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JANUARY 2026

Father Chinna will be away on holiday from January 12 to February 13.

There will be no weekday or Friday evening Masses. There will also not be the First Friday and First Saturday devotions on February 6 and 7. These are cancelled.

Weekend Masses will still be celebrated by guest priests. For anything urgent, please call or email the parish office.

Who is St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco (1815-1888), or Don Bosco, was an Italian priest, educator, and writer who dedicated his life to the poor, abandoned, and delinquent youth of industrializing Turin, Italy, developing a system of education based on love, reason, and religion (Salesian Preventive System). He founded the Salesian Society (Salesians) and the Salesian Sisters to continue his work, establishing schools and trade workshops, and sending missionaries globally, becoming known as the "Father and Teacher of Youth".

Early Life & Vocation

- Born in Becchi, Italy, to a poor farming family, his father died when he was two, and he was raised by his devout mother, Margaret.
- Inspired by a dream at age nine, he used magic tricks and acrobatics to gather boys, always ending with prayer, realizing his calling to help them.
- He worked hard to gain an education and was ordained a priest in 1841.

Ministry of Turin

- In Turin, he saw the plight of street children and juvenile delinquents, dedicating himself to their moral and vocational education.
- He established youth clubs, vocational schools, and oratories, using his Preventive System: reasoning with them, being kind, and providing religious instruction.

Foundations & Legacy

- In 1859, he founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians) and later the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters) for girls.
- He sent missionaries to Argentina in 1875, beginning a worldwide presence for his order.
- He died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.

Key Principles

- Preventive System: Based on reason, religion, and loving kindness, avoiding punishment.
- Faith & Play: Believed in integrating play, frequent confession, and communion as central to education.

Patronage

- Patron saint of editors, publishers, apprentices, students and youth, magicians, and juvenile delinquents, among others.

“No one did more in the last century for so many people than Don Bosco, not only by his personal influence but also by the apostolate of his marvelous Sons.” – Cardinal Spellman



January Events

3 – Youth Group Event
4 – KC Pancake Breakfast
1–9 – Novena to Don Bosco
10 – St. John Bosco Feast Day Spaghetti Supper
10/11 – Children's Liturgy Begins Again
14 – KC Life & Legacy Night
17 – Santo Niño Celebration
21 – CWL Meeting
27 – KC Meeting

February Events

1 – KC Pancake Breakfast
7 – First Communion Orientation
7 – Youth Event
11 – CWL Meeting
12 – Confirmation Orientation
14 to 22 – Eucharistic Miracles Display
16 – Family Day
18 – **Ash Wednesday**
24 – KC Meeting

January Liturgical, Saints & Feasts

1. Mary, Mother of God
2. St. Basil the Great
3. Holy Name of Jesus
4. Epiphany of the Lord
7. St. Andre Bessette
11. Baptism of the Lord
12. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
13. St. Hilary
17. St. Anthony
18. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
20. Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21. St. Agnes
24. St. Francis de Sales
25. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
26. Sts. Timothy and Titus
27. St. Angela Merici
28. St. Thomas Aquinas
31. St. John Bosco

Confirmation Registration 2026

Faith program for youth in Grade 6 and older

Orientation Meeting
February 12, 2026 at 6:30pm

Deadline for registration
January 12, 2026

Form available online www.boscoparish.com or from the parish office

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Feast Day Spaghetti Supper

Join us for a delightful evening of food, fellowship, and celebration as we honor our patron saint!

Saturday, January 10th at 6pm

Please register by placing your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church







On Sunday, Dec 14 we were blessed to have Archbishop-Elect Rev. Susai Jesu, OMI to celebrate mass with us

St. John Bosco Novena & Feast Day 2026

In honor of our Patron Saint's feast day, we will have a **nine-day Novena** starting on January 1st, ending with the Feast Day Celebration on January 10th.

Each parish group will take turns leading the Novena each day.

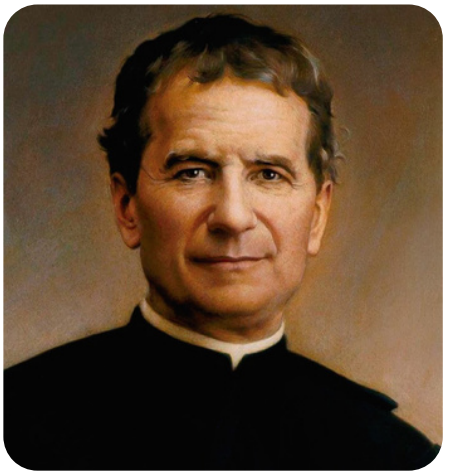
On Saturday, January 10th, we have a special Feast Day Celebration Mass at 5:00pm

Following the Mass we will have the usual **Feast Day Spaghetti Supper** in the hall.
Please sign up at the back of the church. No walk-ins. Our capacity will be 180 people.

