

# ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9am to 12 noon

## PASTORAL STAFF

*Pastor: Rev. Rojo A. Palatty Koonathan*  
(337-485-1241)

Deacon: Fred Reed

## OFFICE STAFF

Secretary: Cindy Graham  
Bookkeeper: Carmel Fazzio  
CCD & SE. Coordinator: Kalli Simmons

## TRUSTEES

Roland Buller  
John Perry

## Finance Council:

Harold Taylor  
Al Gary  
Rodney Robertson  
John Cradure  
Carleen Cormier

## Pastoral Council:

Frank Martarona  
Della Hoffpaur  
Michelle Jackson  
Ethel Ross  
Charlotte Brown

## Building and Renovation Committee

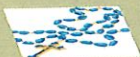
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## ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters  
KPC Ladies Auxiliary  
Ladies Altar Society  
Knights of Columbus  
Knights of Peter Claver  
Rosary Group

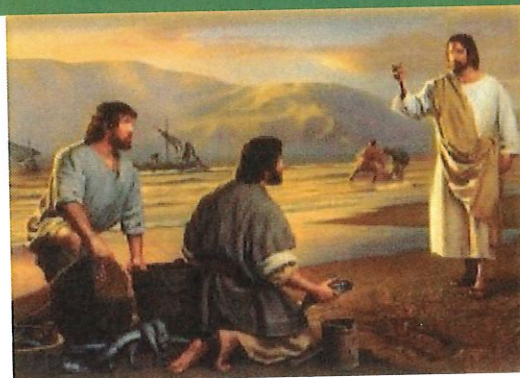


## Church Offering

Jan 18.....\$6,887.00  
Festival.....\$1,000.00  
SJB Rel. Ed.....\$1,514.00

Second Collection next weekend:  
Building Fund

## 3rd Sunday in ordinary time Jan. 25, 2026



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

### Weekday Masses:

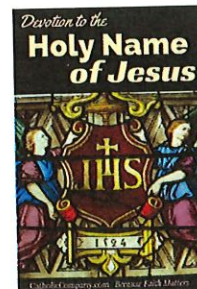
Tuesday - Friday: 8am  
Monday: - 8am Communion Service

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

30 min. before each Mass  
Or by Appointment

Call the office for  
the Sacrament of Baptism,  
Marriage, Anointing of the Sick / Last Rite and  
Communion to the Homebound.

January is dedicated  
to the Most Holy Name of  
Jesus



## Light Shines Through Darkness

As we begin this final week of January, it does our hearts good to hear that a great light has shone through darkness and gloom. We realize, though, that Isaiah is speaking of the Lord, especially after Matthew writes in the Gospel that Jesus fulfills this passage. He is the light of the world, shining throughout Galilee, preaching repentance, calling disciples, proclaiming the gospel, and healing the sick. We also hear Paul urge the Corinthians to unity. In Christ, we have enlightenment, unity, and salvation. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may God's word light our way.

**Prayer for Priests...** *Oh, Jesus, Eternal Father, look down with love upon Thy priests. Fill them with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners. Keep them within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their purple lips with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious Priesthood. Let Thy holy love protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister on earth be one day their joy and consolation in heaven. Amen.*

## Our deepest condolences to

- Tina Lyons, Dana Jackson, Jerry Lyons, Darrel Lyons, Curtis Lyons, & Ashleigh Conrad upon the loss of their mother, *Margaret (Ann) Lyons*.
- Cecilia Richard, upon the loss of her son, *Gerald Richard*.
- The family of *Larry Kacer*.

May they rest in peace.



## This Week in the Parish

**Wednesday** - CCD continues

**Thursday** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am—6pm

**Friday** -

- ♦ Rosary Group after 8am Mass
- ♦ Men's Bible Study at Columbian Club at 6am

## Coming Up

**Wednesday, Feb 18** - Ash Wednesday (First Day of Lent)

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Jan 25: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
1 Cor 1:10-17

Psalms 27:1-14  
Matt 4:12-23

**M.** 2 Tim 1:1-8

Mark 3:22-30

**T.** 2 Samuel 6:12-19

Mark 3:31-35

**W.** 2 Samuel 7:4-17

Mark 4:1-20

**T.** 2 Samuel 7:18-29

Mark 4:21-25

**F.** 2 Samuel 11:1-17

Mark 4:21-25

### **S. Feast of St. John Bosco**

2 Samuel 12:1-17

Mark 4:35-41

### Feb 1: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3;3:12-13  
1 Cor 1:26-31

Psalms 146:6-10  
Matt 5:1-12

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 26 - Feb 1

**Mon 8am:** Communion Service  
**Tues 8am:** Mass  
**Wed 8am:** Tom & Thomas Hooper/dec. of Tom & Alice Hooper  
**Thurs 8am:** Phillip Camel  
**Fri 8am:** Mass

