

Mass Schedule
November 29 - December 5, 2021

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, November 29		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, November 30		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 1	10:30 a.m.	For Dorothy Raymond by Carole & JP Giroux
Thursday, December 2	10:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings by Doreen Merkas
Friday, December 3	10:30 a.m.	For Souls in Purgatory by Colette Prieur
Saturday, December 4 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, December 5	9:00 a.m.	For Pearl Jalbert by David & Colette Stephen
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As we enter this New Year, we pray for God's blessing upon all humanity, and we recommit ourselves to following Christ as His disciples. The Eternal One has penetrated history, and so all time is holy and every moment is sacred. So is every person, for God has entered our humanity. As Christians, we remember that although we are in the world, and are responsible for it, we are not of the world. Our gaze is fixed on a horizon that is eternal.



Confession

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Please keep in your prayers the children of our Parish who have begun to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That Sacrament will be celebrated by them next month.

GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Sharing with the less fortunate is walking humbly with our God!

We are now able to receive donations of non-perishable food items for the Garson Food Bank. You are invited to leave these items in the basket at the entranceway of the Church. They will be brought to the Food Bank on your behalf. Please do not leave money - if you wish to donate money, you should give it directly to them so that they can issue you a receipt.



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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**THE PARISH OFFICE REMAINS
CLOSED FOR NOW**



November 28, 2021
1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

Pastor
Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich

Music Director: Jeannine Longe

Parish Custodian: Sonya Arcand

Parish Musician:

Parish Secretary:

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
Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

PRAYER LINE

Elaine Lamarche	705-693-3339
Rachel Corbett	705-693-3241

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

Carole Larrett	705-969-4607
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Communion to the Sick

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine
Church - Skead

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

See inside for this week's schedule

RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

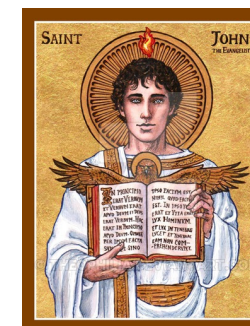
CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

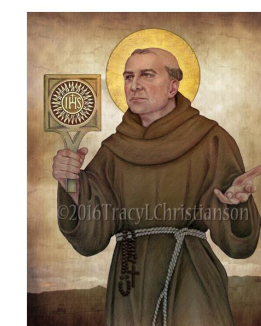
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,
CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

COVID-19 REMINDERS: As our attendance numbers slowly rise (wonderful!), it is likely some are not aware of the most recent protocols for Mass attendance in our Diocese. As a reminder: masks which cover the nose and mouth are mandatory at all times while inside the Church. The Celebrant and the Lector may remove their masks while in the Sanctuary, as long as they are a minimum of 2 meters from anyone else in the Sanctuary.



When coming to receive Holy Eucharist, maintain a space of 2 meters from the person in front of you. When you reach the tape on the floor that is 2 meters from the Minister, stop. He will say "The Body of Christ" and you will reply "Amen". Then approach, saying nothing from that point on until you are once again 2 meters from him. After he puts the Holy Eucharist in your hand (please keep your hand as flat and as still as possible), walk 2 meters to one side, remove your mask, consume the Host and then replace your mask. Then return to your seat.

If you are supporting someone in your own household who finds it difficult to walk alone, please accompany them through the entire process. Both of you may approach the Minister at the same time.

If walking is too difficult for you, Fr. Michael will bring Communion to your seat once everyone else has received. Please just ask him before Mass begins.



Thank you for putting *People and the Planet First*

A major focus of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **People and Planet First** campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, thousands of Canadians signed a petition asking the government to enact such a law.

On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives.

To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum: <https://devp.org/en>



The draw for the quilt was made on Sunday, November 21st at 2:30pm at the Garson Arena and Marie Bardswich is the winner. Congratulation Marie. The ticket was pulled by Dave Larsen, a member of the Garson Lion Club.

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe from December 4th to 12th is available from the Catholic online at catholic.org/prayers/novena.php?id=13.

Our Lady of Gaudalupe is also available through downloading the Pray Catholic Novenas application at pray.app.link/ourladyofguadalupenovena.

CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE: Our protocols for the Christmas Masses this year will be identical to last year. In Skead, given their limited capacity, a reservation system will be in place. If Skead is not your normal place of worship, please do not attend there.



In Garson, we will follow a "first come, first entry" system; once the Church has reached maximum capacity, nobody else will be permitted inside. Capacity is based on 2 meter spacing. A single family (even if just 3 people) will fill one pew. Two single people, or two couples, or one couple and one single person will do the same. With 18 available pews, the Church would be at capacity with just 36 single people. Although that is not likely to be the case, be aware that we reached capacity last Sunday with 51 people. We did not have to turn anyone away last year, and we hope this year will be the same, but it is up to you to arrive early enough to find a seat. Arriving last minute could be risky this year.

Please note there will be no Mass on Saturday night on December 25th. The reason for this is that no Sunday Mass is permitted on Christmas Day; so, this year the only Sunday Masses permitted are on December 26th - Feast of the Holy Family.



DONATION ENVELOPES: The 2022 donation envelopes are available to pick up in the entranceway of the Church, beginning this weekend. If you used donation envelopes in 2021, you automatically have a set issued to you for 2022.

If your previous envelope number was higher than 140, we have had to assign you a new number for this year.

If you donate using Pre-Authorized Deductions (PAD), no envelopes have been issued to you. If you wish to begin donating using PAD, there are forms for this purpose in the main entranceway of the Church. Just fill one out and return it to the office via the collection basket, and we will look after the rest.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Receipts for donations made this year will be issued in January, and a financial report for 2021 will be published soon after that.

YOUR OFFERINGS for November 21, 2021

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 817.00	Loose:	\$ 60.00
	E-transfer:	\$ 30.00	PAD:	\$ 992.59
			Total: \$ 1,899.59	
<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 130.00		
				Total: \$ 130.00

Thank You