

**Mass Schedule  
November 20 - November 26, 2023**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, November 20		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, November 21		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, November 22	9:30 a.m.	For Theresa Della Vedova by Myron & Ann McCormick
Thursday, November 23	9:30 a.m.	For Souls in Purgatory by Mike & Kim Monaghan
Friday, November 24	9:30 a.m.	For Laura Dixon by Colette Prieur
Saturday, November 25 <b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Kelsey Andrew by JP & Carole Giroux
	10:30 a.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Angus & Evelyn McColeman
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, November 26	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Beginning next Sunday, envelopes will be made available in the entranceway to 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 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.**

**PREGNANCY  
CARE CENTRE  
& Infant Food Bank**



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

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 19, 2023**

**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)

**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**

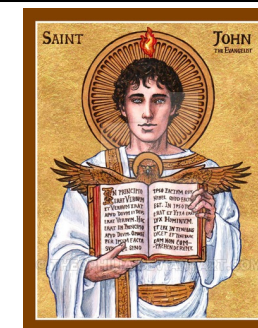
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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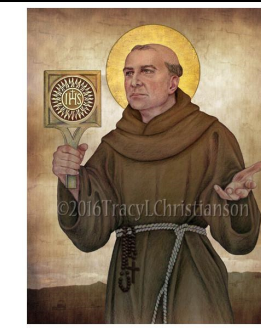
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

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.



**Needed at this time:** Jam, peanut butter, cereal and sugar.

Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 9). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023. "The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment."

— Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso Act now!

Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park (devp.org/act).

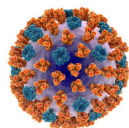


**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Celebrated on the first Friday of every month at the morning Mass.

**RECONCILIATION:** Available every Wednesday morning, 9:05 - 9:25, in the Confessional (Reconciliation Room).



**LEAVE YOUR VIRUSES AT HOME!** It shouldn't have to be said, but apparently it does. If you have a respiratory illness, do not come to Church. You are absolved of your Sunday obligation if you are ill. This should be common sense. It doesn't matter if you test negative for Covid-19. Nobody wants your cold, flu, RSV or some other illness either.



**CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:** Following every Friday Mass, everyone is invited to gather in the parish hall for a cup of coffee. It is an informal time to sit for a bit with other parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere.



**2024 DONATION ENVELOPES:** The 2024 donation envelopes will be made available two weeks from now, on the first Sunday of Advent - December 2/3. If you used donation envelopes in 2023, a set will be provided for you. If you donate through PAD or Interac, no envelopes will be provided, unless you specifically ask for a set.



**CWL Upcoming Events:** The month of November is traditionally dedicated in the Catholic Church to honoring the dead and relieving the sufferings of the souls in purgatory. Please join the CWL Ladies on **Wednesdays at 2pm** in the Church to pray the Rosary this month.



**CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!** We will be hosting **our Annual Bazaar** on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2:30pm in the Garson arena.



**Anishinabe**  
Spiritual Centre

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Presents: Indigenous Arts and Crafts & Bake Sale  
Saturday, November 25th From 10am – 4pm

All proceeds from the Bake Sale go towards the Espanola Christmas Hamper  
Email: anishinabe.centre@gmail.com  
Phone: 705-869-4994

*The true goal of this sale is to find opportunities to bring Indigenous and Non-indigenous people together. Learning about the culture in a place of faith is healing. Please help us grow in this mission.*

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** As previously announced, the Parish Pastoral Council is initiating an Advent Giving Tree, as another way to reach out to touch Christ in the poor. On the First Sunday of Advent (Dec. 2/3), a number of tags will be available on a tree in the entranceway of St. John's Church. Each tag will indicate an individual, with enough information provided to allow those who wish to take home the tag and purchase a gift for that person. The recipients are going to be suggested to us by the staff at St. John's Catholic School here in Garson.

The gifts should be wrapped, with the tag attached to the gift, and returned to the Church no later than the Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 16/17). They will then be distributed in the following week, before Christmas.

In the first Advent bulletin, we will try to offer suggestions for gifts for those who might appreciate that aid.



**YOUR OFFERINGS on November 12th**

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

**St. John the Evangelist**

Envelopes: \$ 917.00  
Loose: \$ 35.00  
Interac: \$ 295.00

Heat: \$ 425.00  
PAD: \$ 861.00

**Total: \$ 2,533.00**



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.