



The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
**St. John the Evangelist – Garson & Falconbridge**  
**St. Bernardine of Siena – Skead**  
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January 10, 2021  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**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
Rachel Corbett	705-693-3241

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**Parish Contact**

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<b><u>Communion to the Sick</u></b>	
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838

**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 DECEMBER 25 & DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Envelopes:	\$ 817.00
Christmas:	\$2,860.00
Loose:	\$ 30.00
Heating:	\$ 20.00
Interac e-Transfer:	\$1,830.00
Pre-authorized Deductions:	\$ 943.75
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$6,500.75</u></b>



**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Christmas:	\$2,025.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$2,025.00</u></b>



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](mailto:stjohnsgarson@gmail.com) as the Donee.

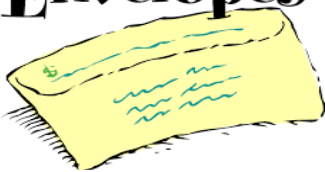
If you wish to donate to St. Bernardine's Parish, simply log into your bank or credit union account, choose the INTERAC e-transfer option, and use St. Bernardine's e-mail address: [stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca](mailto:stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca) as the Donee.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>January 11, 2021 to January 17, 2021</b>		
<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Monday, January 11		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, January 12		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, January 13		No Parish Mass (Cancelled due to the Pandemic Lock Down)
Thursday, January 14		No Parish Mass
Friday, January 15		No Parish Mass
Saturday, January 16		No Parish Mass (Cancelled due to the Pandemic Lock Down)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time		No Parish Mass (Cancelled due to the Pandemic Lock Down)
Sunday, January 17		No Parish Mass (Cancelled due to the Pandemic Lock Down)
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, January 17		No Parish Mass (Cancelled due to the Pandemic Lock Down)

### **RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES**

Receipts reflecting your donations to the Parish in 2020 will be prepared soon. This year, they will all be mailed. Once the year end financial statements have been finalized, the parish finance committee will oversee the preparation of a report to be given to the Parish, which will be published in the bulletin.

## **Offering Envelopes**



## **2021 Donation Envelopes**

Our protocol for picking up donation envelopes is a bit different this year, in order to minimize any chance of spreading germs. Experience has shown that putting all the boxes out together leads to multiple boxes being touched by multiple people.

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.

*Thank  
you!*

## **A NOTE FROM FR. MICHAEL**



This weekend concludes the formal Christmas Season (informally, it continues until the Feast of the Presentation on February 2<sup>nd</sup>). Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Ordinary Time. Of course, we are still quite far from what most of us would consider “ordinary time”.

I am grateful to everyone who offered me prayers and expressed Christmas wishes over the past couple of weeks. Your cards still adorn the Rectory, and they remind me of the tremendous community of faith filled Christians that make up these parishes.

Looking back, it's a bit heart breaking that the two great Feasts for us Christians – Easter and Christmas – were curtailed due to the pandemic which continues to shadow us. Looking forward, we live in the hope that better times lay ahead.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times. All of us have had to make certain sacrifices, but I think especially of those who experienced the death of a loved one and were unable to celebrate the funeral rituals as fully as would have been normal. I think of those whose Sacramental preparations have been sidelined. I think of those who cannot gather with us on Sunday due to the health risk. I think of our many shut ins who cannot receive the Eucharist or receive the joy of visitors as before.

Although there are signs of hope ahead, we must continue to be patient. Realistically, there may be no changes in 2021 to how we currently must celebrate our liturgies. It is, perhaps, a reminder that the Christ Who is born for us today remains hidden from view, in small town Nazareth, for some 30 years before people take notice. Yet still, God is here. He is with us. Among us. For us.

## **SHUTDOWN EXTENSION**

As is known by everyone by now, the Government of Ontario has extended by two weeks the current shutdown in Northern Ontario, and it is now scheduled to end on January 23<sup>rd</sup> (same as in Southern Ontario).

The maximum number permitted in any Church is 10, including the priest. Since there is no realistic way to organize that in a fair manner, Fr. Michael will continue to celebrate daily Mass privately, for the intentions of all parishioners.

Our current hope is that we will be able to gather once again, as a family of faith, for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time on January 23/24. We will continue to publish a weekly online bulletin in the interim.