

**Mass Schedule  
March 28 - April 3, 2022**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 28		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 29		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 30	10:30 a.m.	For Percy Reasbeck by Harvey & Sue Quackenbush
Thursday, March 31	10:30 a.m.	For Bill Bardswich by the Bardswich Family
Friday, April 1	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Saturday, April 2 <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Daniel Labelle by Roland & Gertrude Labelle
Sunday, April 3	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, April 3	9:00 a.m.	For Sharon Henry by Loretta Kritz & Family
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**LENT IN OUR PARISH**

With the easing of pandemic restrictions, 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)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Fr. Michael is now permitted to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in our Confessional Room. He is available there every Saturday between 3:30 - 4pm. If the light is green, you may enter. If you require a different day/time, please contact him for an appointment. **Masks are still mandatory in the Confessional Room.**

**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**

**March 27, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**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**

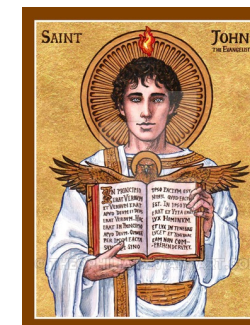
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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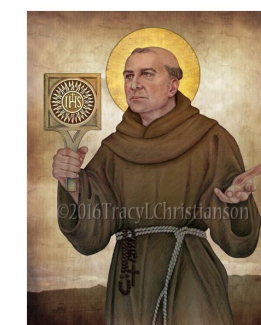
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

**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**

Saturdays 3:30 - 4pm or 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)

"WE STAND WITH YOU"  
A SERVICE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



With Prayers from local Faith Traditions



PARKSIDE CENTRE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 3:30 - 5 PM

Masks are optional, Parking is free  
Presented by Sudbury Interfaith Dialogue



**DIVINE MERCY CANDLES**

Through the offerings of those who donate for the burning of the Divine Mercy Candles, we are able to support our adopted children through Chalice, as well as care for the poor in other ways - both the Garson Food Bank and the Elgin Street Mission have benefited from candle offerings.



**Standing up to corporate power in Honduras**



The *People and Planet First* campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power.

In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses.

The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail.

Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected.

Read more about these people's victories in our Mini-magazine at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

**COVID-19:  
UPDATE ON OUR SERVICES**



Effective Monday, March 21st, Bishop Thomas Dowd issued a new decree for our Diocese, echoing the collective decision of the Bishops of Ontario, regarding the ongoing pandemic. The text of the decree may be viewed here: <https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/decrees>

Generally, as it will impact our Parish life, the decree stipulates the following:

- ✓ **Masks are no longer necessary**, with the exception of the Confessional Room, where the priest and penitent must continue to mask, and for the minister of Holy Eucharist when distributing Communion. Although optional, the wearing of masks is encouraged, and sensitivity should be the norm towards those who choose to wear them.
- ✓ Communion from the Chalice is still restricted to the priest.
- ✓ Communion reception returns to the previous norm: there is no restriction regarding spacing, speaking within the "bubble", or consuming the Host immediately after receiving it.
- ✓ The tape on the floor will remain, as a guide for those who wish to continue spacing themselves from others. (So too the restriction to every other pew, although that will be lifted as soon as it becomes necessary: at the next funeral, or at Good Friday).
- ✓ There is still no handshake or other physical contact during the sign of peace, except for those within the same household.
- ✓ Funeral luncheons are now permitted; however, this service will depend on the CWL making a decision to offer it. This will be discussed at their next general meeting.

These changes reflect those issued by the Province of Ontario. They do not, however, imply the pandemic has ended, and everyone is encouraged to act accordingly. Most especially, **please do not attend Church if you are ill in any way**. That, quite simply, is an act of charity to others. Please show this love to your neighbour.

**Invitation to the Chrism Mass:**



Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. at Precious Blood Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. During this special Mass, Bishop Dowd will bless the oils that will be used for the sacraments of the Church. **Please note that seating will be limited.**



The 102nd Annual General Meeting (Convention) will be on April 22-24 at the Best Western Convention Centre, North Bay. Anyone interested in going please contact Sue Quackenbush at 705-693-2467. Sue will be sending the registrations in on April 4th, so please contact her soon if you plan on going.

Our current executive has been in place for a long time. Therefore it is time for an election in order to fill those positions and give the ladies a well-deserved break. The election will be at the May General Meeting. Please call Sandy Kitching @705-566-1764 or Diane Myre @ 705-929-1487 with the name of a person you wish to nominate or let your name stand. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

*Thank You*

**YOUR OFFERINGS for March 20, 2022**

<b><u>St. John the Evangelist</u></b>	Envelopes: \$ 582.00	Loose: \$ 20.00
	PAD: \$ 863.75	Heating: \$ 30.00
	Interac: \$ 30.00	Share Lent: \$ 20.00
		<b>Total: \$1,545.75</b>
<b><u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u></b>	Envelopes: \$ 275.00	
	Heating: \$ 70.00	
	Loose: \$ 20.00	
		<b>Total: \$ 365.00</b>