

SHARE THE JOURNEY: Development & Peace - Caritas Canada Fall Campaign

68.5 million thank yous! On behalf of all those forced to flee their homes, villages or countries, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada wants to thank you for your ongoing commitment and mobilization. Together, we have taken action in solidarity with forced migrants. Together, we have the power to change lives.



Without your action, there is no change and no justice.

DONATION ENVELOPES: The donation envelopes for 2019 are now available at the entrance of the Church. If you used a set this year, then there should be a box for you there. **If you are currently donating through our PAD program, there is no box of envelopes prepared for you, as they are unnecessary.** This is a good time for everyone to consider the possibility of using Pre-Authorized Donations as a way to ensure the uninterrupted support of your parish. New forms, if you wish, are available for this purpose at the entrance of the Church. If you wish to begin donating through envelopes and have not done so previously, there are boxes with no names printed on them, and you may take one. Please make sure to print your full name and mailing address on the first few envelopes that you use so that we can create a record for you.



ALPHA COURSE: Starting Thursday, January 10th at St. Alexander's Church in Chelmsford. This is a ten week course open to everyone interested in exploring the meaning of life and discovering the relevance of the Christian faith. Each session starts with a full meal, followed by a video talk, leading to small group discussions. **All FREE of charge. ALL WELCOME** To register, call the parish office at 705-855-2525 or email us at stalexchurch@yahoo.ca

A note from Fr. Michael: Having been involved with the Alpha course for many years, I can attest to its power and effectiveness for both believers who want to deepen the understanding of their faith, and unbelievers who have questions and a seeking mind. If you are interested, perhaps I can help answer some of your questions about it before you decide on registering.

OUR NEW CONFESSIONAL: With the completion of our new Confessional, Fr. Michael will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 11am to Noon, beginning on December 8th ... most appropriate, given that is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and there is no one of us that can claim to be "immaculate" or without sin :)



CHALICE is a Canadian Catholic child sponsorship organization. Our Chalice **Christmas Gift Catalogue** offers the opportunity to purchase a gift on behalf of a loved one. **You will find the catalogues at the back of the Church.** Thank you for sharing Christ with those in need.

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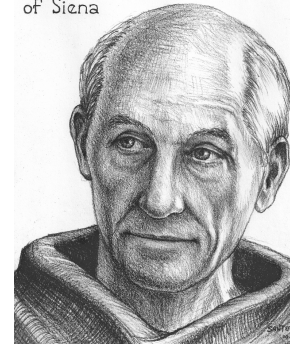
Parish Website: www.stjohnsgarson.org

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday—Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.

**December 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

St. Bernardine of Siena



Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care

Marie Bardswich

Parish Pastoral Council

Myron McCormick	Finance - ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
Rachel Charette	St. John's
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Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

PRAYER LINE

Elaine Lamarche	705-693-3339
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ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

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Communion to the Sick

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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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

WEEKDAY MASSES: See inside for this week's schedule

RECONCILIATION: Saturday mornings 11—Noon

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (Fr. Michael) REGARDING:

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

FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:

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

**Mass Schedule
December 3 — December 9, 2018**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 3		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 4	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, December 5	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Thursday, December 6	9:30 a.m.	For Casandra Patterson by Cheryl McFarlane & Family
Friday, December 7	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Saturday, December 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Peggy Quackenbush by Harvey & Sr. Sarah Quackenbush
Sunday, December 9	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, December 9	9:00 a.m.	For Francoise Hayes by William Hayes
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CWL Advent Project Socks for the Homeless: Within the City of Greater Sudbury there are 207 youth, aged 16 to 24, who are homeless. This year again, we are collecting socks for them. There is a basket at the back of the Church to gather them. They will be donated to the Samaritan Center to help the needy. We cannot do this without your help. Please be generous!

**ADVENT Garson Community Food Bank
Our Annual Blitz**

Week 3 – December 8/9

Canned Fruit, Powdered/Canned Milk

*"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully,
everyone is blessed." Maya Angelou*

K of C Religious Christmas Cards for Sale

The Knights of Columbus of Holy Redeemer are selling **Religious Christmas Cards** in the Church foyer (of Holy Redeemer). Come and see us after our Saturday 7pm and Sunday 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses next weekend. By sending religious cards we are helping to **Keep Christ in Christmas!**

HEALING SERVICE: Tuesday, December 11th at 2pm, here at St. John's Church. This is an ecumenical service of prayer sponsored by the Northeast Pastoral Group (Garson/Coniston/New Sudbury/Minnow Lake). There will be the opportunity to be prayed over individually if you wish, although the Sacrament of the Sick will not be offered. After the healing service in the Church, everyone is invited to the hall for a reception.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 12th, beginning at 7pm in the Parish meeting room. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Agenda items will be highlighted in next weekend's bulletin.



CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: We gather after the 9:30 morning Mass in the Meeting Room. All topics are open for discussion. Come, listen, participate and sip good coffee.

YOUTH GROUP: Nithin Sunny inaugurates our Parish Youth Group on Wednesday night this week. Pizza will be served. No charge. The Youth Group is for those in Grades 6-8. We begin at 7pm. Bring a friend. All are welcome. **Adults:** We need at least one more adult to be present on those nights in order to comply with our safety protocols. If you are able to be present, please get in touch with Fr. Michael. This is something that can be done occasionally (once a month or less), if preferred.



Advent is a twofold season of joyful expectation: for the season of Christmas which begins after sunset on December 24th, during which time we recall the first coming of Christ, and in anticipation of His second coming at the end of time. Although it can be difficult to filter out the secular influences around us, we can still make a concerted effort to keep our gaze on the One Whose coming we anticipate.

CWL Social/Meeting: On Monday, December 3rd. There will be a free penny table; donations accepted. Some crafts will be for sale. Bring ready to serve finger foods. Come join your sisters in the league and bring a friend. We begin at 6:30pm.



Lectors

The 2019 Workbook for Lectors is available for pickup in the Sacristy. There is no need to return your old versions—please recycle them in the Blue Box.

LEARN TO PRAY WITH THE PSALMS: Beginning this Tuesday night at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Remember to bring your Bible or Book of Psalms.

SOME HOUSEKEEPING: Re: the **GREEN MAIL BOX** in the Sacristy—If you need a folder in this box, please let Fr. Michael know. He will be removing the folders of anyone who is currently there, but who does not wish or need to be.

Re: the **'stuff' at the back of the Church** (beneath the stained glass of the Last Supper)—you may be the only thing standing between it and the garbage bin. Help yourself to whatever you like. Please. We have been mucking out the Sacristy, and these items have proven to be surplus. They will be there this weekend only—so don't be shy.



YOUR OFFERINGS for November 25, 2018

Thank you!

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$1,027.00	Loose: \$121.75
	Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$892.50	
	Bishop's Annual Appeal: \$290.00	Total: \$2,331.25

St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$300.00	Loose: \$5.00
	Bishop's Annual Appeal: \$85.00	Total: \$385.00