**Sat 4pm:** Walter Seasock, Iris Benson, souls in Purgatory, Charles Manuel/dec. of Charles & Sue Manuel, Charlie Onxley/dec. of Charlie & Donna Onxley, William Guidry, Debbie Pickle, Howard Landry/dec. of Howard and Joann Landry

**Sun 8am:** Boudreaux/Klein/Wing families, Gerald Richard, Larry Kacer

**Sun 10am:** Ann Lyons, Gerald Richard, Jim Boyette, Wilson Bernard/dec. of Wilson & Rose/Brent Fontenot/M/M Elie Richard, Melanie Godeaux/dec. of Godeaux & Fuselier families, Don Campbell/Geheb & Campbell families, dec. of Bobby & Mary Cholley/M/M Ray Hollingsworth/Todd Juranka/Snubbe Reeves/Kenzie Roden/Aaron Golden/Pat & Monica Gillard, liv. & dec. of Bruette family, Zack Jenkins, Lisa Landry, Deacon Reed (50th Anniversary)

**Sun 5pm:** Our Parish Family

**Pray for the sick:** Scott Abshire, Elaine Bartell, Paula Bernard, Kathy Borel, Brent Borill, Jared & Kenneth Boudreaux, Calvin Broussard, Nora Broussard, Dyane Bruette, Beth Buller, Kathy Buller, Carys Camel, Dale Claudel, Charlotte Colosky, Marty Comeaux, Glen Cooley, Phoenix Cox, Kathy Cradure, Ruth Daley, Hope Dalton, Curtis Darbonne, Walker & Weston Darnsteadt, Gail Daugherty, Patricia Doucet, Amy Duhon, Hedrick Elliott, Chad & Tony Fazzio, Alvis Fontenot, Herman Fontenot, Jr, Aimee Freeland, Jill Gaines, Buddy & Joyce Glover, Joshia Gray, Emma, Stephen, Vicki, & Tom Griffin, Justin Guidry, Wesley Guillory, Odelia & Earline Hardy, Michael Hennigan, Summer Hicks, Sharon Howell, Jordan Hunsicker, Mary Johnson, Stephen Jordan, Debbie Lacassin, Joyce LeJeune, Frank Martarona, Stella Matthews, Theresa McBride, Jane Neisser, Virginia Newman, Donna Onxley, Enslie Perkins, Patricia Perry, Wayne Pickle, Dan Poss, Dylan Poss, Kerissa Poss, Dax Pressley, Shirley Prewitt, Jammi Racca, Karter Reed, James Richard, Pat Robertson, Kaleb, Colin, & Dominic Romito, Cameron Seal, Tonya Shaw, Justin Simmons, Fay Singer, Avery Spadafora, Katie Richmond Stanley, Jhonna Stutes, Becky Theriot, Kamrie Thomas, John Troquille, Richard and Judy Vail, Virginia Varos, Judy Vidrine, Raleigh Vige, Jr, Wanda Watson, Rick Williams, Brionne Winey, Juliana Young, Joseph Hunsicker, Susan and Theresa Taylor, Lilah Byrd, Sam Smith, II, Shelly Mathews, Dilan McClellan, Evette Ange, Dan/JoAnn Racca, Leonard Boudreaux, Jeff Hunsicker, Kent Ledoux, Gary Lorange, Fr. Mike Schatzle, Mary Duplechain, Shawn Downing, Paul Alley, Barbara Ozane, Davelyn Harris, Steven Thibodeaux, Tony Benard, Annette Leger, David (Moochie) Borel, Wade Malone, Darlene Dinger, Christy Collins, William Trahan, Hudson Richard

### CCD News...

CCD classes  
each Wednesday



Grades 1&2—3:30-4:30 in the church  
Grades 3&4—3:30-4:30 in KC Hall  
Grades 5&6—4:45-5:45 in the church  
Grades 7&8—4:45-5:45 in the KC Hall  
Grades 9,10,11—6-7:30 in KC Hall

*Let the Children come unto Me.*

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Allen Allemond, Nick Broussard, Spec. Cade Camel, Spec. Caraway, PFC Kelly "KC" Caraway, Jr., CW-3 Greg Chance, Jamie Clausen, Spec. Nick Cline, Jesse Dixson, Shane Fontenot, Ryan Garcia, Pct. Branden Guillory, Sgt. Robert Guillory, Capt. Patrick Hennigan, SSC Chris Jordan, Andrew Kowelewski, Cpl. Aaron Lafleur, Kevin Lavine, II, Gavin Leger, Capt. Scott LeJeune, Cpl. Joseph Malbrough, RCT Karah Nolen, PFC Jett Rodgers, Staff Sgt. Tammy Schreve, Christian Sonnier, Sgt. Damien

