

**Mass Schedule
December 18 - December 24, 2023**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 18		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 19		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 20	9:30 a.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Mary Saftic
Thursday, December 21	9:30 a.m.	For David Schmidt by Colette Prieur
Friday, December 22	9:30 a.m.	For Claude Jones by Jim & Cathy Gomm
Saturday, December 23 FOURTH Sunday of ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Ray Joly by Renée & Family
	10:30 a.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, December 24	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners



Advent and Christmas

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

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. A bulletin will be published each Sunday, as usual.

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

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 17, 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>	
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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

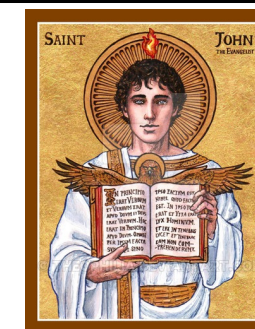
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room
- And any time upon request -

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

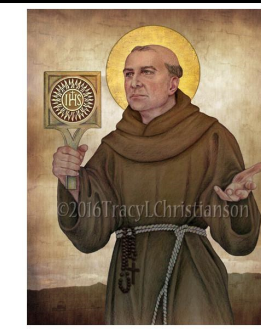
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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



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.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY

This Sunday, we welcome to our Parish family **Elijah Lavoie, son of Samantha Lavoie** of our Parish. Elijah was Baptized at our Sunday morning Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Garson. **WELCOME!**



Come Celebrate "350 years of Meaning and Action" in Quebec City!

From December 8, 2023 to December 8, 2024, the Catholic Church in Quebec City will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of its Diocese.

The oldest diocese north of Mexico, the cradle of faith in our country, has given birth to more than 150 dioceses over the years. Its community has lived, celebrated and shared the faith, met social

needs, founded organizations that are still vibrant, and helped give life to the culture we inherit today. The fundamental importance of this legacy will be celebrated in a program that also takes a look at the life of today's community.

The Catholic community of the Diocese of Quebec opens wide its arms to you. Cross the threshold of America's only Holy Door. Come and experience a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the founding saints of the Church in Canada. Like Compostelle pilgrims, criss-cross the magnificent Charlevoix and Côté de Beauré regions on the new Kapoah Trail.

Rediscover our shared history through activities for all: visits to rarely accessible heritage sites, "Founders' Fortnight", exhibitions, concerts... All the details are available on the website: fetes350.ca. Happy 350th!



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Thank you for your response. The donations you made will be forwarded to The Pregnancy Care Centre and Infant Food Bank by the end of the month. Our Christmas Day Mass will be offered for all of those you remembered through the Memorial Flowers. Their names will be published in our Parish Bulletin next Sunday.



We are pleased to announce that the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will once again host the **2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference!**

The event will be held **Saturday, February 24, 2024** at **St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario.**

See all the details at our **new website:** www.northerncatholic.ca

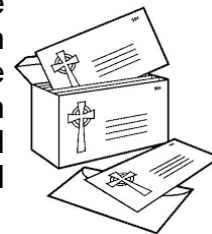
This event is for ages 13-19 and includes a day full of prayer, music, workshops, games, Catholic vendors and presentations from our Keynote Speaker, David Patterson. David has led the way in youth ministry, high school chaplaincy and most recently through social media by founding Yes Catholic, an organization that calls young people to the Catholic faith by sharing real life stories that have the power to change hearts.

Young people from all over Northern Ontario and beyond are welcome to attend this Conference. This day will build up faith and personal gifts and talents to form young Catholic leaders in our communities. **Registration opens January 2, 2024.**

ADVENT GIVING TREE Thank you for your generous response to the Advent Giving Tree initiative. Your Parish Pastoral Council is grateful to everyone who was able to participate. Your gifts will be distributed through St. John's School this coming week.



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 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. If you wish to begin donating through our **Pre-Authorized Donation Program**, there are forms for that in the main entranceway.



YOUR OFFERINGS on December 10th

Thank you for your ongoing support

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$ 2,734.00	PAD: \$ 678.80
	Loose: \$ 35.00	Heat: \$ 455.00
	Interac: \$ 512.00	Memorial Flowers: \$ 465.00
		Total: \$ 4,879.80
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$ 234.00	
	Heat: \$ 70.00	
		Total: \$ 305.00

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.