Novena Schedule & Mass Times

Please note: No morning mass from January 6 to 8.

Thursday, Jan 1 – Parish Office – 11:30 am
Friday, Jan 2 – Readers – 7:00 pm
Saturday, Jan 3 – Youth Group – 5:00 pm
Sunday, Jan 4 – Knights of Columbus – 11:30 am
Monday, Jan 5 – Catholic Women's League – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan 6 - Music Ministry – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Jan 7 – Legion of Mary – 6:30 pm
Thursday, Jan 8 – Parish Council – 6:30 pm
Friday, Jan 9 – Young Adults – 7:00 pm



January First Friday - no morning mass. There will only be the evening mass on Friday January 2nd at 7:00 pm. There will be the usual morning mass on Saturday January 3rd at 9:00 am for the First Saturday devotion to Mother Mary.

St. John Bosco Novena - Prayer

Let us Pray:
St. John Bosco, holy patron of the youth, I come to you with sincere confidence in your closeness to Jesus. Saint John Bosco, I need your help, I need your prayers, I need your intercession to God for His grace to help me with... (Pause and state your personal intentions here). With your love for Mary, our mother, help of Christians, with your love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with your love for all those who suffer, pray for me! Don Bosco, please pray that I may have a sincere acceptance of the Will of God and help me to obtain final perseverance and grace of a happy death. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Pray: Our Father... Hail Mary...Glory Be...
St. John Bosco – Pray for us.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mass Times

Weekends
Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 9:30am & 11:30am
First Saturday of the Month - 9am

Weekdays
No weekday or Friday evening Masses from Jan 12 to Feb 13 as Father is away.
Tuesday to Thursday - 9:00am
First Friday of the Month - 9am

Friday
6:00pm Holy Hour and Confessions
6:45pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass

Confessions - Fridays at 6 pm & First Friday of the month from 9:30 to 10:15 am
Other days by appointment

Pastor: Rev. Chinna, SDB
Parish Staff: Shelly and Joyce

Parish Ministries:

Parish Pastoral Council - Barb
Parish Finance Committee - Robert
Eucharistic Ministers - Barb
Maintenance Committee - Dave
Music Ministry - Angie
Readers Coordinator - Ron
Refugees and Migrant Services - Haimi
Sacristy Team - Kathy
Visitation Ministry - Joyce
Young Adult Group - Karen
Youth Ministry - Todd

Parish Groups:

Catholic Women's League - Shelly
Couples for Christ (CFC) - Ed and Eloisa
Knights of Columbus - Ronan
Legion of Mary - Leah and Jannette
St. Vincent de Paul Society - Ann Marie

Pastors Message

This month of January, we honour our parish patron Saint John "Don" Bosco, the founder of the Salesian order, and commemorate his Feast Day.
He was a humble, selfless servant of God who was able to see true human potential in even the most hopeless situations. By dedicating his vocation to fostering that potential, he helped thousands of unemployed, impoverished and vulnerable youth believe in themselves again—and turn their lives around.
Here are some of this amazing saint's precious wisdom that can continue to inspire our faith and our hopes as a parishioner of St. John Bosco parish.

- "I want to give you the formula for Sanctity; first BE HAPPY; second, STUDY AND PRAY, third, DO GOOD TO EVERYONE."
- "We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to become good."
- "Health is God's great gift, and we must spend it entirely for Him. Our eyes should see only for God, our feet walk only for Him, our hands labor for Him alone; in short, our entire body should serve God while we still have the time. Then, when He shall take our health and we shall near our last day, our conscience will not reproach us for having misused it."
- "The principle trap that the devil sets for young people is idleness.
- "Do not try to excuse your faults; try to correct them"
- "Do not lose any time; do good. Do all the good you can and you will never regret doing it".
- "Entrust everything to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; and to MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, and you will see what miracles are."

As a pastor I am glad to wish you a very Happy Feast Day of St. John Bosco and prayerful greetings to you all.
"Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal." - St. John Bosco.

Best Wishes, Fr. Chinna.

