

**Mass Schedule
July 27 to August 2, 2020**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, July 27		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, July 28		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, July 29	10:30 a.m.	For Norval O'Connor by Marie Bardswich
Thursday, July 30		No Parish Mass
Friday, July 31		No Parish Mass
Saturday, August 1 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, August 2	4:30 p.m.	For Ziggy Fila by Roland & Gertrude Labelle
	10:30 a.m.	For Jeff Timbers by Ken & Sandra Belanger
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, August 2	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners



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



A WORD ON MASS INTENTIONS:

With our limited re-opening, Fr. Michael is able to publish Mass intentions once again, and will continue to do so throughout the summer.

Fr. Michael continues to celebrate Mass privately each day, and if you would like a Mass intention offered for one of those Masses, just let him know when you submit your request. Otherwise, all intentions will be celebrated on Wednesdays or weekends only.

All Mass intentions should be submitted through the collection basket, or by leaving them in the mailbox outside the Rectory entrance. We are unable to provide envelopes or cards at this time, so please just write your intention down and put it in your own envelope.

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**

**July 26, 2020
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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
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

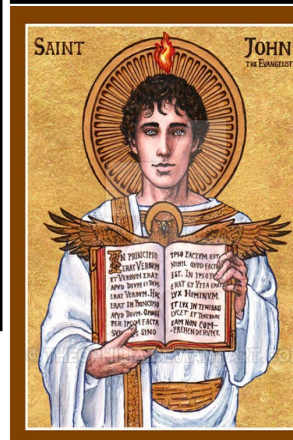
Wednesday at 10:30am

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

AMEN After several weeks of gathering at our respective Parishes for Sunday Masses, everyone seems to have adjusted well to the new protocols. Thank you for that. One little point, however, should be mentioned as a reminder, and that is coming forward for Holy Eucharist. **Please, do not say "Amen" (or anything else) at that time.** The reason Fr. Michael says "The Body of Christ" and everyone replies "Amen" BEFORE he goes down to distribute Communion is so that nobody needs to say it at the moment of receiving Communion. You already have said it. The Bishop asked us to do it this way to minimize the chance of spreading the virus through oral communication in close quarters. We realize it's a habit hard to break, and so mention it here again as a gentle request for mindfulness. There should be no spoken word at the time of receiving Holy Eucharist.

Also ... Fr. Michael is doing his very best to not touch anyone's hand when they receive the Host. It helps if you stand still, keep your hand flat and motionless, and don't attempt to grab the Host from his hand. This is simply a way to show love for the people behind you. On that last note, by the way, it's also good theology: Nobody **takes** Communion; we **receive** Communion as a gift.



Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.

We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Amen.



DIVINE MERCY CANDLES:

If you wish to have a candle burned, please write the intention (optional) on a piece of paper and enclose it, with your donation (\$7.00), in an envelope marked "candle donation". You can place it in the collection basket, or leave it in the mailbox outside the Rectory entrance. Fr. Michael will light the candle for you, and will offer a Mass for your intention at one of his private weekday Masses.

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. **The third episode is now online, and features Fr. Pat Woods.**

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



Online Summer Retreat at Villa Loyola

Theme: Who is Jesus Christ? Exploration of the 'I am' Sayings of Jesus

Dates: August 17-21, 2020

Who is God? When Moses asked that question before the burning bush more than 3000 years ago, the mysterious response was "I AM". A millennium later, that strange name received a face, and that face began to teach. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, left a series of statements about his identity, known as the seven "I am" sayings. Enigmatic yet meaningful, they elaborate the identity, personality, and intention of the God-with-us. Drawing from the natural world and the Old Testament, the seven images offer a rich understanding of the nature of Jesus.

I invite you to join me on Zoom for this five day retreat. Together we will explore all seven of the "I am" sayings, with a daily 9 am conference, Eucharist at 2 pm and time for sharing at 7 pm. Personal direction can be offered through Skype. Following the arc of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the retreat will provide points for meditation, with the goal bringing about our deeper transformation in the light of Christ and into the embrace of our Creator.

Director: Fr. John O'Brien, S.J. **Cost:** Free. Tax receipts will be given for donations made to Villa Loyola.

Registration: by email at loyola@isys.ca

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE SANCTUARY

Some parishioners have entered the Sanctuary in order to access the Sacristy, to speak to Fr. Michael or for some other reason. Please don't do this. The Sacristy is not to be entered by anyone other than Fr. Michael, and the Sanctuary should never be entered by anyone other than a minister as they perform their mandated ministry (ie. the Lector). **The reason for this is to control the areas that need to be sanitized.** Fr. Michael is doing all the sanitization of the Church. As soon as someone enters an area like the Sanctuary, he must sanitize a whole new zone. It really adds quite a bit of work, not to mention the damage the sanitizer does to the wood finish. Fr. Michael has cancelled all his holidays for this year, and so is present in the Parish. If you need to speak to him, please just send an e-mail or call and leave a message. He will always return your calls and answer your e-mails quickly.

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. **We are working on setting this option up for St. Bernardine's Parish as well, and will give notice when this process is complete.**

