

SAINT JOHN BOSCO CHURCH



1983 ~ Celebrating Thirty-Five Years ~ 2018



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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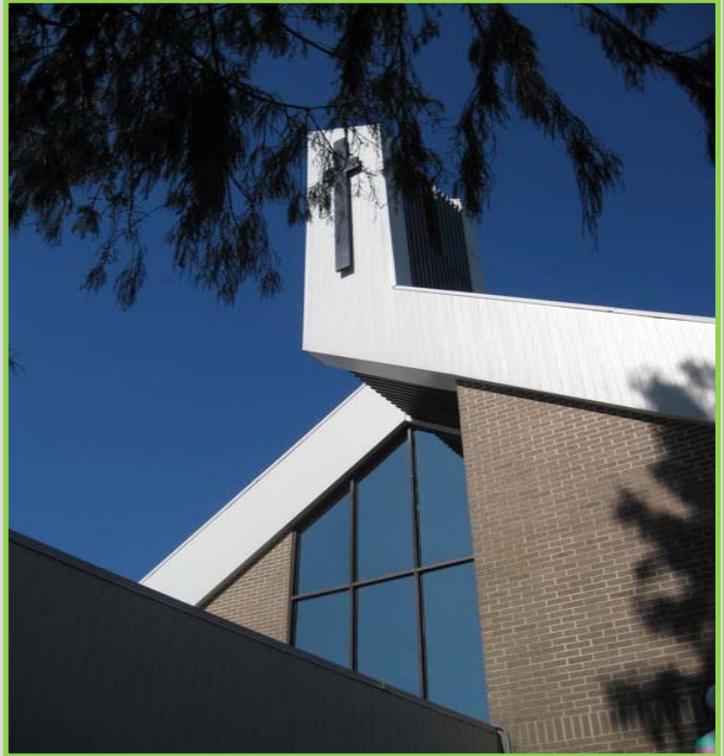
MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 8AM, 5PM VIGIL
SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00, & 11AM; 5PM
WEEKDAY: 7AM MONDAY - FRIDAY
CONFESSION: SATURDAY 3:45 - 4:30PM
(AND BY APPOINTMENT)

FATHER LARRY URBAN, SDB, PASTOR
FATHER GEORGE HANNA, SDB
DEACON KEVIN STEEL

FR. LARRY'S CORNER OF THE BULLETIN

I spend over 40 years as a teacher and one of the things I enjoyed about teaching was watching kids growing into what is called "emerging adulthood." It must be very difficult at times for parents, only being able to watch, hope, and pray as their children start to move away from home and begin to make their own way into the world. Will they be safe, make the right choices, be happy? Making use of images from nature, our Gospel reminds us that God gives the growth, whether it is to mighty cedars spring from small shoots, ripened grain sprouting from a blade, or a fully grown mustard plant emerging from the tiniest of seeds to offer its large branches as housing for the bird. Such poetic language calls us to reflect on the mystery of the kingdom of God whose seeds were found in the various covenants extended to Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, and then fully enfleshed in Jesus two thousand years ago. This kingdom continues to sprout in our own day, often where it is least expected. Sometimes it breaks through ("breaking" is the theological term for how the Kingdom of God emerges in our time) like a mighty cedar, but more often it's a quitter blossoming, suddenly emerging like stalks of grain, or the first signs of life in a mother's body. I am sure that God has worried for all the children of every age who have filled the earth. He continues to care for us and depends on us to do our little part to make sure that the Kingdom of God breaks into our world and society through us. God bless!



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF OUR PATRON, ST. JOHN BOSCO, WE ARE DEDICATED TO PRAYER, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION AND SERVICE TO THE YOUNG. OUR GOAL AS DISCIPLES IS TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE INVITE AND WELCOME ALL TO JOURNEY WITH US AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS.

How Should I Dress for Mass?

by Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond

Summer is here, which in New Orleans usually means dressing down even more casually than we do at other times of year. I know the issue of church attire is a sensitive one – especially in an area where it's hot nine months out of the year.

What's your perspective on how people should dress for Mass?

