

## A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL

After 15 weeks with no public celebrations of the Sunday Mass, we are back. With restrictions, no doubt. But as many have said, back with limitations is far better than no Mass at all. We are grateful for this return, even as we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and a full return to Parish life without restrictions.

As previously written, it's important to realize that attending Church is still risky, and each person doing so assumes that risk themselves. Although we will do our best to ensure a safe environment, we cannot offer a 100% guarantee of safety. For that reason, those who have underlying health issues, or who are of an advanced age, should seriously consider staying home. There is no obligation to attend Mass at this time.

The government will allow an attendance not exceeding 30% of our maximum capacity. At St. John's, that means 84 people. At St. Bernardine's, it means 40 people. We have no choice but to strictly adhere to this number. Once capacity has been reached, nobody else will be able to enter until someone else has left. If you find yourself in this situation, you may choose to remain outside until the end of Mass, at which point you may enter to receive Communion (after someone else has left). Additionally, with the necessity to provide 2 metre spacing inside, we can use only 18 pews, with 2 people/pew. So, if everyone attending is from different households, we can accommodate only 36 people. In Skead, there are 8 available pews, so space for 16 individuals. Those living in the same household, or belonging to the same circle of 10, can sit together, so presumably we can still achieve maximum attendance if families and/or circles of 10 are attending. **Attendance will be on a first come basis.** The Church will open Saturday night at 4pm and Sunday morning at 10am. It will open in Skead at 8:30am.

The Ministers of Hospitality will direct you as you enter. Only the **main entrance doors** may be used. The **washrooms are unavailable**, except for an extreme emergency. The Bishop has ordered that **everyone must wear a mask** while in the Church, removing it only briefly to receive Communion. We are asking everyone to bring their own mask, although we will provide for those who do not have their own.

I think most of us have become familiar with the restrictions in place in our community, and so will know how we should behave when we gather on Sunday. It's worth recalling that we act in such a way as to protect the health of our neighbour. We are cautious because of our call to love. There will be unique changes in our celebrations which will allow us to preserve the necessary social distancing, and I will offer specific instructions as needed - mainly around the reception of Holy Eucharist. Our Covid-19 leaders will observe and offer me helpful suggestions following our celebration if they think we can do something better to keep everyone safe. This is a learning process for everyone, so please be patient as we learn.

**Two final notes:** As of Tuesday, June 16th, we have no Bishop. I have no idea how long it will take our Holy Father to name a new one. Please pray for him as he goes through that process. And today is Father's Day. We are so grateful to all men who strive to model love and compassion in their roles as dads, grand dads and GREAT grand dads. God bless all of you!

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

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**THE PARISH OFFICE IS  
CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

### Pastor

**Fr. Michael Williams**

### Secretary

**Lisa Walz**

### Custodian

**Sonya Arcand**

### 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
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### Parish Contact

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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

**June 21, 2020  
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

### 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

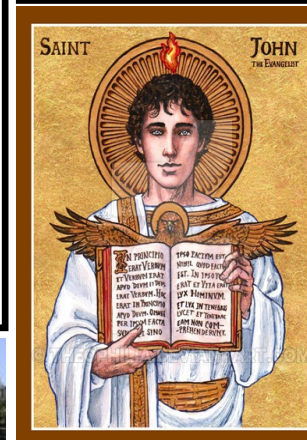
Wednesday at 10:30am

### RECONCILIATION

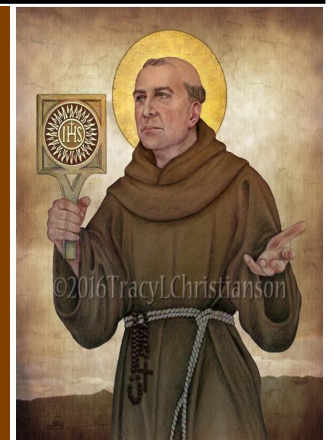
~~Saturdays: 3:30-4:00pm~~

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

Please contact Fr. Michael by phone or e-mail.



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

## MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Michael continues to celebrate Mass daily, and offers that Mass up for the intentions of all parishioners. The following Mass intentions will be celebrated during our public Mass celebrations.

### St. John the Evangelist Parish

Wednesday, June 24 at 10:30am For Angie Walz-Doran by Rob & Lisa Walz  
Saturday, June 27 at 4:30 pm For Daniel Labelle by Roland & Gertrude Labelle  
Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 am For the Intentions of all Parishioners

### St. Bernardine of Siena Parish

Sunday, June 28 at 9:00am For Michael Kritz & Matt Humeniuk by the Kritz Family

**DIVINE MERCY CANDLES:** Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the poor through your offering of donations for the burning of Divine Mercy Candles. Unfortunately, the last candles in our supply have been spoken for, and so we are unable to light any more candles until we receive a new supply. **That new supply should arrive in early July**, and when it does we will once again be able to burn candles as both a prayer offering and as alms for the needy.



**CALLED TO SERVE:** In an effort to reach people discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life online, and to highlight the lives of those who have answered God's call, the Vocations Office is pleased to debut a new online episodic series named "Called to Serve". Each episode will profile someone who has given their life in service to the church - priests, sisters, religious, and lay men and women. Our first episode of "Called to Serve" debuts with our first guest - our past Bishop Marcel Damphousse. The second episode is now online, and features Fr. Larry Rymes.

The videos are available on the Diocesan Vocations website ([www.beapriest.ca/calledtoserve](http://www.beapriest.ca/calledtoserve)) and there is a link provided on our Parish webpage under "links". A new episode will be released every two weeks.

**DONATION OF FACE MASKS:** Diane Myre donated the hand made face masks which are available in Church for those who do not have their own. They are washable, so please be sure to return with it each week until this particular aspect of our pandemic response has been lifted. Thank you, Diane, for your donation.



**INTERAC e-transfer.** If you wish to use this method for donating to St. John's Parish, simply log into your bank or credit union account, choose the INTERAC e-transfer option, and use the Parish e-mail address ([stjohnsgarson@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsgarson@gmail.com)) as the Donee.



## A Father's Day Prayer

God,  
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.  
Amen

### COVID-19 PARISH LEADERS



Myron McCormick and Doreen Merkas are serving as our local Covid-19 team for St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Carol Lynn Jacob and John Robert are serving as our local Covid-19 team for St. Bernardine of Siena Parish.

We are grateful to them for taking on this responsibility. They will help Fr. Michael ensure that best practices are implemented and followed in our Parishes to keep everyone as safe as possible during this pandemic.

PLEASE KEEP OUR HOLY FATHER IN YOUR PRAYERS AS HE DISCERNS WHO THE NEXT BISHOP OF OUR DIOCESE WILL BE.