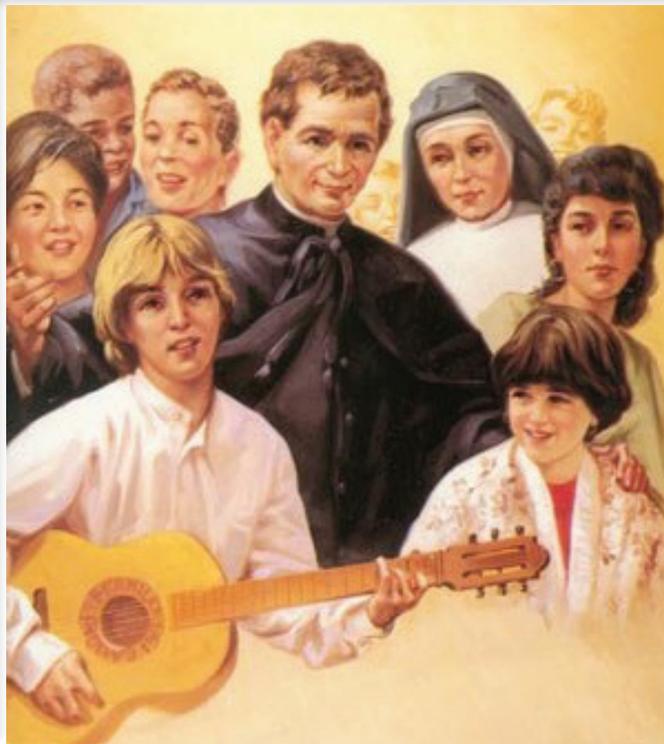
There is a Latin saying, “nemo dat, quod non habet” – “no one gives what one does not have.”

The greatest gift we can give to the young of our parish, the children within our parish boundaries, our children and grandchildren is the gift of our holiness. If we are not holy or striving for holiness, we can’t transmit this precious gift to others.

Today on this feast, let us commit/recommit ourselves to leading holy lives – a great gift to those we meet in daily life

God loves you!

F. Mark



*Don Bosco
Father and Teacher
of Youth*

Salesians of Don Bosco
Daughters of Mary Help of Christians
(Salesian Sisters)
Salesian Cooperators
St. Rosalie & St. John Bosco Parishes
Archbishop Shaw High School
Academy of Our Lady
Our Lady of Prompt Succor School
Immaculate Conception School

The Start of Don Bosco's Oratory



It is not hard to imagine that a young, zealous, holy priest, loving boys because they are boys, would have to wait long to put those sentiments into practice. The Dream Mother arranged things that the start of the famous Don Bosco Oratories – or Boys' Clubs as we should call them – would come on the Feast of Her Immaculate Conception. It was December 8, 1841, and Don Bosco was vested in the sacristy of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi and waiting for an altar boy who had taken a late sleep.

The young priest's preparatory prayers were violently interrupted. He turned around and saw the sacristan attempting to force a boy to serve his Mass.

Don Bosco heard the lad say: "How can I, I don't know. Let go of me!"

The sacristan gave the lad a cuff on the ear and ordered him out of the sacristy. Here the priest, who had seen enough, told the angry sacristan to quit it. He beckoned to the strange boy and the youngster, sensing a champion, came at once. Don Bosco whispered to him not to mind the sacristan, but to come back after Mass as he wished to speak to him.

When Don Bosco had finished his Thanksgiving, there was the lad standing quietly in the corner of the sacristy. "What's your name, buddy?"

"Bartholomew Garelli."

"Live here in Turin?"

"No, Father, I come from Asti."

"Parents living?"

"No, I'm an orphan."

"You're about fifteen, aren't you?"

"Yes."

"Can you read and write?"

"No."

"Do you know your prayers?"

"No."

"Have you made your First Holy Communion?"

"No."

"Do you attend Sunday School?"

"No; I am too old and the little kids would make fun of me."

Here was evidently a neglected one and the heart of Don Bosco warmed to him. "Suppose, buddy, I were to offer to teach you alone, would you come and learn your catechism?"

The boy smiled and agreed: "Surely, but . . ." he added the condition from sad experience with adults, "that is, if you promise not to beat me."

"You needn't fear. When do we begin – this evening?"

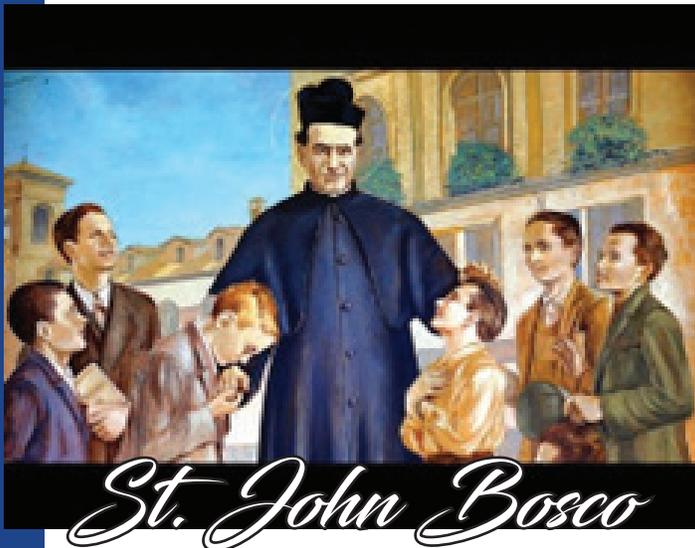
"Suits me, Father. Right now if you say so."

