

# St. John Bosco Parish

*Helping People Walk with Jesus*

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## SAYING YES

At the end of this week's gospel the disciples confoundedly ask Jesus, "who can be saved?". He responds by saying that salvation is only possible by God's grace. Jesus teaches the disciples the key to salvation: a personal "yes" to him.

From the beginning God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke those relational bonds and separated us from God. In order to redeem us, God sent his only Son into the world to die for our sins. We have objectively been saved through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. That is why salvation is a gratuitous gift of God. There is nothing we can do that will earn our salvation. The price of our salvation has already been paid through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. That is why the Catechism teaches, "Believing in Jesus Christ and the One who sent him is necessary for our salvation" (161).

However, this gift requires a subjective and free response. Our salvation necessitates a personal acceptance, through faith, that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. It is a decision, a personal "yes", to Jesus's invitation to follow him. That is why the Church says, "faith is a personal act – the free response...to the initiative of God who reveals himself" (166).

Our salvation is dependent upon our personal "yes" to Jesus. This "yes" as Pope Benedict reminds us, "is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction". It is accepting, by personal decision, the saving sovereignty of Christ. It means personally choosing to follow Jesus and putting him first in our lives. Salvation, through the grace of Jesus, is open to everyone. Our acceptance of this gift requires a resounding, life changing "yes" to Jesus Christ.

**Sunday Mass:** 10am

**Mass Intention Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Doreen Swityk

**Adoration:** Thursday 10am – 1pm (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm)

**Readings for Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

**Our Mission:** Love God, Love Our Neighbour, Make Disciples

**Our Purpose:** As a community, we seek to help people **Worship** God, **Connect** with others, **Grow** in faith, **Give** with joy, and **Share** the gospel, so that all may come to know Jesus and recognize that it's good to be Catholic.

## Parish Office

**Location:** 1202 Avenue O South, S7M 2T6

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## Parish Staff

**Priest Moderator:** Fr. Marvin Lishchynsky  
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**Confessions:** 9-9:45am before the 10am mass.

**Parish Nurse Ministry:** If you, or someone you know, has health issues and could benefit from a visit from our parish nurse, please contact the office.

**Prayer Intentions:** Mel Henry, Sid Hryhoruk, Lionel Kuppenbender, Cecile Lanovaz, Marie Looman, Anita Langford, Gilliosa Loftus, Brenda Nixey, Gary Nyholt, Leo Schreiner, Doreen Swityk and all who are sick or suffering. If you know someone who needs to be added or taken off the list, please contact the parish.

## Dates to Remember

October 13 St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast

October 14 Office Closed

October 15 Alpha 6:30pm St. John Library

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Oct 6:** Candace C. (R) / Candace C. (EM) / Marc & Sherry F. (W) / Lauren & Jordan H. (G)

**Oct 13:** Marc F. (R) / Sherry F. (EM) / Colwell Family (W) / Steve & Pat E. (G)

**Oct 20:** Tim D. (R) / Marc F. (EM) / Pat & Steve E. (W) / Cindy & Stu S. (G)

**Oct 27:** Gerry Z. (R) / Mary J. (EM) / Doreen & Myron S. (W) / Pat & Cecile F. (G)

**Ushers:** Myron S. / Tim D. / Mike J. / Russ A.

**Key:** Reader (R) / Eucharistic Minister (EM) / Welcomer (W) / Gifts (G)

## VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SUNDAY



Parishioners will have an opportunity to sign up for ministries on **Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** during our annual **Volunteer Sign Up Sunday**. Consider how you can use your time, talents, and treasure to serve Christ and his Church.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are underway with the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. Your support of this year's appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Diocese of Saskatoon are continued and carried forward. Your 2024 BAA envelopes and materials can be picked up at the back of the Church. Thank you for your support.

## CWL NEWS

It's a towel drive for October! Do you have too many towels and they don't all fit in the cupboard? We can help you! We are collecting donations of new or gently used towels (no rips or stains) for the CWL Clothing Depot. There is a bin in the church entrance. Thank you!

The Sanctum Care Group recently took up the 36 Hours of Homelessness challenge. The participants share what they learned about the challenges and uncertainty of being homeless on the streets of Saskatoon for 36 hours. To see their testimonies check out the following link: [36 Hours](#)

Please include in your prayers those who are dealing with mental health and mental illness. We all know someone affected by this whether it be a family member or a friend or it could be you. God Bless.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry begins again on Saturday, November 9th. Shawls are blessed and distributed to sick and hospitalized parishioners. If you wish to receive a shawl / visit, please contact the Parish or Deb Bauche (Parish nurse).

If you are interested to join this group, or would like more information about it, please contact Karen Bosker at: 306-384-5060.



**World Mission Sunday** is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement (Mt. 28:19).

World Mission Sunday was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer for missions. This year it is commemorated on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

## ETHICAL VOTING

On October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> residents of Saskatoon are going to the poles to select new provincial and civic leadership. When it comes to voting, here are three things to keep in mind.

1. Vote for policies and candidates that respect the dignity of each person, especially those most vulnerable.
2. Vote for policies and candidates that support the common good and general welfare of all citizens.
3. Form your conscience regarding candidates (who is virtuous?) and exercise your democratic right by voting.

## GOING THE DISTANCE

Our next **Going the Distance** men's group will be held on **Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **7pm** in the Church. Bring your own Bible and beer.

## FOOD HAMPER

Our Good Food Box has run low over the summer. We are in need of: Kraft Dinner, Canned Soup, Crackers, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meat, Cereal, Canned Veggies, Peanut Butter, Tea or Coffee.