

**Mass Schedule
March 7 - March 13, 2022**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 7		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 8		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 9	10:30 a.m.	For Michelle McFarlane by Bob & Jeanne McFarlane
Thursday, March 10	10:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Fr. Michael and all Priests by Marie Bardswich
Friday, March 11	10:30 a.m.	For Malcolm Chisholm by His Grandchildren Avery & Sarah Chisholm
Saturday, March 12	4:30 p.m.	For Vernon Charette by Rachel Charette
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday, March 13	10:30 a.m.	For Joe MacDonald by Ann & Myron McCormick

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, March 13	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
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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. Beginning this weekend, he will be 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.

TAKE HOME DEVOTIONALS: Unfortunately, the two devotionals for home use we have ordered have not arrived. We apologize for this, and hopefully will have them for next weekend. One is a daily Scriptural reflection; the other is a Way of the Cross.

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 6, 2022
First 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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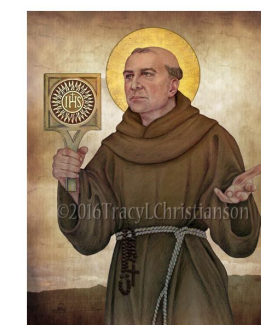
St. John Church
Garson



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)

COVID-19: UPDATE ON OUR SERVICES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC ... NEW REGULATIONS

As is well known, all pandemic restrictions, except for the masking mandate, have been lifted in Ontario as of March 1st. Effective on that date, our Bishop has also relaxed the restrictions which apply to our Liturgies.

- We are no longer required to record the name and phone number of those attending services.
- There are no capacity restrictions in place, although social distancing is still strongly encouraged, where possible.
- Congregational singing is permitted.

There are other changes which will be noticed as you attend services. Essentially, only the mask mandate remains for now, although the Communion protocol remains the same. Everyone is still encouraged to use the hand sanitizer provided, and to respect the 2 meter distancing protocol, where possible. The Sunday obligation is still suspended, and nobody should attend Church if you have any flu like symptoms, or any other viral illness.

In our two parishes, we will be easing into the reopening over time. Since our current attendance is low enough to allow it, we will keep the ribbons in place which close off every other pew. When there is a funeral, or other large attendance service, they will be removed and not replaced. The tape on the floors and on the pews will remain for now, for your guidance. The collection will still be accepted, for now, at the entranceway. Musicians and choir in Skead may resume, if they choose. In Garson, we no longer have musicians or a choir director, and so will continue with Spotify for the time being. The music, however, will transition to congregational friendly music, chosen from our hymn books.

While we are excited with this transition to full openness, we must also be careful and conscious of those who are still at risk of infection. Not everyone is comfortable with this opening, and our Bishop is encouraging us to be very respectful of them. Covid-19 is still active in Sudbury, and our hospital is still seeing high numbers of admissions.



We will be holding our General meeting on March 7th in the Parish hall at 1:30pm. All necessary safety protocols will be followed. Masks are mandatory.

It has been awhile since we have been to have one; hope to see you there.



Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, *People and Planet First*, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse.

To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY - ASHES AVAILABLE

As previously announced, ashes blessed on Ash Wednesday will be available for those who were unable to attend the Mass. If you wish to take advantage of this, 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 until the end of the day on March 18th.



On Friday last week, Cathy and Jim Gomm celebrated their 50th anniversary of Marriage. They received a special blessing at Mass that morning. They were married at St John's in 1972 by Father Mathieu, on a windy and snowy day in March. Congratulations Jim and Cathy! You are an inspiration to everyone.

Thank You

YOUR OFFERINGS for February 27, 2022

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 727.00	Loose:	\$ 10.00
	PAD:	\$ 876.25	Heating:	\$ 10.00
	Interac:	\$ 100.00		
			Total: \$ 1,723.25	
<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 300.00		
	Heating:	\$ 5.00		
			Total: \$ 305.00	