

## LENTEN GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Non-perishable food items are always needed.



Thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Share Lent campaign! Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, \$1,905.00 was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. **If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).** Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



**Thank You** everyone who joined us for the Stone Soup! We enjoyed a delicious soup and had the opportunity to learn how important dialogue is to bring about peace even in our everyday happenings as we shared with other parishioners. 52 persons attended and \$131.85 was donated towards the Share Lent collection.



## HOLY THURSDAY

### ADORATION

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's supper begins at 7pm. At its conclusion, there will be a period of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm, for those who wish to mark the end of Lent, and the beginning of the Easter Triduum, in the Presence of the Lord.

### NOVENA AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

For those interested, there is a Divine Mercy Novena which begins on Good Friday. Copies of this prayer, along with instructions on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, are available at the entranceway of the Church. The Chaplet is a powerful gift to the Church, and is strongly recommended as a devotional in our spiritual lives.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF A BABY:** To help stop the anti-life push in the world at that time, the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn baby. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life will be spared from abortion and allowed to continue to live. To help accomplish this, it was recommended that an individual say the daily prayer for a period of nine months. If you are interested in taking on this Ministry of Life, please take home one of the blue (baby boy) or pink (baby girl) slips at the entranceway of the Church. Prayerfully consider and choose your baby's name, and then pray for him/her for the rest of this year. Fr. Michael will offer Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents (December 28th) for all of them, naming each one. Please keep the prayer portion of the paper so that you may offer the prayer each day, and return the portion with your child's name, via the collection basket or parish office, to Fr. Michael.

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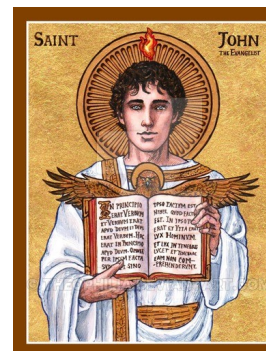
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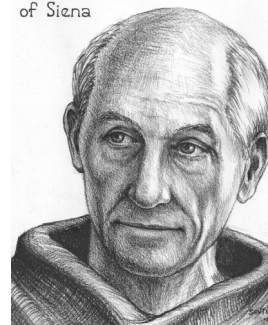
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### Office hours:

Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.



St. Bernardine of Siena



### Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

### RCIA and Pastoral Care

Marie Bardswich

### Parish Pastoral Council

Marie Bardswich Ivon Chaumont

Mary MacGregor Myron McCormick

Rachel Charette Sue Quackenbush

## ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

### Parish Contact

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Rolande Kehoe 705-969-2838

### PRAYER LINE

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**WEEKDAY MASSES:** See inside for this week's schedule

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist

Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist

### CALL THE PARISH OFFICE REGARDING:

- Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick
- Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

### FOR BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any weekend Mass (6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)

Mass Schedule March 26—April 1, 2018		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 26		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 27	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, March 28	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Holy Thursday, March 29	7:00 p.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Good Friday, March 30	3:00 p.m.	PASSION SERVICE—NO MASS
Saturday, March 31	7:55 p.m.	For those who are entering our faith community
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 1	10:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, April 1	9:00 a.m.	For those who are Baptised during Easter

Please note the change in Mass time on Saturday night this week. The Vigil Mass always begins following sunset, which is at 7:51. We will welcome 2 new parishioners into our Catholic Community at this Mass.



### The Catholic Women's League

Join the ladies every Wednesday following the morning Mass, when they gather in the hall to craft their handiworks for the Fall Tea.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to an evening of **Theology Perking** on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Residence, 29 Second Ave. South. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Scott, professor of Religious Studies at Thornloe University. His topic will be "**Ideas of Love in the Gospel of John**".

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Sunday, April 8th at St. Christopher's Parish (Whitefish). Led by Bishop Marcel, Reconciliation will be available 1:45—2:45, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung at 3pm. Mass will be celebrated at 3:30, and a social will follow in the Parish hall. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please join us in this devotional prayer on Friday night this week, beginning at 7pm. The prayer will be led this week by the Parish Ministries.



**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR FR. MICHAEL:** Until that time when a new Parish secretary is hired (no immediate plans), please use the stjohnsgarson@gmail.com address to contact Fr. Michael by e-mail. He's the only one with access to it, and it makes it a lot easier for him to access all the mail from the same source. Thank you.

**THE PARISH OFFICE:** Will be closed on Thursday this week, to allow Fr. Michael to lead a prayer service at St. John's School.



**A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S PALMS:** The palm branches we used today to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem were blessed for that purpose. Now that Mass is complete, you'll find your palm branch will soon wither. The purpose for which it was blessed has passed, and you may simply discard the branch in your compost heap or garbage. Please do NOT return it to the Church. We have enough of a challenge staying in our 2 bag limit as it is. The analogy here is your food. You bless it (we hope!) before you eat it. However, if that food goes bad, the purpose for which you blessed it has passed, and you throw the spoiled food away. Palms are no different. If you wish to keep it for any purpose—a memory of today, perhaps—that's fine. But there is no need to do so.

### GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, our Parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

There is an envelope in your boxed set for this day. You may also contribute on Good Friday using your own envelope. All money donated on this day will be forwarded to the Commissariat of the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you are able.

### YOUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS for March 18, 2018

*Thank You*

#### St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$1212.00      Loose: \$60.05  
Share Lent: \$1,835.00      Initial Offering: \$10.00  
Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$903.75

**Total: \$4,020.80**

#### St. Bernardine of Siena

Envelopes: \$375.25      Loose: \$20.00      Share Lent: \$415.00

**Total: \$810.25**