

**Mass Schedule  
February 28 - March 6, 2022**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 28		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 1		No Parish Mass
ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, March 2	6:00 p.m.	For Malcolm Chisholm by Rolly & Elaine Lamarche
Thursday, March 3	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Friday, March 4	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Saturday, March 5 <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Emilien Langlois by Rhéal & June Langlois
Sunday, March 6	10:30 a.m.	For Malcolm Chisholm by His Grand-children Avery & Sarah Chisholm
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, March 6	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners



**AN ANNOUNCEMENT:** After a long and dedicated period of service in our Parish, Jeannine Longe has found herself in a situation where she is unable to continue as Music Director for St. John the Evangelist. She indicates that **"for the more than 40 years I have been involved in helping to provide music in the parish, I am very grateful and have many fond memories. It has been a very large part of my life."** She has been a very large part of our Parish

family, and we will miss her selfless and loving ministry to us. We are profoundly grateful to her, and we wish her all the best. It is most unfortunate that the past 2 years of the pandemic have seen us unable to join our voices, with hers and the choirs, in joyful praise of God. While we hope to return to congregational singing soon, we will certainly notice her absence in this key leadership position.

**OFFICIAL SYNOD PRAYER**

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**

**February 27, 2022  
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Pastor  
Fr. Michael Williams**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**RCIA and Pastoral Care:** Marie Bardswich

**Parish Custodian:** Sonya Arcand

**Donations Secretary:** Barb Beaulieu

**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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**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:**

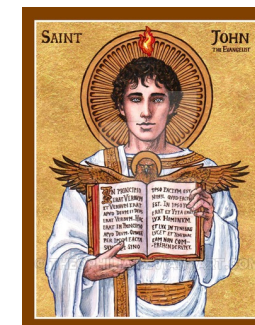
Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass  
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



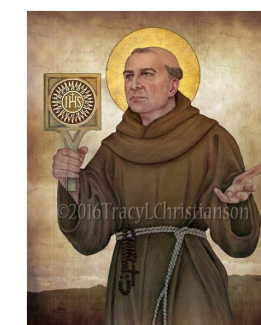
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

February 17, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ:



This year, as we approach Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, let us remember that the liturgical season of Lent is a season of conversion. It is a time set apart for deepening our relationship with Christ and seeking inner transformation through fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls us to a "true ecological conversion." Francis ties together the degradation of the environment with love for the poor and reminds us that the poorest nations in the world suffer the most from climate change.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's *Share Lent* campaign invites us to join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South who are feeling the most significant impacts of the changing climate. The theme of this year's campaign is *People and Planet First*. Development and Peace is highlighting the work of their partners who, despite their challenges, are finding ways to live in harmony with their environment.

Since 1967 the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday, when each parish has a special collection. I encourage you to give generously in support of the *People and Planet First* campaign. Parishioners can also make their donations to the campaign online at [www.devp.org/sharelent](http://www.devp.org/sharelent), by mailing a cheque, or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

The Development and Peace campaign gives us a chance to live a rich Lenten experience by uniting in solidarity with impoverished and oppressed people of the world. I invite parish priests to coordinate with their D&P parish representative to use the liturgical resources provided by Development and Peace, which can be found at [www.devp.org/lent](http://www.devp.org/lent), so that you can share this message of solidarity and conversion in your parishes, schools and communities.

This Lent, in Christ's name, I invite you to place the people and the planet at the heart of our Lenten journey.

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Thomas Dowd

You can view a video message from our Bishop here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlatv\\_ajckw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlatv_ajckw)



A virtual afternoon of inspiration. Online event: "Catholic and Living It" on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Please join at <https://meet.goto.com/967082277>.  
You get the app at <https://meet.togo.com/install>

### LENT IN OUR PARISH

With the gradual subsiding of Covid infections in our area, we are able to welcome the return of some of our traditional Lenten devotions this year:



**Stations of the Cross** - Friday nights at 7pm in St. John the Evangelist Church  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - 15 minutes before Mass on Friday mornings (10:15am)

The Holy Father also urges everyone to offer up their fast on Ash Wednesday for a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine.

**This Lent, let's put people and planet first.** This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

**Donating** online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world! **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources). **Signing the petition** for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).



For more information, contact Doreen at 705-693-0424 or [zagorja@eastlink.ca](mailto:zagorja@eastlink.ca).

### ASH WEDNESDAY IN OUR PARISH

Due to the inability, or fear, of some to return to Church at this stage of the pandemic, our Bishop has decided to once again allow those who wish, to take home the ashes for Ash Wednesday, in order to participate in this ritual in the safety of their own home. If you desire to take advantage of this option, please contact the parish office with the following information: **your name and the day on which you will pick up the ashes.** Email is preferred; if you phone, please be sure to be very clear in your message. On the day you indicate, an envelope with your name will be placed in the mailbox just outside the entrance to the Annex (Fr. Michael's entrance). Inside, you will find a container of ashes and a brochure you may use for the ritual. Please take only the envelope with your name on it, and please give Fr. Michael at least 24 hours notice from the time of your message to the time of your pick up. Ashes will be available from 8pm on March 2nd to the end of the day on March 18th. There is no need to return the container of ashes when you have completed the ritual at home.



Thank You

### YOUR OFFERINGS for February 20, 2022

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 1,022.00	Loose:	\$ 15.00
	PAD:	\$ 876.25	Heating:	\$ 125.00
	Initial:	\$ 30.00	Interac:	\$ 200.00
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,268.25</b>
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 315.00		
	Heating:	\$ 20.00		
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 335.00</b>