



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. John the Evangelist – Garson & Falconbridge
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February 14, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich
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Myron McCormick	Finance – ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
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Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
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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

Communion to the Sick

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 FEBRUARY 7, 2021

St. John the Evangelist



Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$ 943.75

TOTAL: \$ 943.75

DID YOU KNOW THAT SAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER TAKES EXACTLY AS LONG AS THE CDC RECOMMENDS YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?



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, 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 as the Donee.



**MASS SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 15		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 16		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00p.m.	For Lindsay Chretien by Susan & Guy Chretien (rescheduled from January 9 th)
Thursday, February 18		No Parish Mass
Friday, February 19		No Parish Mass
Saturday, February 20 1 ST Sunday of Lent	4:30p.m.	For Gail Roach by The Schroeder Family
Sunday, February 21	10:30a.m.	For The Intentions Of All Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, February 21	9:00a.m.	For Mike Kritz & Matt Humenuik by Jim & Loretta Kritz (rescheduled from January 10 th)

ST. JOHN'S CWL NEWS



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021: This year because of the Coronavirus we cannot gather together as we always did. Grace United Church is hosting a Service on Zoom on **March 5th at 7:00 p.m.** We have been invited to join them. If you are interested in joining the Service on Zoom please send your name and email address to Phyllis at graceunited20@hotmail.com - once she has the Service set up on Zoom she will send you a link to click on to join the Service. If anyone would like to read at the Service please let Doreen know so she can pass it on to Phyllis. We thank those who are working on putting something together so we can join them to worship together, in one of their homes since their Church is just in the process of being rebuilt. If you have any questions please call Doreen at 705-693-0424 or email zajorja@eastlink.ca



PRIVATELY CELEBRATED MASSES

Fr. Michael celebrated one requested Mass intention privately this week:
Mass for **Jeff Timbers** (anniversary of his passing), requested by Ann & Myron McCormick – celebrated on Saturday, February 13th.

2021 DONATION ENVELOPES

If you wish to pick up your box of 2021 donation envelopes, please either e-mail or call the parish office, and indicate which day you will drop by for them. On that day, Fr. Michael will put them in the mailbox at the entrance to the Rectory (Annex entrance). If you will be attending Mass, please indicate that, and Fr. Michael will leave your box of envelopes in the entranceway on the day you indicate.





ASH WEDNESDAY

What is being offered this year, in every parish in the Diocese, is what is called the "Ash Wednesday Project". Every priest will celebrate the Ash Wednesday Mass on **February 17th**, blessing the ashes as we normally do. Ashes will then be placed in small containers which parishioners will be invited to pick up and bring home, so as to celebrate a form of the Ash Wednesday liturgy with

their family. Families and individuals will be free to make these liturgies as simple or as elaborate as they wish. An optional booklet will also be made available for those who prefer to follow a written outline, and a video has been posted to the Diocesan website illustrating how this home liturgy might unfold.

The hope is that many families and individuals who are unable or unwilling to attend a public liturgy, will be able to avail themselves of this important opportunity to renew themselves, through repentance, at the start of the Lenten Season. Additionally, Bishop Dowd has extended the timing of this ritual to end of February. Anyone can celebrate this ritual of repentance on any of those 12 days.

For parishioners of St. John's and St. Bernardine's, the distribution of ashes will take place in the following way:

On Ash Wednesday (February 17th), Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass privately in the morning, blessing the ashes at that time. At 9am, he will place the individual containers and the home liturgy rituals on a table just inside the door to the side entrance of the Church. If you arrive to pick up your ashes and there is someone else at the door, please do not leave your car until they return to theirs. We have 144 containers, and believe this should be enough if everyone takes just one per household. If not, we will put ashes in zip lock baggies for the rest. **The ashes will be available in this way until 6pm that day.**

For those who wish, a PUBLIC celebration of the Mass will take place in the Church at 7pm that night. Although no public announcement has yet been made, we anticipate that the pre-lock down rules will apply (30% capacity, taking of names, no singing, etc). As per the regulation issued by the Holy Father, distribution of ashes will take place by having them sprinkled on top of your head, instead of through the signing of the cross on your forehead. **Please note, there will be no ashes available to take home at this Mass, unless you contact the office beforehand and indicate that you will need a container for your household.**

For the following 11 days in February, ashes will continue to be available to anyone who asks. If you wish to get some, please phone or e-mail the office, leaving your name and the day on which you will pick up the ashes. On that day, they will be left for you in the mailbox at the Annex entrance.

LENT ONLINE

Lent is a time to seek to walk closer with God, particularly through the traditional means of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Spiritual reading is an excellent help in this regard, and so are inspirational and educational videos. In that vein, everyone is invited to participate in a free online Lenten presentation "**Parousia: The Bible and the Mass**". This teaching series is presented by the same producers of "The Bible and the Sacraments" and "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" which many of you viewed in previous seasons. (As a side note, the parish owns the DVDs of those 2 series, and anyone may borrow them – just send Fr. Michael a note with that request if you are interested).

If you are interested in taking advantage of this free presentation during Lent, you may register by going to this link: StPaulCenter.com/mass.

The program begins on Ash Wednesday. Once you register, they will send you information about purchasing the booklets for the series. **You do not have to purchase these or anything else.** Just ignore that part, if you wish. They really are not necessary.

Don't skip the ashes!

If you can't make it to Mass on Ash Wednesday (February 17), take the ashes home and pray with your family!

It's this easy:

Step 1: Pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service brochure from your nearest parish.

Step 2: Pray together with your family or members of your household.

Step 3: Officially begin the Season of Lent!



Check with your nearest church about available Mass times or when to pick up your blessed ashes!

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie
www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org



Downtown Churches Team supports the Coldest Night of the Year Walk Saturday February 20th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Our group has entered a team for the Coldest Night of the Year walk. This annual walk provides much needed support to the Samaritan Centre's programs and support to the vulnerable. There are three ways people can participate:

1. You can walk with us in person. Our group is going to gather on Saturday February 20, just prior to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at Sainte Anne des Pins church. We will hand out maps and begin with a time of prayer. Walkers can then follow the route to the Samaritan Centre, the Silent No More Memorial at the Theatre Centre and back to Sainte Anne. The walk takes about 30 minutes. It is 2 kms.
2. You can drive the route in your car. Gather with us at Sainte Anne des Pins for the opening prayer. Get your map and then travel to the Samaritan Centre, the Theatre Centre and back to Sainte Anne.
3. You can sponsor one of our walker/riders. Please register with the Downtown Churches Team at <https://cnoy.org/sudbury>

Username: StAndrewsSudbury

Password: cnoy2021

Click on Join a Team, and look for Downtown Churches

If you have any trouble getting registered, please contact dave@st-andrews.ca. If you have questions, contact catherine@st-andrews.ca