

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

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 11		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 12		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 13	9:30 a.m.	For Gerry Foley by Rob & P.J. Millar & Family (rescheduled from December 8th)
Thursday, December 14	9:30 a.m.	For Hans & Terry Samwald by Elizabeth Schinko
Friday, December 15	9:30 a.m.	For Israel by Debbie Monaghan
Saturday, December 16 THIRD Sunday of ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Doreen Merkas
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, December 17	9:00 a.m.	For Jim Kritz by Loretta Kritz & Family



This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th. The Masses that day will follow our regular schedule.

Our **Christmas Solemnities** will be celebrated as follows:

Dec. 24th	4:30pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas	St. John's in Garson
	7:00pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas	St. Bernardine's in Skead
Dec. 25th	10:30am	Christmas Day Mass	St. John's in Garson
Dec. 30th	4:30pm	Holy Family Mass	St. John's in Garson
Dec. 31st	9:00am	Holy Family Mass	St. Bernardine's in Skead
	10:30am	Holy Family Mass	St. John's in Garson
Jan. 1st	9:00am	Mary, Mother of God Mass	St. Bernardine's in Skead
	10:30am	Mary, Mother of God Mass	St. John's in Garson

The Feast of Epiphany will be celebrated on January 6/7 and will follow our usual Sunday Mass schedule.

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

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 10, 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
<u>Communion to the Sick</u>	
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838



St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine Church
Skead

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

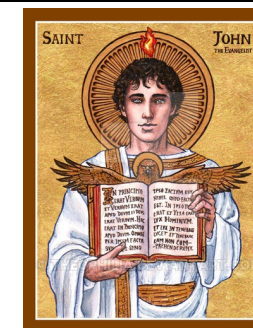
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room
- And any time upon request -

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

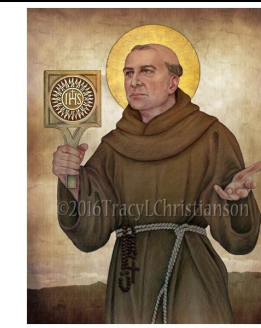
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,
CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Your PPC met on Wednesday, December 6th. The minutes of that meeting are posted to our Parish Website. **Some highlights:** a report on the Advent Tree initiative, a decision regarding a Parish Appreciation Dinner in February, Pizza & Movie Day during the Christmas Solemnity, and more. Please see the Minutes for the full report.

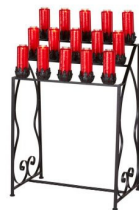


Feeding the Community

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.

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.**



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, **PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE & Infant Food Bank** donations must be received no later than **December 17th - The 3rd Sunday of Advent (NEXT SUNDAY).**



Knights of Columbus

This week, we received a **generous donation from the Knights of Columbus, Council 6074, in the amount of \$2,000 to support the ongoing work of the Parish.** They write: "The members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 6074, take great pleasure in supporting St. John the Evangelist Church, not only through donations, but also by serving within the Parish."

We are grateful to the Knights for their generous and ongoing support of our Parish family.

THANK YOU!

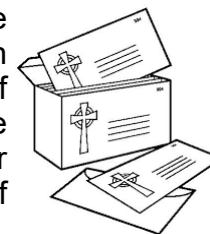
Parish Bulletin Emailed Upon Request: The Parish bulletin will be emailed to anyone who wishes this service. To make your request, please send it to the parish office, using the email address you wish to use to receive the bulletin. It will be sent in .pdf format at the same time it is posted to our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

Join Our Email List

ADVENT GIVING TREE Please remember to return your Advent Giving Tree gifts next Sunday. You can leave them around the Giving Tree. Gifts should be unwrapped, and the original angel tag should be attached. Thank you!



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.



YOUR OFFERINGS on December 3rd

Thank you for your ongoing support

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$ 1,195.00	PAD: \$ 678.80
	Loose: \$ 47.00	Mission Initiative: \$ 15.00
	Interac: \$ 495.00	Memorial Flowers: \$ 360.00

Total: \$ 2,790.80

St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$ 275.00	Total: \$ 675.00
	Interac: \$ 200.00	
	Christmas: \$ 200.00	

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.

