



Stewardship Saint for January: Saint John Bosco

John Bosco was born in 1815 in a small town near Turin, Italy, now one of the great cultural, educational and manufacturing cities of Italy. He was the youngest of three sons of a family of farm workers. His father died when Bosco was 2 years old, leaving a widowed mother to support a family in her poverty. He was unable to afford an education but was given an opportunity to enter the seminary by a priest who saw promise in the young man. He did well and was ordained to the priesthood in 1841 at age 26. “Don” Bosco soon thereafter began a lifelong devotion to educating and caring for boys and young men who were poor, homeless or among the working class in the newly industrialized city of Turin.

Bosco became a pioneer in vocational training. He opened workshops to train tailors, shoemakers, printers, bookbinders and metal workers. Other priests were attracted to his ministry and social outreach and a community began to form. Eventually Don Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales after the saint who inspired him. The Salesians were formally approved as a religious community in 1884. Bosco had served for a time as chaplain to a Catholic shelter for young girls and in 1872 he collaborated with Mary Mazzarello to establish a community of women, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, or the Salesian Sisters. Mary Mazzarello was elevated to sainthood in 1951.

Upon his death on January 31, 1888, approximately 40,000 mourners filed past his body as he lay in state in church and it is reported that most of the population of Turin lined the streets for his funeral. He was canonized on Easter Sunday 1934 by Pope Pius XI, who as a young priest had known Don Bosco. The next day a national holiday was observed in his honor throughout Italy. Saint John Bosco is the patron saint of Catholic editors and publishers. His feast day is January 31.

Christmas Decorations Old Historical Church



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rizal Pedro Acosta, MS – Pastor
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Baptism: Submit application form and required papers to the Parish Office. Baptism class will be scheduled upon receipt of completed applications. Baptism are usually held on Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office for more information at least six months before wedding.

RCIA: Contact the Parish Office for more information.

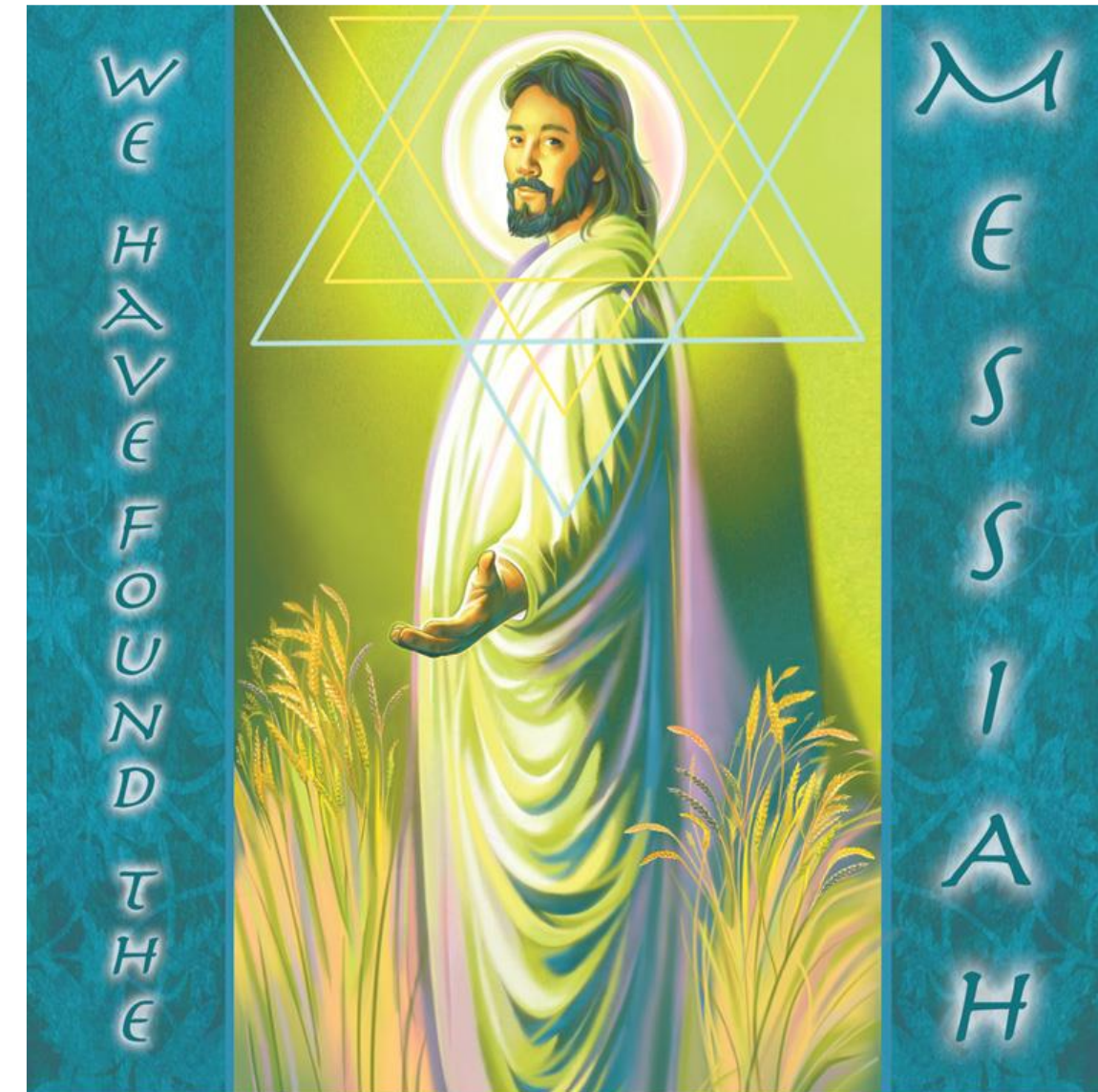
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

