

ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY (VIDEO) FOR LENT

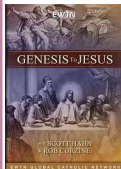
The same group that brought us the excellent Scripture Study series “The Bible and the Sacraments” and “The Bible and the Virgin Mary” have produced a new series called “**Genesis to Jesus**”. Scott Hahn has called God’s covenantal love for us the most important story ever told. Now, discover your own place in the story and live it out to the fullest with *Genesis to Jesus*. This study presents the whole sweep of salvation history, and helps you make sense of the Bible, literally, from Genesis to Jesus. By the end of Lent, you’ll understand the importance of Easter as the eighth day of creation in light of God’s unified plan for our salvation.

To watch this series on your computer, you will need to register here: https://stpaulcenter.com/streaming/?utm_source=gtj&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=gtj&utm_content=button-gtj

Hint: the easiest way to view it is to go to our online bulletin and copy the address there.

Once you do, the links to the videos will be sent to you via e-mail, beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing until Easter. **Fr. Michael highly recommends this series** to anyone who wants to delve more deeply into Scripture as a means of growing in holiness and understanding. It is a free gift to anyone who wants it. Why not use it as a part of your Lenten Journey this year?

Don’t forget to invite your friends, Catholic or not; this is a study that no one should miss!



NOTE: Although the series is free, they WILL try to sell you participant guide books. These are not necessary, although some may find them helpful. Just be aware that the purchase cost of these books is in American currency.

Genesis to Jesus makes the story of salvation history brilliantly clear and vibrantly alive.

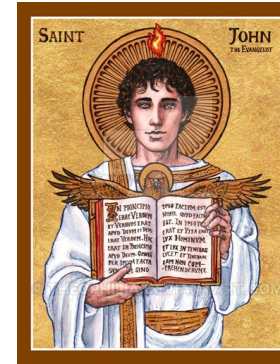
ADOPT AN UNBORN BABY: This year, we are once again invited to spiritually adopt an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. The slips to do this are available in the entranceway of the Church. If you wish to participate, pray about your baby’s name and choose it. For a boy, write it on a blue slip; a pink slip for a girl. Return the left side, with your baby’s name printed clearly, to Fr. Michael. Pray for your baby by name every day. Keep the right side portion as a reminder; it has a prayer that was suggested by the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

For context, abortion is the number one cause of death in Canada, and throughout the world. 23% of all pregnancies end in abortion. Last year, world wide, 42 million babies were killed through abortion. That means abortion took more lives than cancer, malaria, HIV/AIDS, smoking, alcohol and traffic accidents combined. There is a great evil that has descended upon the consciences of mankind, whereby human life has become so marginalized and demeaned. In the face of such evil, it is easy to despair. What can a single person do? Well, since the root of this is evil, a single person can pray. God can change hearts. God can change the heart of a woman who is pregnant today, and considering abortion. That’s what we are invited to do this year. Simply pray. On the Feast of the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family this year, the names of all the boys and girls we adopted will be read at Mass, as those Masses will be offered for them and their parents.

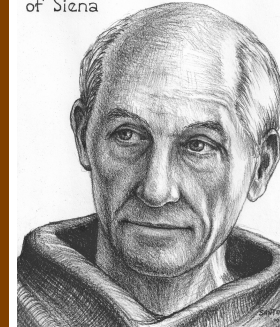
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St. Bernardine
of Siena



February 24, 2019
7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
Tuesday— Thursday
10:00 am. to Noon

10 DAYS TO THE START OF LENT

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

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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
(Use the side entrance)

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
February 25 — March 3, 2019**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 25		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 26	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, February 27	9:30 a.m.	For Alice Pennarun by Walter & Mary Saftic
Thursday, February 28	9:30 a.m.	For David DellaVedova by Roy & Lorraine McGregor
Friday, March 1	10:00 a.m.	Mass at Finlandia
Saturday, March 2	4:30 p.m.	For Priscilla Egan by St. John's CWL
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:30 a.m.	For Claudette Dumontelle by Marie Bardswich
	Sunday, March 3	
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, March 3	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

World Day of Prayer 2019 By participating in this year's World Day of Prayer Service, you are joining in worship with Christians around the world and in almost 2,000 communities across Canada. This year the Service is written by women of Slovenia for all of us: This year's theme is: "Come – Everything is Ready". Please join us on **Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church** as we join the Christians of the world in



5 WEEK LENTEN MISSION: "The JOY of Rediscovering Jesus"

Sudbury's Christ the King Prayer group is hosting their Annual Lenten Mission, beginning on **SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH** and running for five consecutive Saturday mornings. Priests are available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 8:00am and 9:00am. The first talk is presented at 9:00am by our guest speaker, **Father Patrick Okenyi**, followed by the **Saturday** Eucharist with Bishop Marcel Damphousse and/or Father Gerald Lajeunesse.

All are welcomed to attend this special Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Hope Church, 591 Brennan Rd.

Registration forms for the 2019 cycle of preparation for Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will soon be available. Watch the bulletin for details. Those who will be 7 years of age or older this year may register for the preparation needed to begin receiving Holy Eucharist. Those who will be 12 years of age or older this year may register for the preparation for Confirmation.



Roman Catholics, along with the Eastern Rite and Orthodox Churches, believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. That is, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord is truly present under the form of bread and wine. For us, this is not a symbol or metaphor and anything of that sort. That means a miracle takes place at every Mass, whereby the substance of bread and wine is changed into the Substance of the Lord. We call this Transubstantiation.

CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: *Will resume on Friday, March 8th.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: We met on Wednesday, February 13th; the full minutes are posted on our Website. A brief summary: the ramp is substantially complete; the handrails are being manufactured, and that process will take more than a month. Other than that, only the surface layer of the ramp needs to be poured. In the meantime, we have full access to our main entrance. We cancelled the contract with our Youth Coordinator, as there was no response in our Parish, and a very poor response at St. Andrew's Parish. We will continue to strive to welcome our youth as participants in all our Parish Ministries, otherwise known as Comprehensive Youth Ministry. All parishioners are asked to welcome in the warmest way possible the youth who worship with us each Sunday.

LAUDS BEFORE MASS: Beginning this week, we will begin our Wednesday morning Masses by praying Morning Prayer (Lauds) together. No experience is needed; it is easy to pick up. The books are provided, and Fr. Michael will guide the process. We will begin at 9:15. Depending on how it goes, we may expand this prayer to some of the other morning Masses.

Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola

Theme: *Who is This Man? Luke 14:16-24*

In this parable we hear about "a certain man" who gave a great feast. As we get closer to Easter, we want to know more about him. Who is this man? What kind of feast is he offering? How do I feel invited? What is my reaction?

During this retreat, through presentations, silence and personal prayer, we will explore and grow our inner knowledge of the Lord. (Sp. Ex. #104). Personal direction will be available.

Dates: Friday March 1st (7 pm) to Sunday March 3rd (1 pm), 2019
Director: Fr. Wim Dombret, S.J.
Cost: \$200.00 all-inclusive/single accommodations
Registration: Call 705-522-3502 ext.0 (Mon—Fri) or by email at loyola@isys.ca

YOUR OFFERINGS for February 17, 2019



St. John the Evangelist Envelopes: \$1302.00 Loose: \$58.65
 Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$852.50 Heating: \$10.00
 Initial: \$20.00 Mary, Mother of God: \$5.00 **Total: \$2,248.15**

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$375.00 Loose: \$60.00 Heating: \$20.00
Total: \$455.00