

Mass Schedule
December 13 - December 19, 2021

St. John the Evangelist

| Date | Time | Mass Intention |
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| Monday, December 13 | | No Parish Mass |
| Tuesday, December 14 | | No Parish Mass |
| Wednesday, December 15 | 10:30 a.m. | For Michelle McFarlane by Lucille McFarlane |
| Thursday, December 16 | 10:30 a.m. | For Marie Miller by St. John's CWL |
| Friday, December 17 | 10:30 a.m. | For Michael Dagostino & Family by St. John's School Students & Staff |
| Saturday, December 18 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 4:30 p.m. | For Gilbert Prieur by Colette Prieur |
| | 10:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of all Parishioners |
| St. Bernardine of Siena | | |
| Sunday, December 19 | 9:00 a.m. | For Jimmy Kritz by Maurice & Lidia Lefebvre |

OFFICIAL PRAYER OF THE SYNOD



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Late last month, we received a donation from Knights of Columbus Centennial Council #6074 for \$625.00. We are grateful to the Knights for their generous and ongoing support of our Parish, as well as the many other good works in which they are involved in our local and wider community.

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**



**December 12, 2021
3rd 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

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| 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

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

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

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| Carole Larrett | 705-969-4607 |
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Communion to the Sick

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| 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

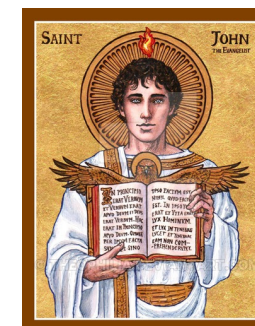
CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

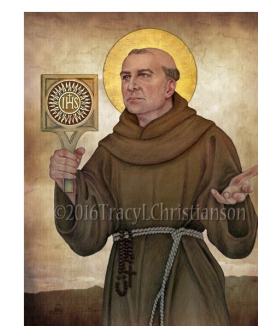
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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

Letter from Veronica's Mother (Our Chalice Sponsored Child from Bolivia)

Firstly, I send you and your whole family greetings and I hope you are in good health. I hope this pandemic hasn't affected you or your family. We were affected a little; my husband was affected too much, but he beat this disease and now he is better and we have already gotten vaccinated. The reason of this letter is to thank you for the money that you sent to my daughter Veronica and with which we were able to buy a wooden chocolate bed, because she slept with us and now she has her own bed. Thank you so much dear godfather. My daughter needed a bed because my husband doesn't work normally, because of there being no job. She can't write yet; that's why I am writing this letter on her behalf. She is in kindergarten. When we told Veronica about the money that you sent her, we asked her what she wanted to buy and she said to us "a bed" and now she is very glad. Her classes are virtual and she is polite. From here to two years she will write you. She likes to paint, play with dolls, she helps me in the kitchen and tidies up with housework, She puts her clothes away and she makes her bed. She is the only sister because she has three brothers and she is the smallest.

With these words, I say goodbye godfather. Take good care of yourself. We are going to take care of ourselves too. Please don't forget us. My whole family sends you and your family a special greeting.

Love, Veronica Ramos Serrano

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 - 4 people) will fill one pew. Two single people, or two couples, or one couple and one single person will do the same. We have only 18 available pews, so it's important to arrive early to ensure a seat for you and your family. 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. As in previous years, there are 3 Christmas Masses in Garson (4:30pm, 9pm and 10:30am - Christmas Day) and one in Skead (7pm). A viable option during this pandemic is to skip the Christmas Eve Mass and make the Sunday Mass (still in the Octave of Christmas) your Christmas Mass.

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.

MUSIC AT SUNDAY MASS AND FUNERALS: Not only did the pandemic shut down congregational singing as a means to prevent the spread of virus, but having our main musician move out of town complicated even the provision of instrumental music. So, we have limped along with no music, or more recently, with that provided only through a Bluetooth speaker. While some may enjoy the music played in this way, it is really a poor substitute for congregational singing in a liturgy - a return to which we hope to experience in our lifetimes.

In the meantime, at least for funerals, Fr. Michael has managed to make the following arrangements for music: For funerals arranged through Lougheed's, they will provide a musician/soloist for the Mass. For those planned in other ways, the musician from Christ the King has agreed to play, accompanied by a soloist from Chelmsford. Having this available is a much better option than simply playing recorded music, and is one step closer to 'normalizing' our Liturgies. Finding a local musician for our post-pandemic Liturgies will be the next focus of our recruitment efforts.

Theology Perking

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie
December 16, 2021 - Via Zoom
7 - 8 pm

An Advent Reflection to CALL

www.csjssm.ca
Please register:
cromano@csjssm.ca

Confession

Please keep in your prayers the children of our Parish who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next few weeks. They will begin preparing for the Gift of Holy Eucharist in January.

The SSM Diocesan Newsletter is on line at ssmcwl.ca. A good read.

A thank you to Doreen for organizing the Rosary on Zoom to replace our General Meetings for the past two months. Hopefully we can resume our meetings in January.

YOUR OFFERINGS for December 5, 2021

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| St. John the Evangelist | Envelopes: | \$ 1,527.00 | Thank You |
| | Loose: | \$ 45.00 | |
| | E-transfer: | \$ 60.00 | |
| | PAD: | \$ 901.25 | |
| | | Total: \$ 2,533.25 | |
| St. Bernardine of Siena | Envelopes: | \$ 310.00 | Total: \$ 310.00 |