

CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: *Following our Friday morning Mass, in the Parish Meeting Room. Good coffee, good people, good conversation. All are welcome.*



ADVENT Garson Community Food Bank Blitz

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. The Garson Food Bank are in need of the following items: **Pasta, Sauce, Rice.** Non-perishable food items are always needed. **Caring has the gift of making the ordinary special - George R. Bach**



What commitment will you make For our Common Home? Last week, you took action by signing a Solidarity Letter. Thank You for participating in that action! This week, choose a personal change to put into action. Let's act together to enable present and future generations to live a dignified and happy life: devp.org/pledge. **Without your action, there is no change and no justice!**

ALPHA - COMING SOON: Beginning on January 23rd, and continuing for the next 9 weeks, the Alpha Course will be offered to everyone in our city. During those 10 Thursday nights, we will begin at 6:30pm with a hot meal (no charge!), continue with a half hour video presentation, and conclude at 8pm after a half hour small group discussion. More information will be available during Christmas via a special bulletin.

SAVE THE DATE: AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES AND DINNER: Last year, we watched "The Shack". This year, it will be "I Can Only Imagine". Sunday, December 29th in the afternoon, with free pizza to follow. Start time will be announced later.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATION

Name(s) of the person(s) remembered: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Parish Envelope #: _____ **OR**

Mailing Address of Donor: _____

Name of Donor: _____

The Roman Catholic Parishes of
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge
ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
 Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - Noon

December 1, 2019
 First Sunday of Advent

Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich
Music Director: Jeannine Longe
Parish Organist: Mariette Hickey/Cecilia Ross

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

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

Parish Contact

Carole Larrett	705-969-4607
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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

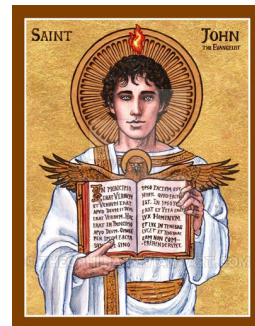
Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (Fr. Michael) REGARDING:

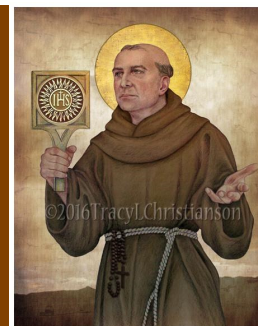
Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick
 Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,
 CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

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



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



St. John Church
 Garson



St. Bernardine Church
 Skead

**Mass Schedule
December 2 — December 8, 2019**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 2		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 3	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, December 4	9:30 a.m.	For Verna Thompson by Angus & Evelyn McColeman
Thursday, December 5	9:30 a.m.	For Joanne Moffatt by Ann & Myron McCormick
Friday, December 6	9:30 a.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
Saturday, December 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by the Roach Family
Sunday, December 8	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, December 8	9:00 a.m.	For Michael Kritz & Matt Humeniuk by The Kritz Family
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CWL NEWS: The December General Meeting is the Christmas Social at 6:30pm in the church hall. Bring your favorite finger food or dessert ready to serve. Again this year there will be a free penny table; if you have anything you wish to donate, bring it with you. Also there will craft items for sale. **All ladies are welcome and can bring someone.**



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

The Knights of Columbus invite every family of our parishes 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, during the weekend of December 28/29.

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/Fast from something



2020 DONATION ENVELOPES: Are now available for St. John's Parishioners in the main entranceway of the Church. If you used donation envelopes in 2019, there should be a set there with your name on it. If you donate through Pre-Authorized Deductions, there are no envelopes needed and none have been prepared for you.

Please note the spelling of your name and the address on the label attached to your boxed set. This is what we have in our system, and is what will appear on your receipt for income tax purposes when it is made available in January. If there is an error in spelling, or in your address, please contact the Parish office with the correct information.

If you do not currently use donation envelopes and wish to begin, there are box sets available in the entranceway. Please be sure to write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use so that we can match you to the envelope number.

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish so generously.

**THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS FOR YOUNG AND OLD:
THE NORTHERN ECHOES**

are celebrating 25 years of singing in the community with a concert on Sunday, December 1st beginning at 2pm. It will take place at Garson's First Baptist Church. Young musical talent will be highlighted with Veronica Longe, James Roque, Isaiah Uche and Magalie Malette, joining the Seniors in a program of timeless music for all ages. Admission: Non perishable food and/or monetary donation for the Garson Food Bank.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS:



This year, we are accepting donations towards the cost of purchasing our Christmas flowers used for decorating the Church during that Season. We suggest you make the donation in the name of a deceased love one. The names of all those submitted will be printed in our Christmas bulletin, and the 9pm Mass in Garson on Christmas Eve will be celebrated for them. To submit names and your donation, please cut out and use the slip on the back page of this bulletin and your own plain envelope marked "Memorial Flowers". You can either drop it off in the office or in the Sunday Collection (before December 18th).

Thank You

YOUR OFFERINGS for November 24, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Envelopes: \$1,101.00 Loose: \$40.00 Heating: \$60.00
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$908.75 Bishop's Appeal: \$255.00

Total: \$2,364.75

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$420.00 Loose: \$55.00 Bishop's Appeal: \$165.00

Total: \$640.00