Don Bosco was agreeable and seating Bartholomew alongside him there in the sacristy, he taught him how to bless himself and then the answer to the old, old question, "Who made you?"

Bartholomew Garelli was invited to return the following Sunday and bring some of his companions. During the week he must have talked about the novelty of having some adult speak kindly to him, for he returned on the next Sunday with six other "devils," all more ignorant of the things of God than himself.

Don Bosco met the gang and led them into a small room opening off the sacristy.

For he was starting his first Oratory with those seven boys. Very elementary was the instruction that he gave those poor neglected Turin boys. He had to start at the "basement" of the catechism. But these boys and more who came on succeeding Sundays to that room were quick to sense that in this young priest they had met was kindly and understanding.



St. John Bosco

John Bosco, also known as Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco and Don Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. His birth came just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars which ravaged the area. Compounding the problems on his birthday, there was also a drought and a famine at the time of his birth.

At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. His "Mama Margherita Occhiena" would herself be declared venerable by the Church in 2006.

Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. When he was not in church, he helped his family grow food and raise sheep. They were very poor, but despite their poverty his mother also found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter or clothing.

When John was nine years old, he had the first of several vivid dreams that would influence his life. In his dream, he encountered a multitude of boys who swore as they played. Among these boys, he encountered a great, majestic man and woman. The man told him that in meekness and charity, he would "conquer these your friends." Then a lady, also majestic said, "Be strong, humble and robust. When the time comes, you will understand everything." This dream influenced John the rest of his life.

Not long afterwards, John witnessed

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Patron: of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents

Birth: August 16, 1815

Death: January 31, 1888

Beatified:

June 2, 1929 by Pope Pius XI

Canonized:

April 1, 1934 by Pope Pius XI

a traveling troupe of circus performers. He was enthralled by their magic tricks and acrobatics. He realized if he learned their tricks, he could use them to attract others and hold their attention. He studied their tricks and learned how to perform some himself.

One Sunday evening, John staged a show for the kids he played with and was heartily applauded. At the end of the show, he recited the homily he heard earlier in the day. He ended by inviting his neighbors to pray with him. His shows and games were repeated and during this time, John discerned the call to become a priest.

To be a priest, John required an education, something he lacked because of poverty. However, he found a priest willing to provide him with some teaching and a few books. John's older brother became angry at this apparent disloyalty, and he reportedly whipped John saying he's "a farmer like us!"

John was undeterred, and as soon as he could he left home to look for work as a hired farm laborer. He was only 12 when he departed, a decision hastened by his brother's hostility.

John had difficulty finding work but managed to find a job at a vineyard. He labored for two more years before he met Joseph Cafasso, a priest who was willing to help him. Cafasso himself would later be recognized as a saint for his work, particularly ministering to prisoners and the condemned.

In 1835, John entered the seminary and following six years of study and preparation, he was ordained a priest in 1841.

His first assignment was to the city of Turin. The city was in the throes of industrialization, so it had slums and widespread poverty. It was into these poor neighborhoods that John, now known as Fr. Bosco, went to work with the children of the poor.

While visiting the prisons, Fr. Bosco noticed a large number of boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, inside. The conditions were deplorable, and he felt moved to do more to help other boys from ending up there.

He went into the streets and started to meet young men and boys where they worked and played. He used his talents as a performer, doing tricks to capture attention, then sharing with the children his message for the day.

When he was not preaching, Fr. Bosco worked tirelessly seeking work for boys who needed it, and searching for lodgings for others. His mother began to help him, and she became known as "Mamma Margherita." By the 1860s, Fr. Bosco and his mother were responsible for lodging 800 boys.

Fr. Bosco also negotiated new rights for boys who were employed as apprentices. A common problem was the abuse of apprentices, with their employers using them to perform manual labor and menial work unrelated to their apprenticeship. Fr. Bosco negotiated contracts which forbade such abuse, a sweeping reform for that time. The boys he hired out were also given feast days off and could no longer be beaten.

Fr. Bosco also identified boys he thought would make good priests and encouraged them to consider a vocation to

the priesthood. Then, he helped to prepare those who responded favorably in their path to ordination.

Fr. Bosco was not without some controversy. Some parish priests accused him of stealing boys from their parishes. The Chief of Police of Turin was opposed to his catechizing of boys in the streets, which he claimed was political subversion.

In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group. Their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. The organization still exists today and continues to help people, especially children around the world.

In the years that followed, Fr. Bosco expanded his mission, which had, and still has, much work to do.

