

**Mass Schedule  
December 27, 2021 - January 2, 2022**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 27		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 28		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 29	10:30 a.m.	For Gerry Foley by Sheila LaPierre
Thursday, December 30	10:30 a.m.	For Yvette Gagnon by Marie Bardswich
Friday, December 31 <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Priests by Colette Prieur
Saturday, January 1 <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Brenda & Wendell MacLeod by Myron & Ann McCormick
Sunday, January 2	10:30 a.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Saturday, January 1 <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>	10:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Sunday, January 2 <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

**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.



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 26, 2021  
FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY**

**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

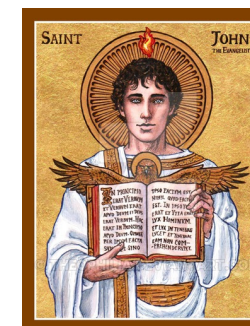
**CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:**

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

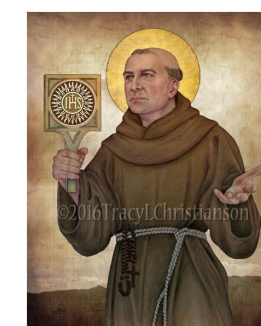
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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



## Will resume on January 9th.

**Synodal Process in our Diocese:** During the month of January 2022, everyone is invited to participate in the consultation phase of the Synodal Process in our Diocese. The documents ('Synodal Process' and 'Questions for the Synodal Process') which will serve to assist and guide you during this process are available online on the Synod page of the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/synod>. Should you require a printed version of this package, please contact your parish or Father Roch Martin at the Diocesan Centre.

**EPIPHANY BLESSING:** Next Sunday is the Feast of Epiphany. As in previous years, Fr. Michael will bless the Epiphany chalk at each of the Masses and will use it to bless our Church building. Following Mass, those who wish can take a piece of chalk and use the same blessing in your home. The blessing prayer and formula will be printed here next weekend.



At Christmas, we're all beautifully connected by the Love born that holy night. The baby in the manger belongs to all of us and so does this wondrous season when we remember His birth.  
Joy to you as we celebrate all that Christmas means.  
Wishing you all a blessed and safe Christmas.

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

#### 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!



We extend a special word of thanks to our Environment Committee who, throughout the year, provides an appropriately decorated liturgical space according to the Season, and who once again provided a beautiful Christmas environment for us. We are also grateful to our Ministers of Hospitality, who have helped us navigate through these Covid times at all our liturgies, while making sure we have been compliant with the various health regulations in force. And finally, a word of thanks to all our volunteers who participate in both public and hidden roles of ministry at St. John's and St. Bernardine's. We are grateful to you for giving of your time and talents for the benefit of us all.



For Catholics, Christmas Day begins on December 25th and continues until January 1st. This is the Octave, which we celebrate as one big Solemnity. The Season of Christmas then continues until January 9th - the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Within this stretch, we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron - St. John the Evangelist - on December 27th. Mary, the Mother of God, celebrated on January 1st, is a major Solemnity on our calendar and is also a Holy Day of Obligation (still suspended, due to the pandemic). May the Joy of our Saviour's Birth ring gladly in all our hearts throughout this Holy Season.

**PLEASE DO NOT WEAR PERFUME, COLOGNE, OR ANY OTHER SCENTED PRODUCT TO CHURCH.**

Some of our Parishioners are highly sensitive to these smells and are unable to attend Mass when others are wearing them.



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.

For donations to St. Bernardine's Parish, use: [stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca](mailto:stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca).

**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 19, 2021

## Thank You

##### St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$ 872.00  
Heating: \$ 20.00  
Bequest: \$ 2,000.00

Loose: \$ 25.00  
E-transfer: \$ 30.00  
PAD: \$ 901.25

**Total: \$ 3,848.25**

##### St. Bernardine of Siena

Envelopes: \$ 320.00  
Heating: \$ 50.00  
E-transfer: \$ 100.00

Loose: \$ 50.00  
Christmas: \$ 105.00

**Total: \$ 625.00**