



**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](mailto: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.

**Available for Purchase in the Office:**

**Hardcover, NRSV of the Bible (Catholic): \$25.00**

This is the same translation we use in Canada at Mass. NOT large print.

**Compendium of the Catechism: \$10.00**

This is a condensed version of the full Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**YOUCAT: \$25.00**

This is a youth oriented version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Age appropriate for Teens. A great gift idea.

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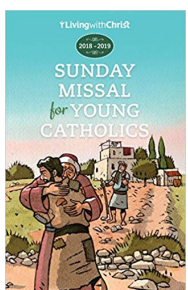
These resources are available at cost as a way to make them readily available to Parishioners.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Our Parish Youth Group meets this Wednesday night in the Parish Hall, from 7—8:30pm. Faith, Food, Fun and Fellowship! All youth in grades 6—8 are welcome, no matter your faith background.

All are welcome. So bring a friend, and come and see what it is all about.



**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.



**OOPS!** Fr. Michael meant to give a little gift to all the children enrolled in the Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist Program, especially as they are now looking forward to the second part of their program, and following the completion of their first. He forgot. The gift is a copy of the **Sunday Missal for Young Catholics**. He has them in the Sacristy, so parents, please ask him for one before or after Mass, and he will give it to you.

This Sunday Missal will be a useful aid, parents, as you help to prepare your children to approach the Table of the Eucharist in 2019.

The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
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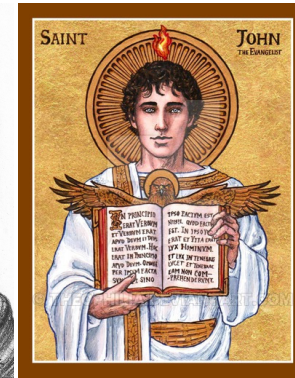
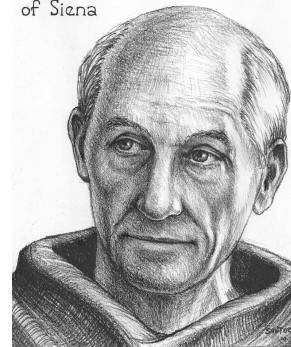
**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday—Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.

**December 16, 2018**  
**THIRD 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           |
| Sue Quackenbush | St. John's           |
| Trudy Hinds     | St. Bernardine's     |

**PRAYER LINE**

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| Elaine Lamarche | 705-693-3339 |
| Rachel Corbett  | 705-693-3241 |

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**Parish Contact**

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| Carole Larrett | 705-969-4607 |
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**Communion to the Sick**

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| Rolande Kehoe | 705-969-2838 |
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**SUNDAY MASSES:**

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| 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  
(Use the side entranceway)

**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 17 —December 23, 2018**

**St. John the Evangelist**

| Date  | Time       | Mass Intention   |
|---|------------|--|
| Monday, December 17                                     |            | No Parish Mass   |
| Tuesday, December 18                                    | 9:30 a.m.  | For the Intentions of all Parishioners                 |
| Wednesday, December 19                                  | 9:30 a.m.  | For Lloyd Morrow by St. John's CWL                     |
| Thursday, December 20                                   | 9:30 a.m.  | For Annette MacDonell by Marie Bardswich               |
| Friday, December 21                                     | 9:30 a.m.  | For the Intentions of all Parishioners                 |
| Saturday, December 22<br><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> | 4:30 p.m.  | For Kevin Dwyer by Marie Bardswich                     |
| Sunday, December 23                                     | 10:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of all Parishioners                 |
| <b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>                          |            |  |
| Sunday, December 23                                     | 9:00 a.m.  | For Marion O'Keefe Charbonneau<br>by Peter Charbonneau |



**CWL Advent Project Socks for the Homeless:** We have sent 100 pairs of socks to the Blue Door Café since they were in dire need at this time. **This is the final weekend that we will be collecting socks.** 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. *Bless you for your generosity!*



**GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**



**Non-perishable food items are always needed. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.**

**RECONCILIATION:** A reminder that Fr. Michael is present in the Reconciliation Room every Saturday morning (check website for exceptions) from 11—Noon for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness.



**MASS SCHEDULE:** A reminder that our Liturgy schedule is posted on our Parish Webpage under the Calendar Tab. The Christmas Mass schedule has been posted there for several months. There will be one Mass in Skead on Christmas Eve, and two in Garson. There will be one Christmas Day Mass in Garson. Please see the Website for more details. The Parish Office will be closed after December 20th and will reopen on January 22nd. There **will** be a bulletin published, however, every week during that time; the Christmas bulletin - December 30th.

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



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** We met on Wednesday, December 12th. The full minutes are available to read on our Parish Website, for those who are interested. Some items discussed were: The ramp project, Youth Ministry (Youth Group) and Evangelization/Baptism. Our Finance Committee also provided an update on our financial situation.

There are still openings for 3 representatives from St. John's Parish and one representative from St. Bernardine's Parish. If you are interested in serving the Parish this way, you may speak to Fr. Michael or any other member of the PPC for further information. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00pm.



A reverence is always made before we receive Holy Eucharist. While the 1 hour fast prepares us for what we soon will receive, the reverence acknowledges the profound Gift that is now being offered to us. It is a sign of respect, and reminds us that the Gift about to be received is no ordinary event. It is a Divine exchange, whereby the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ enters into us. The usual reverence made (in our Diocese) is a simple bow. It is normally done when the person in front of us is receiving, so as not to interrupt the flow of Communicants. It is also made before we receive from the Chalice, if we choose to receive Eucharist that way.

**A MOVIE AFTERNOON:** Everyone is invited to see the powerful movie "The Shack" in our Parish Hall on Sunday, December 30th, beginning at 3pm. It's just over 2 hours long, and there will be complimentary pizza available for dinner when the movie is over.



**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:** Continues (final session) this Tuesday night at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Remember to bring your Bible or Book of Psalms.

**YOUR OFFERINGS for December 9, 2018**



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| <b>St. John the Evangelist</b> | Envelopes: \$2,119.25               | Loose: \$82.95                  |
|                                | Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$787.00 | Bishop's Annual Appeal: \$25.00 |
|                                | Christmas: \$100.00                 | Initial: \$35.00                |
|                                |                                     | <b>Total: \$3,149.20</b>        |
| <b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b> | Envelopes: \$570.00                 | Loose: \$6.00                   |
|                                | Bishop's Annual Appeal: \$25.00     |                                 |
|                                |                                     | <b>Total: \$601.00</b>          |