I have a variety of feelings about this. There's a part of me that remains grateful to God that a person is in church, regardless of how he or she is dressed. I certainly realize there are individual circumstances where a person may have other responsibilities and is not able to dress in what we might consider an appropriate manner, so I want to be sensitive to that. At the same time, the church is a sacred place – truly holy ground. It is a consecrated place where we meet God in a unique way through the Scriptures, through the assembly and through the Eucharist. At some level, our attire speaks to the importance or unique nature of what we are doing in that sacred space, worshiping God in the Sunday assembly. When people go to social events such as weddings or anniversaries or graduations, they most often dress with care. That's not to say they are in formal attire, but they are dressed appropriately. Shouldn't we also take the same care as we go to church to experience God's presence in a unique way through the Mass?

What's been your experience of how people dress for church?

I think we've all been aware that there are some who at times dress too casually for Mass. In some cases, one might even question the level of modesty in attire. I think it's important for all of us to note that our attire should not be a distraction to other people. This goes for both men and women. I don't think we need to wear T-shirts that advertise beer or that have inappropriate words that could bring offense to someone else. Again, I think the responsibility lies with each individual. We should act with charity and responsibility and not be a stumbling block to someone else's worship experience.

Is the problem also just a general relaxing of dress codes in the culture?

That does have something to do with it. Everybody knows about "Casual Fridays" and events like that. Fewer people wear coats and ties to the workplace. It used to be that to get into a fancy restaurant in New Orleans, you had to be dressed appropriately. Men had to wear a jacket and tie. Nobody could walk into a restaurant in flip-flops. Those days are largely gone. I realize that the more we live in a casual society, that relaxed dress code becomes more the norm. I want to be sensitive to that reality. At the same time, I'd like to continue posing the question: Does the way we dress for church say something about how we view the importance of the event? I'd like to reiterate: I am always grateful to God that people are in church with the desire to celebrate the Eucharist. To me, attire is always a secondary consideration. Nevertheless, it is worthy of our consideration. I'm not sure how much God cares about our attire, but dressing appropriately is a way of our saying to God and to others that we value the Eucharist and see it as sacred and as the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. My prayer would be that people truly would understand what it means not to be a distraction to others in such a sacred moment. I'd love to encourage more people to live up to the adage of wearing their "Sunday best" – not to show off but as a concrete way of thanking God and caring for our neighbors in the next pew.



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Back to the Beginning

On a bright Sunday morning, November 21, 1982, the Feast of Christ the King, Archbishop Philip M. Hannan, the Ordinary of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana, accompanied by about twenty priest, thirty-five Dominican and Salesian Sisters, elected public officials, including our Congresswoman, Lindy Boggs, and representatives of the Archdiocesan Education Department, blessed the new St. John Bosco Middle School, and then proceed to anoint, bless, and inaugurate the newly constructed St. John Bosco Catholic Church. The new Church and School are located in a very large new subdivision with 4,000 single houses with a thousand more in the building, named Woodmere, Harvey just west of the famous Harvey Canal and about a ten minute ride from St. Rosalie Church. The Woodmere Subdivision is populated by young families, many college educated, professionals, including engineers, lawyers, teachers, etc. There are many children and teenagers just waiting for the Salesians. With so many people in in the Woodmere Subdivision, it was inevitable that a new Catholic Parish would be created. The mandate to do this was given to the Salesians of St. John Bosco, who had been active on the West Bank for 50 years. Besides, part of the subdivision was within the southern boundary of St. Rosalie Parish, staffed by the Salesians for the previous 19 years.

Negotiations began in 1977 between the Archbishop of New Orleans in whose jurisdiction the Subdivision was located, and the Salesians for the Salesians to accept the Subdivision as a mission of St. Rosalie Parish. In 1978 Fr. Salvatore Isgro, then the Provincial, accepted that arrangement.

The fast growth of the new area necessitated the building of a church and the extension of St. Rosalie School, which now had about 800 students enrolled. The church was almost two years in the planning stage and required almost one year to build. The architect was Mr. Alvin Hotard, and the Clover Construction Company as the builder. The church seats approximately 700 people.

