


**Mass Schedule  
December 4 - December 10, 2023**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 4		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 5		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 6	9:30 a.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Mary & Ray Albert (rescheduled from December 1st)
Thursday, December 7	9:30 a.m.	For My Children by Colette Prieur (rescheduled from November 29th)
Friday, December 8 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9:30 a.m.	For Gerry Foley by Rob & P.J. Millar & Family
Saturday, December 9 <b>SECOND Sunday of ADVENT</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Fred Schinko by Elizabeth Schinko
Sunday, December 10	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, December 10	9:00 a.m.	For Pearl Jalbert by Colette & David Stephen

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Envelopes are available in the entranceway of our Church, which can be used to make a donation towards the cost of purchasing our Christmas flowers for the upcoming Solemnities. 

On the envelope, you are invited to write the name of the deceased person you wish to donate in memory of. Our Christmas Day (10:30am) Mass will be offered for them, and their names will be published in a special insert in the bulletin.

Further, **100% of the donations received will be forwarded to the Pregnancy Care Centre & Infant Food Bank** in Sudbury, to be used to further the excellent work they do for the poor of our region who are pregnant and/or have young children.

Not only do our prayers magnify when accompanied by mercy shown to the poor, but also, this particular charity resonates well one of the key themes of Christmas: a baby born to a poor family who are forced to rely on the charity of others.



In order to ensure the publication of all names, donations must be received no later than **December 17th - The 3rd Sunday of Advent.**

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

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 3, 2023**

**Pastor**  
Fr. Michael Williams  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr. Michael Williams	Pastor - ex officio
Myron McCormick	Finance - ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
Barb Pineau	St. John's
Pamela Schofield-Adams	St. John's
Jim Murphy	St. John's
Sheila Lapierre	St. John's
Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

(There is 1 vacancy for St. Bernardine's 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**

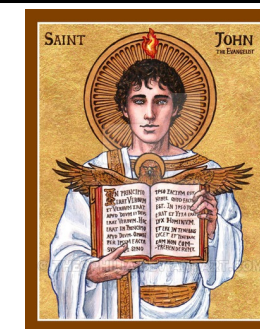
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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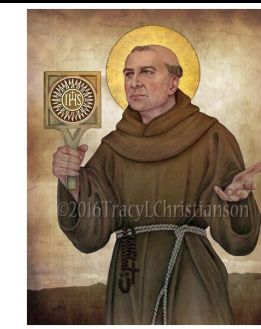
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



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  
- And any 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)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Your PPC meets on Wednesday, December 6th at 6pm in our Parish Hall. The agenda will be posted to our website before the meeting, and the full minutes will be published there after. All parishioners are welcome to attend as observers.



Donations of non-perishable items to the food bank are always gratefully accepted, and may be left in the entranceway of St. John's Church before any Mass. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of this needed service to the poor in our community.

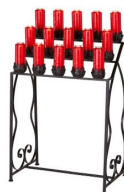
**Always needed:** Jam, peanut butter, cereal and sugar.

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**Parish Bulletin Emailed Upon Request:**

The Parish bulletin will be emailed to anyone who wishes this service. To make your request, please send it to the parish office, using the email address you wish to use to receive the bulletin. It will be sent in .pdf format at the same time it is posted to our parish website. It will be sent BCC so that your email address will not be disseminated to others.

**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). **Requests to have a candle burned may be made simply by putting the money in an envelope marked "Divine Mercy" and leaving it in the collection basket.**

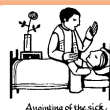


**PLEASE DO NOT WEAR PERFUME, COLOGNE, OR ANY OTHER SCENTED PRODUCT IN CHURCH. THEY MAY CAUSE ALLERGIC REACTIONS IN OTHERS**

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

# Hallow

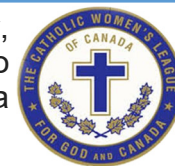
**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** This Sacrament will be celebrated at Mass on Friday, December 8th this week (moved from the previous Friday).



**DONATION ENVELOPES:** Your 2024 donation envelopes are available in the entranceway of the Church. If you used donation envelopes in 2023, a set has been provided for you. **Please note:** your new set of envelopes may have a different number than your last set. Please check the information on the label, as this is what will show on your donation receipt that will be issued next month; let the office know of any needed corrections.



**CWL General Meeting** is our Christmas Social this coming Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring finger foods to contribute to the buffet. The evening features a guest speaker and a presentation on Closet Share.



**CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!** **Our Bazaar:** Misty Stripay of Garson won the quilt. Ticket #1998.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** We are sponsoring 7 families this year, representing 23 individuals. We have made those 23 tags available on the Giving Tree. We can add more, if there is a demand. On each tag, there is basic information about the gift recipient (age, gender and size). That should make it easy for those who wish to purchase an item or items of clothing for that person. Some gift suggestions are: age appropriate games, books, stuffed toys for the younger ones, barbies, small Lego sets, small toy trucks/cars. For clothing: hats, mitts, socks, pajamas, sweaters/sweat shirts. For the adults, gift cards (Dollar Store, Giant Tiger, Walmart) could be appropriate.

The gifts should be returned **unwrapped**, (in a gift bag is fine) with the tag attached to the gift, and returned to the Church **no later than the Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 16/17).**



Your Parish Pastoral Council will sort and wrap the gifts following Mass on December 17th. We will strive to ensure a balance in the gifts, and in particular those going to multiple recipients in a common household. If you would like to donate wrapping paper, please leave it at the Church. If you would like to join us that Sunday after Mass (especially if you have a particular talent for wrapping), please let Fr. Michael know by dropping him an email at the office.

Your response to this Advent project is gratefully appreciated.

**YOUR OFFERINGS on November 26th**

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes: \$ 1,257.00	Heat: \$ 25.00
	Loose: \$ 45.00	Mission Initiative: \$ 460.00
	Interac: \$ 170.00	Memorial Flowers: \$ 60.00
	PAD: \$ 678.80	
<b>Total: \$ 2,695.80</b>		

<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes: \$ 380.00	Christmas: \$ 10.00
	Heating: \$ 40.00	Mission Initiative: \$ 20.00
<b>Total: \$ 450.00</b>		

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).

