

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: Canned Meat or Fish, Pork & Beans
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." **Acts of the Apostles**

Lectio Divina – Faith Sharing

Every afternoon we read and pray together the Gospel text of the following Sunday. We share our experiences and questions and grow towards a better and deeper understanding of the message of our Lord Jesus Christ for us. Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm Winter 2020: January 21, February 18, 2020

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, with pizza to follow. No charge. The movie begins at 3:30pm, with dinner at 5:30. Bring your own beverages and bring your friends; popcorn will be provided.

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.

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 15, 2019
 Third 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
Rachel Corbett	705-693-3241

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

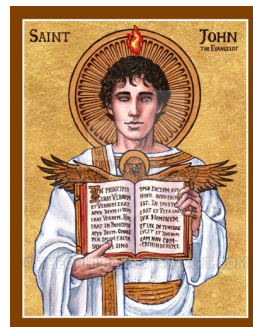
Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (Fr. Michael) REGARDING:

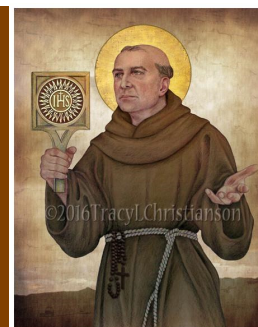
Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick
 Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

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 16 — December 22, 2019		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 16		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 17	9:30 a.m.	For Richard Vinette by Debbie Monaghan
Wednesday, December 18	9:30 a.m.	For The Saroka Family by John & Susan Terpstra
Thursday, December 19	9:30 a.m.	For Vern Charette by Ann & Myron McCormick
Friday, December 20	9:30 a.m.	For Annette MacDonell by Marie Bardswich
Saturday, December 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by Ross Herbert
Sunday, December 22	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernadine of Siena		
Sunday, December 22	9:00 a.m.	For Cleo D'Amour by May D'Amour & Family

Keeping Christ in Christmas: Christmas is about the celebration of Jesus' birth and the anticipation of the joyous event. It requires Catholics to be courteous, understanding and charitable to all as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. **We must never forget the true meaning of Christmas and the true reason for the season.** And that should be what gives us our job.



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




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)**.

**Holy Days of Obligation (other than Sunday)
Over the next Few Weeks**

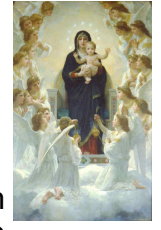
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 24th	at	5:00 pm – St. John the Evangelist
Tuesday, December 24th	at	7:00 pm – St. Bernadine of Siena
Tuesday, December 24th	at	9:00 pm – St. John the Evangelist
Wednesday, December 25th	at	10:30 am – St. John the Evangelist



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31th	at	4.30 pm - St. John the Evangelist
Wednesday, January 1st	at	9:00 am - St. Bernadine of Siena
Wednesday, January 1st	at	10:30 am - St. John the Evangelist



Please remember that the full Mass schedule is published on our Parish Website at least 6 months in advance. Our Easter celebrations are posted there now, and the Christmas celebrations for 2020 will be posted there soon. Just look under the "Calendar" tab that is on our Home page.

DONATION ENVELOPES: The envelopes that have not yet been picked up have been stored in the Parish Office. If you have not picked your box set up, please ask Fr. Michael to get it for you, or go to the office for it during regular office hours. Thank you, everyone, for your continued support. Receipts for income tax purposes will be printed and distributed in January. The name and address on those receipts will be the same as that printed on your envelopes unless you have notified us otherwise.

YOUR OFFERINGS for December 8, 2019

Thank You	St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$1,470.00	Loose: \$75.00
		Pre-authorized Deductions: \$786.00	Bishop's Appeal: \$10.00
		Christmas Flowers: \$635.00	Total: \$2,976.00
St. Bernadine of Siena	Envelopes: \$465.00	Loose: \$47.00	Total: \$512.00