



# St. John Bosco

January 31

## Who was St. John Bosco?

St. John Bosco's Feast Day is celebrated on January 31st. This significant day marks the memorial of the renowned Italian saint, Don Bosco, who dedicated his life to the education and spiritual guidance of young people. His impactful work as an educator and founder of the Salesian Order continues to inspire millions worldwide.

Born on August 16, 1815, in Becchi, Italy, John Bosco faced a challenging childhood marked by poverty and hardship. Despite these obstacles, he displayed a deep love for God and a profound sense of empathy for the plight of the marginalized youth in his community. Recognizing the transformative power of education and mentorship, he resolved to devote his life to uplifting the lives of young people.

In 1859, John Bosco founded the Salesian Society, a religious congregation aimed at educating and guiding young boys, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. He also established the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco to provide education and care for young girls. His educational approach emphasized kindness, love and encouragement, seeking to foster a positive environment that nurtured young minds and hearts.

Throughout his life, St. John Bosco dedicated himself to the holistic development of youth, combining academic education with spiritual formation. He believed in the importance of fostering a strong relationship with God and instilling moral values in the lives of his students. His teachings emphasized the principles of reason, religion and kindness, promoting an atmosphere of respect and understanding among the young.

The Feast Day of St. John Bosco is celebrated to honour his remarkable contributions to the betterment of society through education and compassion. His legacy lives on in the Salesian educational institutions and communities that continue to serve young people worldwide. On this special day, believers gather to remember and emulate his selfless dedication to the youth, offering prayers of gratitude for the enduring impact he has left on the lives of countless individuals. St. John Bosco's Feast Day serves as a reminder of the enduring power of love, education and faith in transforming lives and shaping a better future for generations to come.

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[Immaculate Conception Parish website](#)



## Quotes

*"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

*"It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved."*

*"Do everything for the love of God and with joy, and success will follow."*

## Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

O glorious Saint John Bosco,  
Friend of the young,  
Teacher in the ways of God,  
Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.  
Help me to work for a better world,  
where the young are given the chance to flourish,  
where the poor's dream for justice can come true and where God's compassion is shown to be real.  
Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you  
and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.  
Saint John Bosco,  
Pray for us!

Amen.

## Patron Saint

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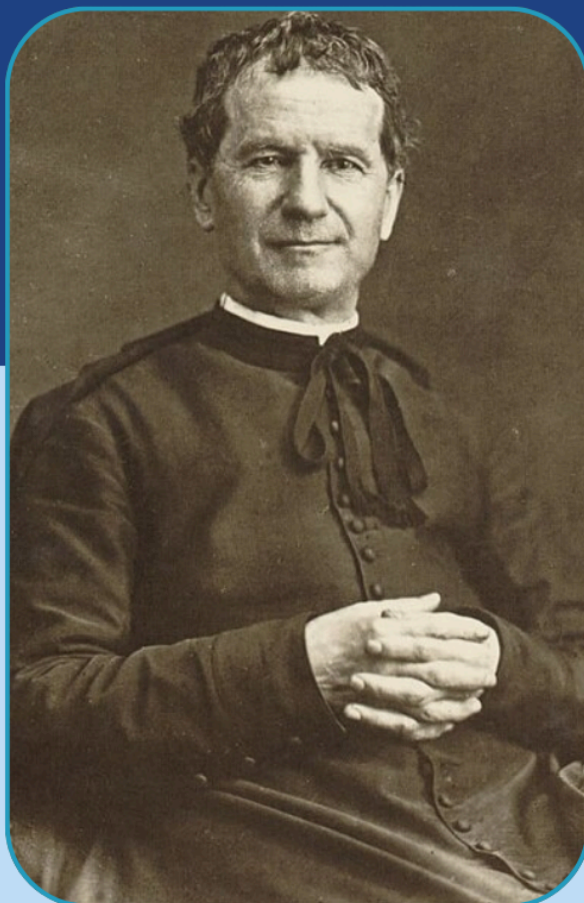
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**FEAST DAY:**  
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**SCHOOL LOCATION:**  
Woodbridge, ON

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