

CWL Thanks You for Your Generosity: 280 pairs of socks have been collected for the Homeless! Blessed are you for caring for the less fortunate! “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters you do to me” says the Lord.



Consecration to the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite every family of our parish to actively participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family, which will be held at our parish during all of the Masses on the Feast of the Holy Family next weekend (December 29/30).

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect Son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

There are a number of ways we could prepare for the Consecration:

Pray together as a family Attend Reconciliation Intentionally fast from something

Prayer to Holy Family (cards with this prayer will be distributed next weekend):

O Lord Jesus, You lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There You grew in age, wisdom and grace as You prepared to fulfill Your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to You.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured Him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

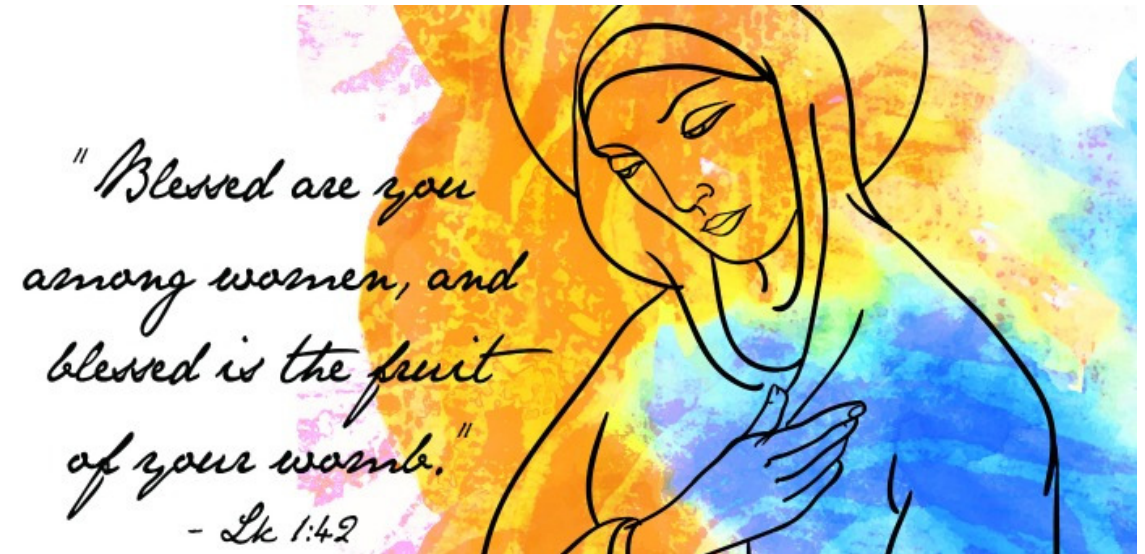
O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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THE OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK

December 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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
 (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 24 —December 30, 2018**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
 <p align="center">Monday, December 24</p> <p align="center">FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</p>	5:00 p.m.	For all women who will give birth this year
	9:00 p.m.	For all who have not yet encountered Jesus in their lives
Tuesday, December 25	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, December 26 Feast of St. Stephen—1st Martyr	9:30 a.m.	For all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith
Thursday, December 27 Feast of St. John the Evangelist	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Friday, December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents	9:30 a.m.	For All the Unborn Children our Parish Adopted this year
 <p align="center">Saturday, December 29</p> <p align="center">FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</p> <p align="center">Sunday, December 30</p>	4:30 p.m.	For Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Knights of Columbus Council #6074
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Monday, December 24	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Sunday, December 30	9:00 a.m.	For Marion O’Keefe Charbonneau by Peter Charbonneau

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.

Confession



GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Non-perishable food items are always needed. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. Your Advent giving has been tremendous! The needs continue throughout the year, and so we ask that you remember the poor and hungry whenever you shop for food.



CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: We gather after most of the 9:30 Friday morning Masses in the Meeting Room. All topics are open for discussion. Come, participate and sip good coffee. If you have a specific question/topic/issue/current or past event that you wish to bring up, it is helpful to everyone if you submit it beforehand. That way, others who have a similar interest might be tempted to come and participate in that discussion. Simply e-mail it to the Parish office. If you want to submit something anonymously, then just write it down, put it in an envelope addressed to “Fr. Michael”, and leave it either in the collection basket or in the mail box outside the office door.



The song “The 12 Days of Christmas” points partially to the truth. Christmas really is a 20 day Season. It begins at sunset on December 24th and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year on January 13th). The “12 Days” is in reference to the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on January 6th. Of course, there is an even more ancient tradition, which sees the continuation of the Season until the Feast of Candlemas—or of The Presentation—(February 2nd), which marks the 40th day of Christmas. Of interest to some: Queen Elizabeth follows the older tradition and keeps her decorations up until the February Feast. In this Parish, there will be a special celebration on Candlemas, which falls on a Saturday this year. Watch for details early in 2019.

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. There will also be popcorn to munch on during the show. If you have a favourite beverage, feel free to bring it. Or, you can take a chance with what might be offered here. This is the Sunday we normally meet with the Confirmation Candidates. However, being Christmas, we decided to make this an optional event for them and their families and to open it up to all interested Parishioners.



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.

YOUR OFFERINGS for December 16, 2018

Thank you!

St. John the Evangelist Envelopes: \$1,321.25 Loose: \$71.70
Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$787.00 Bishop’s Annual Appeal: \$5.00
Initial: \$25.00 **Total: \$2,209.95**

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$505.00 Loose: \$52.00 **Total: \$557.00**