

**Mass Schedule
December 20 - December 26, 2021**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 20		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 21		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 22	10:30 a.m.	For Dorothy Raymond by Carole & JP Giroux
Thursday, December 23	10:30 a.m.	For My Personal Intentions by Colette Prieur
Friday, December 24 NATIVITY OF THE LORD	4:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
	9:00 p.m.	For Marie Miller by Suzanne Martel
Saturday, December 25	10:30 a.m.	For Jeff Timbers by Myron & Ann McCormick
Sunday, December 26 HOLY FAMILY	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Friday, December 24 NATIVITY OF THE LORD	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Sunday, December 26 HOLY FAMILY	9:00 a.m.	For Mike Kritz & Matt Humeniuk by Jim & Loretta Kritz

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.

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

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 19, 2021
4th 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

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ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

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Carole Larrett 705-969-4607

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Rolande Kehoe 705-969-2838



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

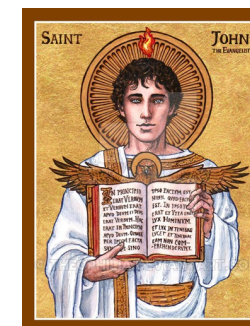
CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

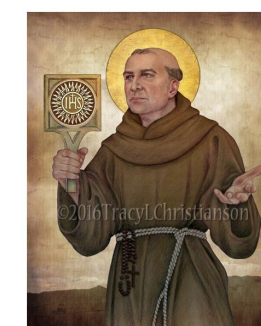
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Hopefully, we will have Children's Liturgy this weekend. The next two weekends, however, there will be none. So, the Children's Liturgy program will resume on January 9th.



Consecration to the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite every family of our parishes to actively participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family, which will be held at our parish during the Masses on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26.

Families today face many struggles, particularly in this unprecedented time of Covid-19. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect Son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

There are many ways we all can prepare in advance of the Consecration, for example:

- Pray together as a family
- Attend Reconciliation
- Intentionally fast from something
- Perform an act of charity

Prayer to Holy Family

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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. That is the current law in Ontario for Churches. 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. The obligation to attend Holy Days (all Sundays, Christmas and Mother of God) is still suspended, so there is no necessity to attend a Christmas Mass in that regard. A viable option, then, is to make one of the Masses within the Octave of Christmas your "Christmas Mass" this year, if that is important to you. The Masses from December 26 - January 2 fall within the Octave, and are usually not as well attended. So too the Feast of the Epiphany. Whatever you decide, remember that attendance is very high risk during this current outbreak, the Omicron mutation is highly contagious, even with vaccination, and both our Churches are not particularly well ventilated.

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.

If, due to unfortunate circumstances, the ever changing situation of the pandemic forces the government to suspend attendance at Church services, that fact will be published on the Home Page of our website. Please check there for the latest updates in this regard.

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

YOUR OFFERINGS for December 12, 2021

Thank You

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 1,056.00	Heating: \$ 504.00 PAD: \$ 901.25 <u>Total: \$ 2,957.25</u>
	Loose:	\$ 16.00	
	E-transfer:	\$ 480.00	
<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 390.00	Heating: \$ 115.00 <u>Total: \$ 865.00</u>
	E-transfer:	\$ 360.00	