The new Church of St. John Bosco is a very pleasant blend of the contemporary and traditional styles. It is in earthen-colored brick, outside and inside, with wide porcelain trim. It has two large mirror-glaze windows facing the north and south, allowing for dramatic views of the exterior. There are nine beautiful faceted-glass windows depicting symbols of the seven Sacraments, and portraits of St. Joseph and St. Dominic, the latter in honor of the Dominican Sisters, who are in charge of the

school. The new church contains exquisite furnishings, including in hand-carved wood, a large (7' x 12') Risen Christ on a cross, Stations of the Cross, Statues of Mary Help of Christians, St. John Bosco, St. Joseph, and the Sacred Heart. In beautiful marble (Bottecino and Allegante) especially commissioned from Florence, Italy, are the altar, the lecture, the baptistry, and holy water fonts. The Mensa of the altar is a glorious slab of highly polished Bottecino marble weighing 1,250 lbs. The new church includes a St. Joseph Chapel, seating for about 60 people and is used for daily Mass, cry room, brides room, and lecture room.

The first Mass, with the enthronement of the Blessed Sacrament, was held on Sunday, October 15, 1982, in the presence of 1,300 people who crowded into the church. As noted above, the church was formally blessed by Archbishop Hannan on Sunday, November 21, 1982, and at the same time the Archbishop blessed the new school. Many dignitaries attended. Lunch was at the Woodmere Club.

The Woodmere Subdivision became a parish in its own right with the Archbishop's official decree of June 16, 1983, and on that same day Fr. Emil Fardellone, SDB was officially appointed the first Pastor.

The St. John Bosco Church and School are situated on a seven-acre tract of land, containing large cypress trees, and immediately next to a seven acre tract recreational park (with baseball diamonds) operated by Jefferson Parish. Together, the two seven acre plots resemble a fourteen-acre park. Nearby are also eight large tennis courts, an olympic swimming pool, and a private clubhouse. The church plus all furnishings cost close to \$800,000, and the school cost of \$550,000. In less than two years over a million dollars in cash had been raised. The church was completely paid for before it was blessed.

During the building of the church, the new Middle School was started. It contains ten classrooms, a large library, a large science laboratory, extensive administrative offices, and a teacher's lounge. The first students entered after Thanksgiving recess in November, 1982.

The new rectory was completed by the Feast of St. John Bosco, January 31, 1983. The first and founding Pastor, Fr. Emil Fardellone, moved in on that day. The rectory is a Bellwood type home built by Sunrise homes and it has four bedrooms. The garage was altered into parish offices, and a new carport plus an enclosed patio were built.

An interesting footnote to this parish history is that the founder of the Clover Construction Company, which built the St. John Bosco Church and School, Mr. Hugh O'Connor, was raised as a boy in Hope Haven, which was then operated by the Salesians. He did not know that 50 years later he would build a church in honor of the Saint whom he learned to love as a boy.

May 21, 1986

Written by Fr. Philip Pascucci, SDB

Salesians of St. John Bosco

New Rochelle, NY

You're invited to SJB Youth Ministry's

Summer

CAR WASH!

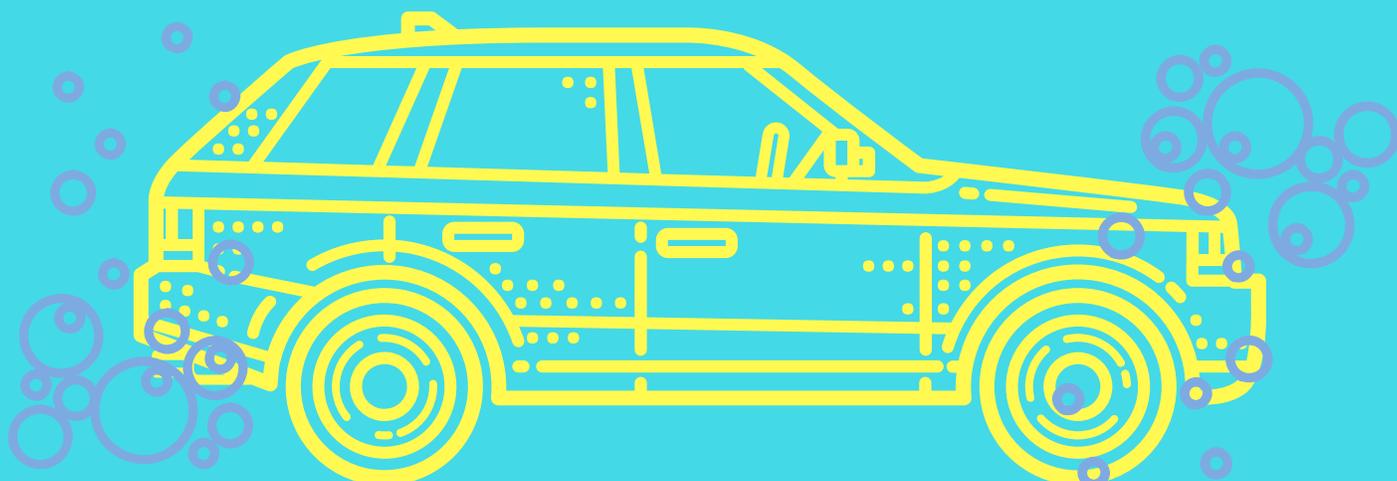
Come support us at our annual summer fundraiser!