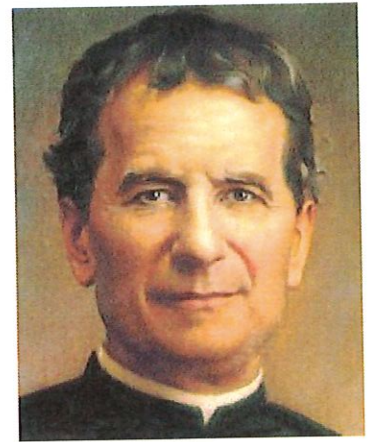
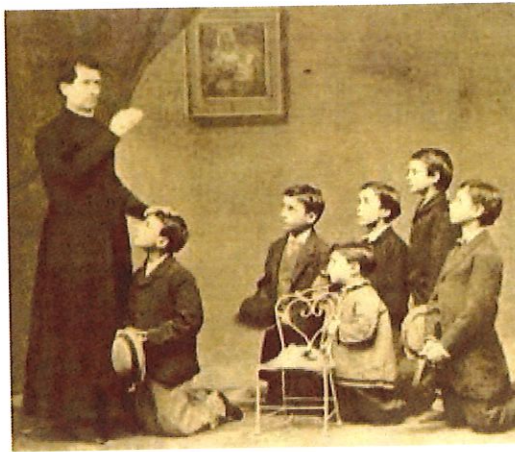


**Pray for America!!**

THE FEAST OF  
**ST. JOHN BOSCO**

St. John Bosco (1815-1888), known as "Don Bosco," was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, and writer who dedicated his life to helping disadvantaged youth, particularly street children and juvenile delinquents in industrializing Turin, Italy. He founded the Salesians (Society of St. Francis de Sales) and developed an educational method based on love, gentleness, and reason, not punishment, known as the Salesian Preventive System, becoming the "Father and Teacher of Youth."

The Church celebrates the **Memorial of St. John Bosco (1815-1888)**. He was born in Italy, and was the founder of the Salesian Society, named in honor of St. Francis de Sales, and of the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians. His lifework was the welfare of young boys and girls, hence his title, "Apostle of Youth." He had no formal system or theory of education, but rather his methods centered on persuasion, authentic religiosity, and love for young people. He was an enlightened educator and innovator.



### St. John Bosco

John Bosco was born near Castelnuovo in the archdiocese of Turin, Italy, in 1815. His father died when John was only two years old and it was his mother Margaret who provided him with a good humanistic and Christian education. His early years were financially difficult but at the age of twenty he entered the major seminary, thanks to the financial help received from Louis Guala, founder and rector of the ecclesiastical residence St. Francis of Assisi in Turin. John Bosco was ordained a priest on June 5, 1846, and with the help of John Borel he founded the oratory of St. Francis de Sales.

At this time the city of Turin was on the threshold of the industrial revolution and as a result there were many challenges and problems, especially for young men. Gifted as he was as an educator and a leader, Don Bosco formulated a system of education based on "reason, religion and kindness." In spite of the criticism and violent attacks of the anti-clericals, he conducted workshops for the tradesmen and manual laborers, schools of arts and sciences for young workers, and schools of the liberal arts for those preparing for the priesthood. In 1868 there were 800 students involved in this educational system. To ensure the continuation of his work, Don Bosco founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians), which was approved in 1869. Also, with the help of Sister Mary Dominic Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Auxiliatrix.

In 1875 a wave of emigration to Latin America began, and this prompted the inauguration of the Salesian missionary apostolate. Don Bosco became a traveller throughout Europe, seeking funds for the missions. Some of the reports referred to him as "the new St. Vincent de Paul." He also found time to write popular catechetical pamphlets, which were distributed throughout Italy, as was his Salesian Bulletin. This great apostle of youth died on January 31, 1888, and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934. Pope John Paul II named him "teacher and father to the young."

—Excerpted from *Saints of the Roman Calendar* by Enzo Lodi

January 31, 2026

### ST. JOHN BOSCO

*Saint John, your heart was a merciful one, and it was touched by the plight of many suffering boys living in poverty and imprisonment. You loved them with the heart of Christ and brought them hope. Please pray for me that I may see Christ in all people, never condemning or judging, but working to build them up as a loving minister of God's compassionate heart. Saint John Bosco, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

