

Prayer for Priests – Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests by praying each day for a particular priest as well as our Parish priest. There are pamphlets at the entrance of our Parish. Please feel free to take one!



Invitation to Chrism Mass 2020

Bishop Marcel Damphousse invites all the faithful of the Diocese to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated on **Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 7:00 pm. at Precious Blood Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie.** During this special Mass, the Bishop will bless the oils that will be used for the sacraments of the Church. The priests will also renew their priestly promises. All faithful of the Diocese are welcome to participate in this important celebration. **This event is likely to be cancelled.**

Sudbury Right to Life



We are preparing the 23rd National March for Life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. At least one bus (Coach) has been reserved and will be leaving Sudbury on **Thursday May 14th, at 6 a.m.**, from the parking lot of St-Jean-de-Brébeuf church on Kathleen St. in Sudbury. We plan to return to Sudbury on the same day at approximately 9:30 p.m. Everyone must bring what they need for lunch and supper. There will be a rest stop at 11:00 am near Pembroke.

If you are interested, please reserve your seat at the cost of \$25.00 (to cover the cost of the bus), by calling **Therese St. Denis (705) 566-0707** as soon as possible. We are happy that Bishop Marcel Damphousse will be able to join us once again on this trip. May we have a great turnout to show our Government that we need to defend the life of those who have no voice, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Please make cheque payable to **Sudbury Right to Life**, P.O. Box 985 Sudbury, On, P3E 4S4. **On the left of your cheque, please write "Bus to Ottawa".**

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT:



RECONCILIATION

In addition to the Reconciliation Service that will be celebrated at **St. John the Evangelist Church on Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm**, Holy Redeemer Church on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm have also welcomed sinners to attend their Lenten Services.

BOTH THESE SERVICES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross:

This event has been cancelled until further notice.

Ecumenical Association in our Neighbourhood

St. John's Parish will be providing lunch for the students of Barrydowne College on **Wednesday, March 25th.** ***This event has been cancelled.***



Development and Peace CARITAS CANADA

Development & Peace Stone Soup Event: everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, March 29th following 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

This event is cancelled.



A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL

My Dear Parishioners:

A lot, obviously, has changed since my note to you last weekend. Of course, with the decision made on Friday night to cancel all Masses, most of you would not have received that note. It's in last weekend's bulletin which is

published online, if you care to read it. Of course, what is there has subsequently been supplanted, first by the Bishop's decree, and then by the State of Emergency declared by the Government of Ontario.

To make it clear for everyone: **EVERYTHING has been cancelled at the Church.** That includes all meetings, socials, crafts, Sacramental Preparation, ALPHA, Stand Up, etc. Any funeral requests will be handled on a case by case basis, depending on the situation at the time.

As of now, the Bishop is allowing us to keep the Church open for **personal prayer.** So, for those who wish to take advantage of this, the main doors of **St. John the Evangelist Church will be open on Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm and on Sundays from 9:30am to 11:00am. The side door will be open during office hours on Tuesday – Thursday from 10:00am to Noon.** St. Bernardine's Church will remain closed. I will continue to be available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Confessional at St. John's on Saturdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm.**

We are all reminded to keep Sunday as a Holy Day. How you do this in the absence of the Sunday Mass is up to each individual and/or family, depending on your circumstances. Everyone is encouraged to read and reflect on the Sunday readings (they are posted on our website under the "Mass Reflection" tab). Devotional prayers such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet would be appropriate spiritual practices. Watching one of the televised Masses is encouraged. Daily Mass is also being offered online here: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>. That link is also on our Website under the "Links" tab. Although you cannot receive Holy Communion during this time, by watching the Mass, you can participate in it from your home and you can receive a Spiritual Communion. If you wish, pray this prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Please know that I am praying for each one of you. I continue to celebrate at least the Sunday Mass privately, and my only intention is your needs. If you wish to get in touch with me, you can contact the Parish Office during office hours, call and leave a message outside of those hours, or send me an e-mail. In all cases, I'll respond as quickly as possible to you.

Any new information that I receive regarding the possibility of beginning to gather together for public prayer once again, I'll post first to the front page of our Parish Web Site. Until you see something there to indicate otherwise, the ban on public gatherings continues to be in effect.

As always, the Lord has won the final victory over sin and evil. Yes, that includes Covid-19. So look for Him in all places. Having risen from the dead, Jesus is present in all places and in all things. In seeking Him, we find peace.

Fr. Michael.



PRAY
5 HEAL THE WORLD
FROM CORONAVIRUS

Mass Schedule
March 23 - March 29, 2020

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 23		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 24	9:30 a.m.	No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 25	9:30 a.m.	No Parish Mass
Thursday, March 26	9:30 a.m.	No Parish Mass
Friday, March 27	9:30 a.m.	No Parish Mass
Saturday, March 28	4:30 p.m.	No Parish Mass
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday, March 29	10:30 a.m.	No Parish Mass

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	No Parish Mass
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Pontifical Collection for the Custody of the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 10, 2020 for the benefit of the Church and the Christians of the Holy Land

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection not only helps to maintain Churches and shrines located at Holy Places, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for our Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to support the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land, many of whom depend on your support for their lives.

This year, the Pontifical Collection for the support of the Holy Land will be taken up during the **Good Friday services on April 10, 2020.**

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,
 Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM
 Commissary of Holy Land in Canada



The seringueiros: protectors in peril On reserves created by the Brazilian state, the seringueiros tap rubber trees and gather nuts and fruits for subsistence. But their lands are now coveted by powerful loggers, hunters, ranchers, soybean farmers, etc. They are facing increasing threats, intimidation and persecution. Despite these hardships, the seringueiros prefer remaining in place to tend their beloved forest. Development and Peace's partner, the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), supports the seringueiros by documenting violations of their rights and by helping them legally contest the seizure of their lands. "Those who want to help us should immediately come see what is happening here that we may keep the forest standing." Ederson Chaves Dias, seringueiro, Angelim Reserve, Machadinho d'Oeste

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 10am - Noon

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastor Secretary

Fr. Michael Williams Lisa Walz

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich

Music Director: Jeannine Longe

Parish Organist: Mariette Hickey

Parish Pastoral Council

Myron McCormick	Finance - ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
Rachel Charette	St. John's
Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
Diane Myre	St. John's
Lisa Walz	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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St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine
Church - Skead

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 in side for this week's schedule

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

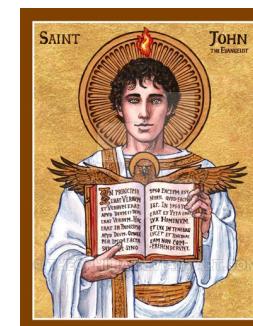
CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

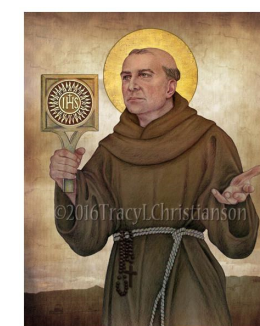
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

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

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



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena