


Mass Schedule August 31 to September 7, 2020		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, August 31		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, September 1		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, September 2	10:30 a.m.	For Joe & Priscilla Egan by The Egan Family
Thursday, September 3		No Parish Mass
Friday, September 4		No Parish Mass
Saturday, September 5 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, September 6	4:30 p.m.	For Nubby O'Connor by David & Isabel Gobbo
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, September 6	9:00 a.m.	For Michael Kritz & Matt Humeniuk by Jim & Loretta Kritz & Family

 **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 Fall.

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. **Please remember that a Sunday Mass intention can only be offered at St. John's if no intention has been requested at St. Bernardine's** (every Pastor must celebrate one Sunday Mass for all Parishioners). No decision has been made at this time re: weekday Masses on days other than Wednesday.

All Mass intentions should be submitted through the collection basket, or by leaving them in the mailbox outside the Rectory (Annex) 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

**August 30, 2020
 TWENTY-SECOND 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 Musician:

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
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ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA
Parish Contact
 Carole Larrett 705-969-4607
Communion to the Sick
 Rolande Kehoe 705-969-2838



St. John Church
Garson



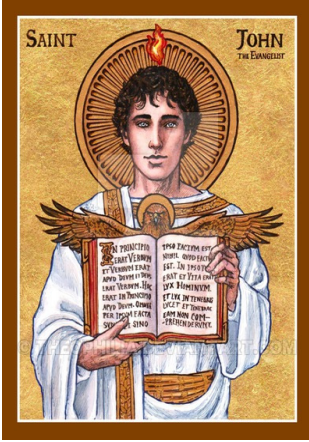
St. Bernardine
Church - Skead

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

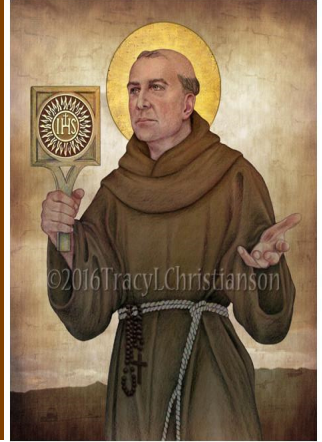
WEEKDAY MASSES
 Wednesday at 10:30am

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.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please note that we are unable to accept any donations for the Garson Food Bank at this time. During the pandemic, the protocol we are asked to follow is that nothing be given out at the Church (that is why no bulletin is being printed) and that nothing be received other than donations to the Church (which we handle very carefully, according to specific protocols). If you bring food donations to the Church, it just creates a whole host of difficulties which we are unable to deal with at this time. You are free to bring your donations directly to the Garson Food Bank on Tuesdays, when they are open. Or, even better, you may mail them a cheque for a cash donation. Please do not leave your cash donations for the Food Bank in the collection basket at the Church - they should be sent directly to the Food Bank, and they will issue you a receipt for income tax purposes.



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 outside mailbox at the Annex entrance to the Rectory. 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.

A BRIEF NOTE FROM FR. MICHAEL: We don't normally publish a bulletin in the summer, but I had fully intended on doing so (online) this year. Then, in August, I switched our phone and internet service over to another provider to save the parish some money, and there were a few glitches in that process. It meant no internet service (and so no posting of bulletins) for a few weeks. All is functioning smoothly now. With the Fall quickly approaching, our "normal" Parish activities are still in a form of limbo. I'll have more to say about this in the next bulletin. And, of course, we still wait for our new Bishop. Patience is being called forth from all of us.

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.

YOUR OFFERINGS for August 23, 2020

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes: \$2,087.00 Loose: \$35.00 Utilities: \$70.00	<u>Total: \$3,006.00</u>
<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes: \$335.00 Loose: \$30.30	<u>Total: \$365.30</u>

Thank You

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.

If you wish to donate to St. Bernardine's Parish, we now have the system in place for that. For donations to St. Bernardine's, please use the following e-mail address: stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca

