



The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
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November 29, 2020  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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**

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**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

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Carole Larrett      705-969-4607

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**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 10:30 am

**RECONCILIATION**

Please contact Fr. Michael by phone or email.

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

Please contact Fr. Michael by phone or email.

**YOUR OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Envelopes:	\$807.00
Pre-authorized Deductions:	\$814.00
Heating:	\$25.00
Loose:	\$65.00
Bishop's Appeal:	\$130.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,841.00</b>

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Envelopes:	\$245.00
Bishop's Appeal:	\$90.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$335.00</b>

*Thank  
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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](mailto:stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca)

<b>MASS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 6, 2020</b>		
<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Monday, November 30		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 1		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 2	10:30a.m.	For Peggy Quackenbush by Mary Saftic, Sr. Sarah Quackenbush and Harvey Quackenbush
Thursday, December 3		No Parish Mass
Friday, December 4		No Parish Mass
Saturday, December 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	4:30p.m.	For Cameron Dittburner by St. John's CWL
Sunday, December 6	10:30a.m.	For June MacDonald by Doreen Merkas
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, December 6	9:00a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

## ST. JOHN'S CWL NEWS



From: Debbie Mattiazzi, Community Life Diocesan Chairperson  
 "During this COVID-19 pandemic many of us are experiencing some form of stress and uncertainty, refer back to the C.A.R.E. Connection Project".

C – Communicate. Reach out to someone, everyone appreciates a phone call.

A – Act. Do Something; Don't just think about it or don't wait.

R – Respect. Respect people's situation. Don't judge, be aware of their boundaries.

E – Engage. Engage, you just need to take that first step to make a world of difference to someone.



## CHURCH DOORS

With the arrival of colder weather, the main doors of the Church will not be propped open before and during Mass, as has been our protocol since June. They will be unlocked 1/2 hour before Mass begins. As always, please be sure to use the hand sanitizer that is available, as soon as you enter the Church.

## Journey Through Advent

As the season of Advent is very close, this memo is to inform you of a wonderful new initiative we have begun at the Conference. Since social media are an increasingly important platform for formation and evangelization at all levels, we have produced a series of videos entitled *Journey through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. It is the result of a joint project between the CCCB's *Office nationale de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

This short video series will be posted on the CCCB website and can be accessed through the rolling banner image at the top of the homepage entitled *Journey through Advent: Video Series for Advent 2020*.

The links to the videos, in French and English, will be available on the CCCB website. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released.

<https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/>

<https://www.cccb.ca/fr/liturgie-et-sacrements/ressources-en-francais/reflexions-sur-les-temps-liturgiques/>

We are very grateful to Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., and Bishop Pierre Goudreault for their generosity in preparing and recording these spiritual and pastoral reflections. We hope, especially in this time of COVID-19, that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful pastoral preparation for those who are looking for meaningful ways to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

The weekly videos will also be linked on our web page ([www.stjohnsgarson.org](http://www.stjohnsgarson.org)), under the "Links" tab.

## A WORD ABOUT CHRISTMAS MASSES

With the start of Advent, we enter into a New Year and we begin to prepare to encounter the incarnate God, made visible to us. Part of that preparation, naturally, is the celebration and receiving of Holy Eucharist each Sunday, and at the Christmas celebrations.

Over the last month or so, the Parish Pastoral Council deliberated about how to manage the potential increase in numbers of people wanting to attend, especially at the 5pm Mass. That Mass, in particular, has a large attendance which could, potentially this year, put us past our legal capacity during the pandemic (which is 84).

We considered the option of pre-registration. That is an option used by some of our neighbouring Churches on Sunday, and will be used by even more Parishes for Christmas. After this consideration, however, we opted to stick with the same system we have been using successfully since June: First Come – First Entry.

The doors will be open, as usual, 30 minutes before Mass begins. Once we reach either our capacity of 84 **OR** have filled all the available seats, nobody else will be permitted to enter. We have no choice or discretion in that matter.

### Some things to consider:

- The 9pm Mass and the Christmas Day Mass are likely to have more than enough room.
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Christmas Mass is suspended during the pandemic.
- Please do not plan to attend Mass at 7pm at St. Bernardine's. They will be using a pre-registration system for their own parishioners only, and will have no room for others.
- If you are sick in ANY way – don't attend. That shouldn't have to be said at any time – in pandemic or out. Nobody wants to catch what you have.
- If you are health vulnerable in some way, you might also want to consider passing on the busier Masses. As the numbers increase, so too does the risk of infection.
- Christmas Day is an Octave. Given that, you might consider making one of the Christmas Masses on the weekend your main "Christmas Mass" this year. Given the suspension of the Sunday Obligation, that is a viable option.

## VERONICA SERRANO



Our first child sponsored through Chalice, Veronica Serrano, sent a letter to us which we received this week. It is a response to an additional gift we sent. Our annual commitment is \$444.00, but there is always the option to send additional money to help the family. Because of your continued generous support of the Divine Mercy Candle devotion, we were able to send an additional \$50 as a birthday gift, \$50 as a Christmas gift, and \$100 to help the family with their greatest needs. This is what they wrote:

***Firstly, I send a special greeting for your daughter's godfather and your family and I hope you are well in health in this pandemic that we all live in. Here in Bolivia we are not working due to this disease, almost 8 months in quarantine. Once a week we go out with ID card number.***

***I want to thank you for the special gift you have sent my daughter Veronica; we bought for her a wardrobe to be able to keep her clothes, she needed it so much, she is really happy because she used to keep her clothes in a cardboard box, that's why as her mom I thank you for the special gift. Veronica is bigger, next year she will attend to the kindergarten. Here we are going to be in Spring.***

***I have a large family, what my husband earns is not enough. He does not work as before due to this pandemic and I am a little delicate from my back. I thank so much again. Veronica is happy with her wardrobe; we have told her that you sent the money and she was so grateful.***

***With these words, I say goodbye daughter's godfather.***

## 2021 Donation Envelopes

We are making the donation envelopes for 2021 available a bit earlier than usual this year, to allow for a different way of distributing them. We will not put them all out at once, as that only leads to people touching more envelopes than their own. We are doing our best to minimize any chance of spreading germs.

Your box of donation envelopes will be placed on the entranceway table in the Church IF you have either e-mailed or called the office, leaving a message asking for your envelopes to be left there.

In your message, please leave your name and specify the Mass you will be attending. Your envelopes will be left there for that Mass only. Please pick them up on your way into the Church.

If you are picking envelopes up for someone else, please follow the same protocol.



## INSTALLATION OF BISHOP THOMAS DOWD

Bishop Thomas Dowd will officially be installed as the 7<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie Diocese on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The installation ceremony will take place at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay. Unfortunately, the Pro-Cathedral has a maximum capacity of 100 due to the Covid-19 restrictions, and so attendance is by invitation only. However, the ceremony will be televised live by Salt and Light TV, for those who wish to watch and participate in that way.

You will be able to view LIVE Bishop Thomas Dowd's Installation on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00p.m.

1. Live Salt + Light Television
2. Salt + Light Website