

Mass Schedule December 5 - December 11, 2022

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 5		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 6		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 7	9:30 a.m.	For Russell Sarafinchan by Renée & Ray Joly
Thursday, December 8	9:30 a.m.	For Michelle McFarlane by Brenda Cardinal
Friday, December 9	9:30 a.m.	For Ann-Marie Kuula by Lorraine Patrick & Family
Saturday, December 10 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Donald Jones by Roland & Gertrude Labelle
Sunday, December 11	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, December 11	9:00 a.m.	For Pearl Jalbert by David & Colette Stephen
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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.



2023 Donation Envelopes: They are in the main entranceway of the Church, and may be picked up at your convenience. Please note that the numbers have been changed, and so it's very important that you do not use old envelopes next year. Everyone who made a donation in 2022 will have a boxed set to take home, **except for those who donate through the PADP or Interac.** Please check the accuracy of the label on your envelopes, as this is what will appear on your receipt at the end of the year. If you wish to begin using envelopes, please just ask Fr. Michael for a set. If you wish to begin using the PADP, there are registration forms for this in the main entranceway.

There are openings available on the Parish Pastoral Council, for representatives from both our parishes. If you are a Baptized and Confirmed parishioner, you are eligible. Please talk to any PPC member for more information if you are interested. You may also wish to attend this week's PPC meeting to see first hand what goes on.



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

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

(There are currently 3 vacancies on the PPC)

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

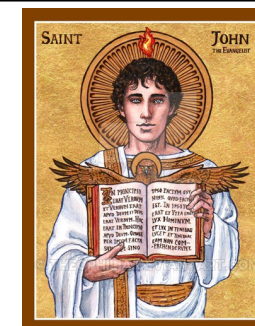
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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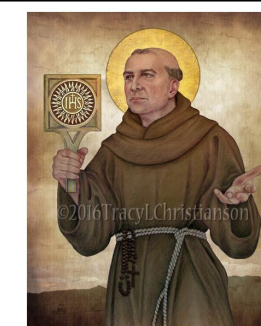
St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine Church - Skead
75 Years: 1947 - 2022



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

Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room,
or at any other time upon request.

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)

Skead Seniors' Centre Bazaar
with take out boxed lunch
Sunday, December 4th 10am-2pm 5 Bell St. in Skead
Admission: \$6.00 (\$3.00 child 6-12yrs)
Bake Table, Crafts,
Penny Table, Raffles,
Door Prize



This Sunday, we join with the families of **Jessica Belzile and James Wawia** in celebrating the Baptism of their son **Landon** at our 10:30 Mass. Congratulations to them as they bring Landon to the waters of rebirth and begin to introduce him to the life of faith.



The Garson Food Bank is in **URGENT NEED**. Their stocks are depleted, as are those of the Sudbury Food Bank which would normally help. We have much for which to be grateful; may we share with those who have little. Food donations may be left in the Church entranceway. Thank you for whatever help you are able to give.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Your PPC meets this coming Wednesday at 6pm, in the Parish Hall of St. John's. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Some of the items we will be discussing:

- * Distribution (donation) of Divine Mercy candle money.
- * Sponsorship of our 2 children - adopt a 3rd?
- * Discussion of parish life/planning * Financial update



Our December General Meeting is our Christmas Social, on Monday December 5th beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church hall. We are calling on all our CWL ladies to come out and join in! Bring your favourite finger food or dessert ready to serve. Again, this year there will be a free penny table; if you have anything you wish to donate towards the penny table, bring it with you. Also we will be featuring a craft table with items for sale.

Thank you everyone for your help; donations and baking for making the Bazaar a success. We appreciate each and every one of you.

The winner of the Quilt: Debbie Monaghan



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. The minimum amount requested is \$7/candle, ALL of which goes to the poor (the parish donates the cost of the candle).



New Covid Policy The Bishop has issued an updated Covid policy, which took effect on **December 1st**. You may read it in the October edition of the Gazette (Diocesan website). As a summary, **the dispensation from attending Mass every Sunday, issued on March 19, 2020, has been abrogated.** Not attending Sunday Mass is a sin against the Third Commandment (normal exceptions, like illness, being taken into account). The mask mandate has been entirely lifted, save for the priest in the Confessional, who is still required to wear one (and Fr. Michael will still wear one while ministering Holy Eucharist). The prohibition from receiving Eucharist from the Chalice remains for the time being. The sign of peace may be exchanged in any form that is comfortable to everyone. As always, if you are sick, you should not attend Church (or any other group venue). Hand sanitizer continues to be available for those who wish to use it. Although masks are optional, those who wish to wear one are encouraged to do so. Please respect the comfort level of those around you.



Parish Ministry Openings: Musicians and Choir Directors

Although we do use recorded music during our parish Sunday Liturgies, that is a poor substitute for a live choir. Choirs build community and friendship, create a welcoming space for aspiring singers, respond more creatively to liturgical themes and seasons, and lend a decidedly local flavour to our celebrations. We do have singers, but we lack musicians and directors. Do we have anyone willing to step into these positions? Please contact Fr. Michael for more information.



2023 Cash Draw Calendar in support of the NEO Kids Foundation

The Sudbury region Knights of Columbus wish to continue our past success in raising funds in support of the NEO Kids Foundation. Their goal is to increase our hospital's capacity to treat more children in Sudbury, and to create more children friendly hospital rooms. The calendars for 2023, with a cash prize every day of the year, are now available. They can be obtained by contacting John Terpstra at (705) 693-9892 or terpstra@isys.ca to arrange purchase and delivery (Garson/Falconbridge/Skead). The cost is just \$20, and make excellent Christmas gifts. We thank everyone for your continued support of this worthwhile cause.



YOUR OFFERINGS on November 27th

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes:	\$ 1,062.00	PAD:	\$ 842.25
	Loose:	\$ 22.00	Heat/Utilities:	\$ 60.00
	Missions Initiative	\$ 240.00		
			Total: \$ 2,226.25	
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes:	\$ 235.00		
	Missions Initiative:	\$ 40.00		
			Total: \$ 275.00	

Thank You

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.