Fr. Bosco died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate. Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth."

In 2002, Pope John Paul II was petitioned to declare St. John Bosco the Patron of Stage Magicians. St. Bosco had pioneered the art of what is today called "Gospel Magic," using magic and other feats to attract attention and engage the youth.

Saint John Bosco is the patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents. His feast day is on January 31.

From: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=63

Announcements

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of February 4th is Team 6, which consists of Cindy Robichaux, Bonnie Perrin, Melody Clark, Carol Pelegrin, Karen Guillot and Theresa Parfait.

Now Open! **St. Rosalie - St. John Bosco Food Pantry**

**New Location Near St. Rosalie Cafetorium
Handicapped Accessible**



**Shop-Thru –
Open 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
of Each Month
For Individuals and
Families in Need of Food**

**620 First Avenue
Harvey**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Feb. 4th is First Thursday. Anointing will take place at the 7 a.m. Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Clubs will meet Thurs., Feb. 4th.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The series will be held on (3) consecutive Saturdays: February 11, 18, & 25, 2023 from 9 AM - 12 Noon in the Parish Center of St. Clement of Rome (4317 Richland Avenue, Metairie). The cost for the workshop and materials is \$25.00. To register go to our website www.arch-no.org/annulments. For more information, please call Britton at 504-861-6243 or email mfl@arch-no.org.

ARCHBISHOP SHAW HIGH SCHOOL
VIETNAMESE CULTURAL NIGHT 2023
COME AND MEET FAMILIES ON THE WESTBANK

Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm - Saturday, February 11, 2023
Place: Shaw Cafeteria
Language: Vietnamese and English
Food: Vietnamese - Please bring Vietnamese food to share
Entertainment: Dragon Dance
Life at Shaw Presentation: Junior Student Tien Dao

Archbishop Shaw High School and Academy of Our Lady are open to take in boys and girls for our school. We are ready to make you feel at home here

In Our Parish

ALTAR WINE

is given for healing of
Jackie Morvant Bush

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn for healing of
Shannon Morvant Olivero

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn for healing of
Suzanne Stacey Ratcliff

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn for healing of
Julie Kirkland

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Leona Bourgeois

Young Adult & Youth Mass

Sunday - 8:00 p.m.

The latest Mass on the Westbank



Musically Inclined???

Get Involved!!!

**St. John Bosco Catholic Church
2114 Oakmere Dr. Harvey, La**

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00am Father Dominic Urquhardt
4:00pm Michael Burke Sr.
Donald Comeaux
Hidalgo, Tassin, Simoneaux Fam.
Mr. & Mrs. John Taravella, Sr.
Hilton Lirette
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
Claude & Verine Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraus
Hilton Landry
Geraldine Landry
Hilton Landry II
Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Calogero & Loreta D'Amico

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30am Yolanda Dillion
10:30am Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
Byron S. LeJeune
Kevin Fitzhenry
Madeleine Behette
Rodney Isemann
Audrey Katicich
Kathleen LaGrange
Martha & Dagoberto Martinez
Ann White
Craig Pscenicka
All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00am Yolanda Dillion

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00am Fr. Jimmy Jeanfreau
Lori Ann Rholdon

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00am Saladino & LeBlanc Families
Bro. John May ST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00am Hunley Dufour Family Deceased
Leah & Sam Paternostro

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00am Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00am Judy Roberts
4:00pm Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
Wayne Oubre
Dwayne Guidry
Hunter & Guastella Family
Iris & Tibby Thibodaux
Rodney Wilcox
Carmen & Charles Austin
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB
Donald Comeaux
Peter & Rose Vicari
Art Landry, Jr.
Richard Bruce
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc
Claude & Verine Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraus
Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
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Fr. George Hanna, SDB

Fr. Wilgintz Polynice, SDB
Parochial Vicars

Kevin Steel, *Deacon*

MASS SCHEDULES:

ST. ROSALIE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm
Sunday – 7:30 and 10:30 am

Weekdays – 7:00 am

Saturday – 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm
Sunday – 9:00 am and 12:00 pm

Youth & Young Adult Mass

Sunday – 8:00 pm

Weekdays – 7:00 am

Saturday – 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Both Churches:

Adoration & Confessions
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm

*“Do good
while you still have time.”*

– Don Bosco

We Ask For Your Prayers



From January 26-February 1,
please pray for
Br. Reegan Ledet (SUO Province)
who is in Post-Novitiate.



MASS FOR HEALING:

Shannon Morvant Olivero
Jackie Morvant Bush, Milton Danos
O.J. Orgeron, Rosalie Oubre, Kim Riley
Julie Kirkland, Suzanne Ratcliff
Linda LeJeune, Gary Guidry
Hunter & Guastella family & friends

MASS FOR THE LIVING:

Hope LeJeune, Patrick Lofton, Anne,
William, Thomas and Marguerite Hart,
Amber Von Wolff

SPECIAL MASSES:

For conversion of sinners.
Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*Pray
the
Rosary*

