



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
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February 7, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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

Communion to the Sick

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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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.

DONATIONS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY



In addition to the donations made to the Parish through the Pre-Authorized Deduction Program, the following donations were also received:

Through Interac E-transfer:	For Sunday Collections	\$ 130.00
Through mailed in or dropped off cheques:		
	For Sunday Collections	\$1,525.00
	For Mary, Mother of God (January 1 st)	155.00
	For Heating	40.00
	For Initial Offering	50.00
	For Native Sector	30.00
TOTAL:		<u>\$1,930.00</u>

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support of the Parish.



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.

DONATIONS DURING THE SHUTDOWN

If you are not using Pre-Authorized Deductions for your donations to the Parish, and you prefer to not use e-transfer, you may make your parish donations in one of two other ways: by mailing them through Canada Post, or by dropping them off in the mailbox outside the Rectory (Annex) entrance. In both cases, cheques are safer to use, and therefore preferred.

MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 14, 2021		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 8		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 9		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, February 10		No Parish Mass <i>(Cancelled due to the Pandemic Lockdown)</i>
Thursday, February 11		No Parish Mass
Friday, February 12		No Parish Mass
Saturday, February 13	4:30p.m.	Mass Celebration <i>Pending on the Lifting of the Lockdown</i>
6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 14	10:30a.m.	Mass Celebration <i>Pending on the Lifting of the Lockdown</i>
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, February 14	9:00a.m.	Mass Celebration <i>Pending on the Lifting of the Lockdown</i>

THE LOCKDOWN

As of the date this bulletin is being published, we do not know if the current lockdown and/or stay at home order will be lifted or extended. As it now stands, Mass will be permitted next weekend. However, given the uncertainty around it, no Mass intentions will be scheduled for next weekend. If permitted, the Saturday and Sunday Masses will be celebrated at their usual times.



PRIVATELY CELEBRATED MASSES

Fr. Michael celebrated three requested Mass intentions privately this week:

Mass for **Lindsay Chretien**, requested by Marie Bardswich – celebrated on February 1, 2021
Mass for **Laura Dolcini**, requested by Ann & Myron McCormick – celebrated on February 3, 2021
Mass for **Caroline Lindquist**, requested by Marie Bardswich – celebrated on February 4, 2021

Fr. Michael celebrates Mass privately every day, with the intention offered for all parishioners. If you would like a particular Mass intention offered in this way, rather than waiting for public celebrations to be open again, you may make that request. The Mass celebrated will be noted in the bulletin.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Bishop Thomas Dowd called a meeting (via ZOOM) with all the parish priests of our Diocese in order to discuss the upcoming Ash Wednesday. The meeting took place on Thursday, February 4th. Given the uncertainty of the current situation, he thought it best to plan for Ash Wednesday as if the lockdown will be extended, while hoping it will be lifted.

What will be offered this year, in every parish in the Diocese, is what is being 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, one ounce 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 will be 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. Given the short time between now and Ash Wednesday, and the very real possibility that some would not even know of this option before that day, Bishop Dowd has also extended the timing of this ritual to end of February. Anyone can celebrate this ritual of repentance on any of those 12 days.

In addition to the video, the diocesan website will also have more detailed information about this day which should answer any questions that may arise.

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 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 getting theirs, please do not leave your car until they return to theirs. We have just 94 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.

IF the lockdown is lifted by Ash Wednesday, and we are permitted to return to our 30% attendance, there will also be a public Mass at 7pm that night. **Either way, the small containers of ashes will be made available all day for those who wish.**

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.



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).



CANDLEMAS

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord was celebrated this past week on February 2nd. It's more commonly known as Candlemas, and concludes the celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany, a tradition going back to the very early Church. The Scriptural basis for this Feast can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Traditionally, candles are blessed on this Feast Day – a practice we sincerely hope to renew with a public celebration of this Feast in 2022.

ST. JOHN'S CWL NEWS



The Ontario Provincial News Letter is on line. It features Thunder Bay. A good Read.

Received a directive from our Sudbury Regional Chair Person, Kathleen Niro. Pope Francis has proclaimed a year of St. Joseph from December 8 2020 to December 8 2021. You can read about this on the CWL website.

There will be an afternoon of Reflection on **February 21st from 1:15 pm to 3:45 pm.** This will be led by Ruth Anne Ingram. To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smart phone

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/978155141>

You can also dial in using your phone Canada +(647)497-9373.

PANCAKE TUESDAY!

Tuesday, February 16th, 2021

Pancake Tuesday Take-Out Meal \$12

3 Pancakes, 4 Bacon Slices, 2 Breakfast Sausages & Condiments

Curbside Pick-up 11 AM - 2PM - 1127 Bancroft Ave

Covid Precautions In Place

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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



Thank you for walking today.

Thank you for supporting the Samaritan Centre.

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