



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
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March 21, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Myron McCormick	Finance – ex officio
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Rachel Charette	St. John's
Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
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Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

PRAYER LINE

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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 MARCH 14, 2021

Due to the lockdown last weekend, there was no Sunday collection.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
 ANNUNCIATION**

Due to the special nature of this Solemnity, Fr. Michael will celebrate a public Mass on **Thursday, March 25th at St. John's Church at 10:30am.**

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@smd.ca as the Donee.



**MASS SCHEDULE
MARCH 22 TO MARCH 28, 2021**

St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 22		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 23		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 24	10:30a.m.	For Gaetane Belleville by St. John's CWL
Thursday, March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation	10:30a.m.	For Rick Landry by St. John's CWL
Friday, March 26		No Parish Mass
Saturday, March 27 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	4:30p.m.	For Alfred Schinko by Elizabeth Schinko
Sunday, March 28	10:30a.m.	For Lindsay Chretien by Susan & Guy Chretien
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, March 28	9:00a.m.	For The Intentions Of All Parishioners

FUNERAL MASS

On Saturday, March 27th, Fr. Michael will celebrate the funeral Mass for Alfred Schinko at 10am, just a few days after the anniversary of his death. Alfred was the first parishioner to be caught up in the initial pandemic lockdown, and so no funeral Mass was possible at the time of his death. We understand that the current restrictions will limit the celebration in many respects, and so we ask you to keep Elizabeth Schinko and her family in your prayers at this time.



ST. JOHN'S CWL NEWS



There will be a retreat on **March 26th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm** called **Every Season has a Reason**. The presenter is Dr. Anne Jamieson, executive director of the Institute of Catholic Education.

To register go to cwl.ca

GREY LOCKDOWN – NEW ATTENDANCE LIMITS

On Monday, March 15th, the government of Ontario updated the legal attendance limits for places of worship. While in the “grey lockdown” designation, instead of a hard cap of 10 persons in attendance, we are now permitted an attendance of up to 15% of our building’s capacity. **For St. John’s, that means 42 persons. For St. Bernardine’s, it means 20 persons.** This will allow us to publicly celebrate our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, albeit within this restrictive framework. Attendance will be on a first come basis. As the situation may change suddenly, please check the parish website (home page) for the latest information.

WEEK 6: MARCH 22 TO 28, 2021



Share Love, Share Lent: Keeping Canadians committed.

Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water?

Join our *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice

To help make a difference, **get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic.**

Visit devp.org/lent to learn more.

HOLY WEEK IN PANDEMIC TIMES



For Palm Sunday, there will be no procession with the palms. Palms will be distributed to parishioners as they enter the Church, and Fr. Michael will bless them from the Sanctuary. **If there are any palms left over following the final Mass, they will be made available from Noon until 5pm at the side entrance of St. John's Church.**

For Holy Thursday, there will be no washing of the feet and no procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament, following Mass, will be returned to the Tabernacle. Silent adoration will be permitted until 9pm. Please note, this silent adoration will be only for those who attended Mass.

For Good Friday, there will be no procession with the cross, and veneration of the cross will take place from the pews (in the form of a profound bow).

For the Easter Vigil, there will be no lighting or blessing of the fire, no procession, no lighting of individual candles, and no sprinkling rite. In lieu of the sprinkling rite, individual bottles of holy water will be made available for a home ritual (more on that below).

For Easter Sunday, there will be no sprinkling rite. In lieu of that Rite, individual bottles of holy water (blessed at the Easter Vigil) will be made available for a home ritual. Those bottles will be on a table on either side of the Sanctuary. After receiving Holy Eucharist, you are invited to take a bottle home, along with a prayer ritual. At home, you may celebrate a form of renewing your Baptism promises, using that holy water. If there are any holy water containers remaining following the final Mass on Sunday, they will be made available from Noon until 5pm at the side entrance of St. John's Church.

This year, the **Chrism Mass** will take place at Precious Blood Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday, April 15th. More information about this celebration will follow, as it becomes available.