

A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL

We successfully "launched" last weekend, and I'm pleased both with how all three of our celebrations went, and with the positive feedback I received from those who attended. It was music to my ears to hear "I felt safe". Keeping everyone safe is my primary goal, and I appreciate the help of the Covid-19 team, their helpers, and the ministers of hospitality who are a big part of achieving that goal. But my secondary goal is to make everyone FEEL safe. Despite the restrictions, and the various adjustments we need to make within the Liturgy, I am hoping our Sunday celebrations will be a familiar source of comfort, life and joy to us who have been deprived of them for so long. At the very least, after a 15 week fast, being able to receive the Lord in Holy Eucharist is a source of joy and thanksgiving to all of us, I am sure. What follows are a few notes, reminders, and answers to some questions that have been asked.

One reminder is that we are, of course, still in a pandemic situation, and there are some who are at a higher risk than others: primarily the elderly and those with pre-existing or underlying health challenges. The Bishop, before he left, extended the exemption to the Sunday obligation for everyone. Please, do not attend Mass if you are uncomfortable doing so. **There is no obligation to attend.** And, of course, do not attend if you are unwell. I hope that goes without saying. It is an act of love to protect others. Please do not take any chances with this virus.

On that note, the mandatory face masks are exactly for that purpose - to protect others. Wearing one at Church is not just necessary; it is an act of love. For those who asked: yes, it is mandatory to wear it from the time you enter the Church until you leave, with the exception of removing it in order to receive Holy Eucharist.

Over the past week, as you know, there have been a few confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Sudbury. Please, if you test positive after having attended Mass, call me as soon as you can. I will immediately put word out to everyone else who attended that they should be tested.

Last weekend, we were well within our attendance limits. I anticipate this will be the case throughout the summer, with the possible exception of Skead. I don't cherish the idea of having to refuse entrance to anyone, so hopefully I won't need to. If, however, that should happen, you are welcome to receive Communion after people begin to leave. Sunday Mass is now only about 30 minutes long, so please wait outside, even if the Church is at capacity for that Mass.

To answer another question: yes, use of the hand sanitizer in the entranceway is necessary. Again, it's to protect those who are around you. When you come to Church, you think you are perfectly healthy. Good. Act, however, as if you were contagious. Take every precaution necessary, because we just don't know for sure if we are infected. Symptoms don't appear immediately.

I am delighted we are able to celebrate together, and I hope we can not only continue to do so, but also that the limitations we still face will be lifted soon.

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**

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RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich

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Rachel Charette	St. John's
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St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine
Church - Skead

June 28, 2020

**THIRTEENTH 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

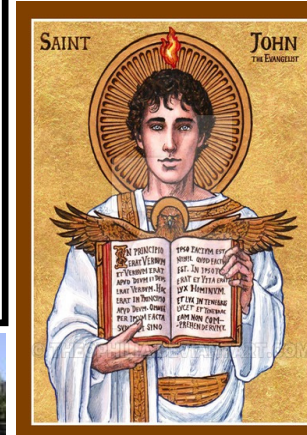
Wednesday at 10:30am

RECONCILIATION

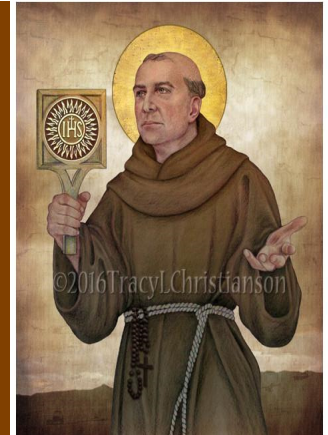
Saturdays: ~~3:30~~—4:00pm

FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:

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



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

**Mass Schedule
June 29 to July 5, 2020**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, June 29		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, June 30		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, July 1	10:30 a.m.	For Joe & Priscilla Egan by The Egan Family
Thursday, July 2		No Parish Mass
Friday, July 3		No Parish Mass
Saturday, July 4 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, July 5	4:30 p.m.	For Alfred Schinko by Ray & Renée Joly
	10:30 a.m.	For The Intentions of All Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, July 5	9:00 a.m.	For The Deceased Members of the Dovigi Family by Ed Dovigi

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

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.

For those attending Sunday Mass, if you have any questions or concerns about our protocols, please bring them to their attention, or to the attention of Fr. Michael. We not only want everyone to BE as safe as possible, but we also want everyone to FEEL as safe as possible.

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) and there is a link provided on our Parish webpage under "links". A new episode will be released every two weeks.

NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Unfortunately, due to this COVID pandemic, we are cancelling the Christmas Tea for this year. Without knowing what the fall will be like, we decided it is best to wait until 2021.



Hope everyone is keeping safe and enjoying the warm weather.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: For those who wish to pray for a priest of our Diocese each day, the calendar for both July and August have now been posted to our website, under the "Bulletin" tab.

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) as the Donee.

