



Christmas 2018

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 24– 31, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, Dec. 24 5:00 pm For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
7:00 pm For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
10:00 pm For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, Dec. 25 9:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
11:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Wednesday, Dec. 26 For + Gary Miller by Kathy Hermanson
Thursday, Dec. 27 9:00 am For + Marlaine Hearn by the Hearn family
Friday, Dec. 28 6:00 pm **Confession**
7:00 pm **Mass, Benediction**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

Saturday, Dec. 29 5:00 pm For Fr. Raja (Anniversary of Ordination)
Sunday, Dec. 30 9:30 am For Teresa Grondin (birthday) by Helen
11:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Monday, Dec. 31 5:00 pm For All St. John Bosco parishioners

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Tuesday, Jan. 1 10:30 am For + Julia Turlock by her son Don
Wednesday, Jan. 2 9:00 am For Jared Roy by John and Sharon Roy
Thursday, Jan. 3 9:00 am For + Joseph Belohorec by his daughter
Friday, Jan. 4 6:00 pm **Confessions**
7:00 pm **Mass, Benediction**

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Saturday, Jan. 5 5:00 pm For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Sunday, Jan. 6 9:30 am For + Gregorio Lednor by Daisy Timan
11:30 am For + John and + Gina Nika
by the Nika and Arlia families

There will be no Mass on Dec. 26th while Father is away. Father will offer the mass intention for that day while he is away.

Grace Before Meals: For Christmas Dinner

Leader: God, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world.
Together: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen."
After the meal: " We give thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever Amen



A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

On the first Christmas, the angels sang, "Glory to God and peace to people of good will". Because for unto us a Child is born, the Prince of Peace, as foretold by the prophets.

From the cave of Bethlehem there rises today an urgent appeal to the world not to yield to mistrust, suspicion and discouragement, even though the tragic reality of terrorism feeds uncertainties and fears. Believers of all religions, together with men and women of good will, by outlawing all forms of intolerance and discrimination, are called to build peace: in the Middle East, to extinguish the ominous smoldering of a conflict which, with the joint efforts of all, can be avoided; in Africa too, where devastating famines and tragic internal conflicts are aggravating the already precarious conditions of entire peoples, although here and there signs of hope are present, and in Latin America, in Asia, in other parts of the world, where political, economic and social crises disturb the serenity of many families and nations.

May there be peace in our hearts to humbly accept ourselves as we are. May there be peace in our families, ending all violence against the children, women, seniors and migrants and the unborn.

Christmas is a mystery of peace! May humanity accept the Christmas message of peace.

Father Raja



The parish office will remain closed between Christmas and New Year's. The office will re-open on January 2.

May Christ bless you and your families abundantly this Christmas and all of 2019

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS:

Are you getting married this year? Please contact the parish office 6 months before the anticipated date. You will be required to take a marriage preparation course (offered in our parish).

Are you expecting a new arrival in our household? If your wanting to have your child baptized, you will be required to attend a baptism preparation meeting, which is held on the last Thursday evening of each month. Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please call the parish office to register.

Sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation.

Confirmation takes place in grade 6 and registration for preparation is on Feb. 2 @ 11 am OR on Feb. 5 @ 7 pm.

If your child will be in grade 2 in September next year (2019), please call the parish office for information for next year's registration in early September.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*May each person who comes into your life
be greeted as another Christ.*

*May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem
be that which you extend to every guest
who enters your presence.*

May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul.

*May it be a foundation of courage for you
when times of distress occupy your mind.*

*May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of
children be awakened within you.*

*May you daily open the gift of life and be grateful
for the hidden treasures it contains.*

May the coming year be one of good health for you.

May you care well for your body, mind, and spirit.

*May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart
and visit the One who offers you peace.*

May you bring this peace into our world.

Amen

