

**CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:** *Cancelled this Friday as Father Michael will be celebrating Mass at Extindicare Falconbridge.*



**Garson Community Food Bank**

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. The Garson Food Bank is very appreciative to those who donated items for the Advent Garson Community Food Bank. What a wonderful way to support our community!

**AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW**



Last year, we watched "The Shack". This year, it will be the hit inspirational and true story called "I Can Only Imagine". The showing will take place on Sunday, December 29th in the Parish Hall. For those who wish, pizza dinner will follow. This is a family friendly event, and there is no charge for either the movie or the pizza. The movie begins at 3:30pm, with dinner at 5:30pm. Bring your own beverages and bring your friends; popcorn will be provided during the movie.



**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.

**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**

The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge**

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**  
Office will be closed until January 7, 2020

**December 22, 2019**  
Fourth 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**

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 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 |
| <b>Communion to the Sick</b> |              |
| Rolande Kehoe                | 705-969-2838 |

**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**

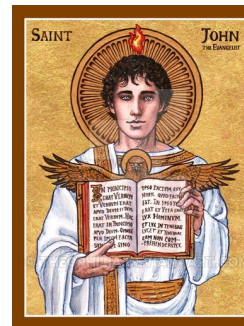
Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (Fr. Michael) REGARDING:**

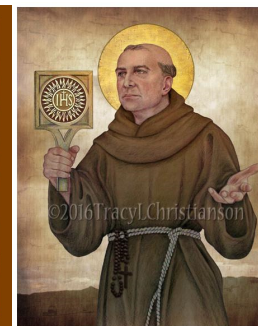
- Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick
- Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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 23 — December 29, 2019

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 23		No Parish Mass
<b>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> Tuesday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by the Sisters of St. Joseph Residents
	9:00 p.m.	For Those Remembered through our Christmas Flower Memorial Donations (Names will be published in the Christmas Bulletin)
<b>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> Wednesday, December 25	10:30 a.m.	For All Unborn Children and their Pregnant Mothers
<b>FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN</b> Thursday, December 26	9:30 a.m.	For Mary Vinette by Debbie Monaghan
<b>FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b> Friday, December 27	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Extendicare Falconbridge
Saturday, December 28 <b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	4:30 p.m.	For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by K. of C. Council #6074
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
<b>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> Tuesday, December 24	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> Sunday, December 29	9:00 a.m.	For Pete Charbonneau by Peter Charbonneau

**THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE:** As with Easter Sunday, the incomprehensible mystery of the Incarnation - God made visible in flesh - is not possible to ponder in a 24 hour day. And so, the Church declares that the period from December 25th to January 1st is an Octave - we see it as one day, spread out over 8 calendar days. In a sense, time slows down in order that we can ponder more deeply the Mystery that is unfolding before our eyes. And so the invitation is given to each of us - slow down and ponder the reality that God has embraced us in our broken humanity. In doing so, God has not become less God. No. We have been Divinized by this special grace. **Glorify Him!**

**Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation (other than Sunday)**  
**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Tuesday, December 31st at 4.30 pm - St. John the Evangelist  
 Wednesday, January 1st at 9:00 am - St. Bernardine 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:** Your PPC met on Wednesday, December 11th. **The minutes of that meeting are published on our Parish website.** These are a few highlights for those who want the Reader's Digest version: Six parishioners took the Alpha Course and are now trained as leaders for the next Course being offered beginning next month; Myron (Finance Committee Chair) gave a full financial report to the end of November; Fr. Michael has appointed 1 new member to serve on the Parish Finance Committee; a consensus was reached to ask the CWL to purchase the Parish a new white Chasuble, to be used at Parish funerals; PPC validated the decision of Fr. Michael to hire a Parish secretary after 2 years of looking after the office himself - an offer has been made to a parishioner he has been training to take on this position (more on that in January); Fr. Michael will seek a volunteer to look after Parish maintenance upon Harvey's retirement (please see the note below).



The Parish of St. John the Evangelist has been blessed by the many years of dedicated service given by Harvey Quackenbush in the area of Property Maintenance. We owe him a debt of gratitude as he now prepares to step down from this responsibility. Thank you Harvey!

Going forward, we are seeking a parishioner who is willing to take on the responsibility of coordinating maintenance. Although Harvey was very hands on, he also had a lot of help from others in the Parish. In that vein, whoever volunteers does not need to DO the work. It's more a matter of asking other parishioners to use their talents. You would be a point of contact between the pastor, the parishioners, and the various maintenance needs that arise. The precise parameters of this volunteer ministry are negotiable. If you are interested in more information, please speak to Fr. Michael.



**YOUR OFFERINGS for December 15, 2019**

**St. John the Evangelist** Envelopes: \$1,061.00 Loose: \$62.60 Heating: \$587.00  
 Pre-authorized Deductions: \$786.00 Christmas Flowers: \$205.00

**Total: \$2,701.60**

**St. Bernardine of Siena** Envelopes: \$527.00 Loose: \$27.05 Heat: \$126.00

**Total: \$680.05**