



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
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December 6, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich
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Parish Pastoral Council

Myron McCormick	Finance – ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
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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:**

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YOUR OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2020

St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes:	\$482.00
Pre-authorized Deductions:	\$814.00
Loose:	\$40.00
Bishop's Appeal:	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$1,366.00

St. Bernardine of Siena

Envelopes:	\$250.00
TOTAL:	\$250.00

*Thank
 you*



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

MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 13, 2020		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 7		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 8		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 9	10:30a.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
Thursday, December 10		No Parish Mass
Friday, December 11		No Parish Mass
Saturday, December 12 3 rd Sunday of Advent	4:30p.m.	For Joan Pollex by the Monaghan & Halbert Families
Sunday, December 13	10:30a.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by Lil & Guy Bergeron
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, December 13	9:00a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

ST. JOHN'S CWL NEWS



The Ontario Provincial News Letter is now on line. Please visit our website at: www.cwl.ca

An Advent Message from National President Anne-Marie Gorman

As Advent begins, let us quietly and cautiously wait for the unique coming of Emmanuel, God with us, the greatest gift to the world. He is coming. May whatever darkness there is in our individual a collective world give way to the excitement and ecstasy that only the arrival of the Christ child can bring.

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



VERONICA SERRANO

Following the letter received from Veronica Serrano last week in response to the birthday gift we sent, we received an additional letter this week regarding our general sponsorship of her. The letter is date February 2020, so it obviously took its time getting to us. Veronica turned 4 years old on August 29th.

This is what they wrote

I send you cordial greetings.

I'm her mother; my daughter is 3 years old and she can't write yet. She is pre-kindergarten, she likes to play with dolls, and she loves animals, specially cats and dogs. She is the only girl in my family so her brothers and uncles love her so much. In Sucre, Bolivia we are in summer at this time, but the winter is coming. At this moment it is warm. At weekends, we go to visit her grandparents to their village. Next year she will go to kindergarten and she is happy and excited to make new friends. I want to thank you for all the support you provide to us. It helps with her education, alimentation and clothing. My husband thanks you for your help too. You are always in our prayers and your family too.

With these words, I say goodbye, may God and the Virgin bless you and your whole family. My family send you greetings. Thank you for all your help. You are always in our prayers.

**Love,
Veronica Ramos Serrano
Juana Serrano Saavedra**

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP THOMAS DOWD



Bishop Thomas Dowd will officially be installed as the 7th Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie Diocese on Thursday, December 17th 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 17th, 2020 at 2:00p.m.

Journey Through Advent

The season of Advent is here, 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 national 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-sacraments/ressources-en-francais/reflexions-sur-les-temps-liturgiques/>

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



PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: For those who wish to pray for a priest of our Diocese each day, the calendar for December is posted to our website, under the "Bulletin" 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.