Funerals: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) Wednesday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena

Saturday: 5:00 PM (New Church) Sunday: 7:00 AM (New Church) 9:30 AM (New Church)

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Mass on the weekends in the Parish Office

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office at (808) 742-1955 to schedule an appointment

January Birthdays

Paul Sameshima 14
Mercy Labrador 16
Dr. Patricia Fallbeck 18
Frances Muana 18
Daryl Gerardo 19
Juan Magallanes 19



May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!

BISHOP LARRY SILVA'S ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx in the Communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the priest after the Communion of the faithful and never during the Communion procession.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel Jesus asks two of John the Baptist's followers who now want to follow him, "What are you looking for?" That is, of course, a very practical question. It is a very good question for us to ask ourselves as we begin this new year: What is it that we seek? What is it that we really want in following Jesus? How do we wish to live so that Christ will know that we have an authentic desire to be his disciples? This is a stewardship question. By our very human nature we are on a spiritual quest and we have many choices. Is our choice truly to be followers of Jesus Christ? If so, what changes will we make in our lives that will draw us closer to the Lamb of God.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE CHARLES & MARILYN CAMPILLO

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2024
MASS: 10:30 AM
PLACE: ST. RAPHAEL OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



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Stewards of Treasure Weekly Collections , January 7, 2024

Collection	\$ 4,260.00
Votive Candles	\$ 303.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 90.00
Gift Shop	\$ 503.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,450.00
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
Second Collection for Ohana in Christ	\$ 200.00
Online Church Offering	\$ 508.90

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



* St. Raphael Church's drive thru Food Pantry distribution will be on Thursday, January 18 from 4:30PM to 6PM.

*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of a Diocesan Holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

*Please join the Kauai Filipino Catholic Council in celebrating the Feast of Santo Niño on January 21 at Holy Cross Church in Kalaheo. A rosary prayer/novena and blessing of all Santo Niño statues at 1:30 PM followed by Eucharistic Mass at 2:00 PM then Sinulog procession around the Church. Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall. Please call our Parish Office if you will be attending by January 14, 2024. Presider of the mass will be Fr. Rizal and we encourage our Parish Community to please join this event.

*A 9-day Novena to Santo Niño will start on January 13 – 20 at 5:30 PM in the Old Historical Church.

*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends. Weekday schedule is 8 am to 2 pm. Thank you.



MAHALO for celebrating with us this weekend. You may be visiting, new to our community, or live on this beautiful Island. We hope you enjoyed your time at St. Raphael Church and considered St. Raphael Church your "home" away from home.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3b–10,19
The Lord calls Samuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10
A prayer of commitment to follow the will of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a,17–20
Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

John 1:35–42
John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Our Lady of Peace Prayer

Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being his Mother, you shared in his universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed him King of peace. With loving fervor in our hearts, we salute and honor you as Queen of peace.

We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our President and other leaders as they strive for world peace.

Glorious Queen of peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world. Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your motherly love. Amen.

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