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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

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Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

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Marriage preparation course required

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Secretary
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Office hours: Wednesday and Friday
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Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
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Diocesan Website: www.sainted.com

Min. Schedule - Mar 28/29

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

Communion:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Lisa Shibley
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

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The 5th Sunday of Lent - Year A

I am the resurrection and the life.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - N: Bettina D. S: Julie T.
9:00 am - N: Linda S S: Tim G.
11:00 am - N: Jackie G. S: Karen S.

Video:
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

Organist:
All Masses - Dino Sicoli

March 22, 2026 A.D. The 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A



*Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Tues Mar 24 6:00 pm +Michael Ventresca
Wed Mar 25 8:30 am +Richard Rossi
Thurs Mar 26 8:30 am +Michael Ventresca
Fri Mar 27 8:30 am +Bill Parkin
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat Mar 28 5:00 pm +Luciano Armenti
Sun Mar 29 9:00 am +Antonietta Perrella
11:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's

by Erma Comazzolo
 by Pat Law
 by Nicoletta & Mike Cichino
 by Kim Gagnon-Doucet

by Flora Armenti & family
 by Teresa Ricci

HOLY SPIRIT, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. We must remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

Ezekiel, the prophet speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants only good for us. He wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it.



But only if we allow Him. He will not force His way into our lives. That would not be loving, and God is Love itself. We must invite Him in. We must make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we please God by putting Him first? St. Paul gives us good instruction. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." To be "in the flesh" means that we allow our own selves - our whims, our pleasure, our comfort-seeking - to determine our daily decisions. To be "in the flesh" is to spend our time, talent, and material gifts primarily on ourselves. When we are in the flesh, we leave no room for the Spirit of God to fill our thoughts, our hearts, and our souls.

The disciplines of Lent and the disciplines of a stew-

ardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make in a particular way during this holy season, and every day when we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary - they are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God. In fact, the more we allow God to take over every aspect of our lives, the freer and more joyful we become.

And our loving God is always ready to renew His Spirit within us whenever we find ourselves led astray by the temptation to selfishness. In Jesus' poignant reaction to the death of Lazarus and the grief of his sisters, we see once again how closely our God identifies with us and all of our sufferings and burdens. His tenderness and compassion teach us that we can safely surrender our lives to Him, knowing that He will care for us. His raising of Lazarus from the dead demonstrates His power over all things, even death itself, reminding us that it would be foolish not to surrender to such an awesome God!

As we journey ever closer to the powerful days of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a cherished Lenten devotion, helping us reflect on Christ's suffering and love.



Join us each Friday at 7:00 p.m., beginning February 20, as we prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross. Spend an hour with Jesus on His journey to Calvary and draw closer to His Sacred Heart.

May this Lent be a season of grace for us all — renewing our faith and preparing us to proclaim with joy on Easter morning: **He is risen!**

COME WATCH THE CHOSEN

Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm to watch and discuss episodes of the inspiring series *The Chosen*. This powerful portrayal of the life of Christ and His disciples invites us to encounter the Gospel in a fresh and meaningful way.

All are welcome to gather in the Meeting Room at St. John Bosco Parish. Come grow in faith, fellowship, and understanding of the life of Jesus. Bring a friend!

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2026

Mar 23, 2026 The Gift of the Holy Spirit
 Apr 13, 2026 Identifying Our Losses
 Apr 27, 2026 Coping With Grief
 May 11, 2026 Navigating Change

**No meetings July & August
 Meetings resume September 14, 2026**

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

Good Friday—April 3, 2026

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere.

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HOLY SPIRIT, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Come, Holy Spirit, and dwell within me.
 As I grow weary on this Lenten journey,
 renew my strength and deepen my gratitude
 for God's love.

You have promised to put Your Spirit within me
 that I may live.

Fulfill that promise in me.
 Help me live not for myself, but for You.

Free me from selfish desires.
 Through prayer, fasting, and sacrifice,
 teach me to put You first
 and make room for You above all else.

Tender and compassionate Lord, I trust You.
 I surrender my life to Your care.

Take every part of me
 my thoughts, my time, my gifts, my plans.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.
 Fill me, lead me, and make me one with You,
 that I may live in true freedom and joy. Amen.