Saturday, June 23 | 9 AM - 12 PM

Under the pavilion behind the Don Bosco Center

\$7 in advance | \$10 day-of

Get your discounted tickets in advance after masses June 16-17!



COFFEE AND DONUTS



Please come and join us after the morning masses on **June 17th** for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Installation of New Officers

June 18th

Social: 6:00pm-6:40pm

Rosary: 6:40pm Meeting: 7:00pm

(Door prize to one lucky Bro. Knight in attendance)



St. John Bosco Women's Society RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Society would like to thank everyone who helped make the Rummage Sale a success. A special "thank you" goes to all the ladies, men and teens who helped organize, setup and cleanup and everyone who donated items for sale. All of your efforts contributed to making the Rummage Sale a huge success.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

There will be a Women's Society meeting on **June 25th at 6:30pm**. All women in the parish are invited to attend.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Deceased Pham Family**



BREAD AND WINE

Celebration of the Eucharist is in memory of **Mary Clifton & Carl Chaisson**



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MASS INTENTIONS

June 16	8am	Marguerite Hart & Family
	5pm	+Dudley Dugas & Wilton Nunez +John Hop Tran +Wayne Delaune +Dale Hymel +Joseph Busch +Ky & Samantha Nguyen & Tuan Vu +Peter John Paul Nguyen +Mable Simms (MOA) +Aubrey Champagne +Mary, Clifton & Carl Chaisson +Neil J. Folse, Jr.
June 17	7:30am	+Douglas Ferrer +Guillermo & Candida Calimlim
	9am	Parishioners of St. John Bosco
	11am	St. John Bosco Men's Club Happy Birthday Pham Dinh Vuong +Phaolo Nguyen Huu Nghia +Rufus Desoto +Deceased Pham Family +Joseph & Crucifissa Giaise +Ky & Samantha Nguyen & Tuan Vu +Penelope Solis +Richard & Juanita Louis
June 18	5pm	+Philip DiPascal
June 19	7am	Happy Birthday Quy Thi Chu
June 20	7am	+Nguyen Thi Dieu
June 21	7am	+Xavier Verdin
June 22	7am	+Beverly Damico
June 23	7am	+Souls in Purgatory
	8am	Marguerite Hart & Family
	5pm	Happy 67th Anniversary Alphonse & Joyce Hebert +Wayne Delaune +Ky & Samantha Nguyen & Tuan Vu +Peter John Paul Nguyen +John Hefti +Robert & Notile Klein +Frances, Darlene & Donna Hefti +Souls in Purgatory +Fr. Michael Fraser +Corrine Winter
June 24	7:30am	Special Intentions +Peggy & Anthony DiMarco, Sr. +Souls in Purgatory +Ky & Samantha Nguyen & Tuan Vu +Souls in Purgatory +Cindy Sanders (MOB-day) +Lourdes Bacuta
	9am	+Parishioners of St. John Bosco
	11am	+Cindy Sanders (MOB-day)
	5pm	+Penelope Solis



**SAINT JOHN BOSCO
PRAY FOR US!!**

