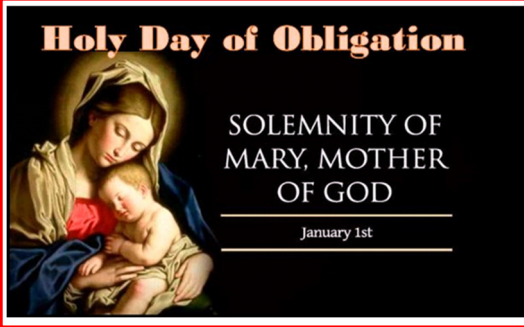


**Mass Schedule  
January 1 - January 7, 2024**

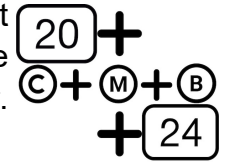
**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> Monday, January 1	10:30 a.m.	For Raymond Joly by Sue Quackenbush
Tuesday, January 2		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, January 3	9:30 a.m.	For Theresa Della Vedova by St. John's CWL
Thursday, January 4	9:30 a.m.	For My Children by Colette Prieur
Friday, January 5	9:30 a.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Kevin Dwyer
Saturday, January 6 <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Brianna Monaghan by Debbie Monaghan
Sunday, January 7	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> Monday, January 1	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> Sunday, January 7	9:00 a.m.	For Marty Arcand by Carol-Lynn Jacobs & Mom



A gentle reminder that the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation for Roman Catholics. It's never wise to enter a new calendar year in a state of serious sin. In Canada, every Sunday is a Day of Obligation, as is Christmas and this Feast of our Blessed Mother on January 1st.

**AN EPIPHANY BLESSING:** As is our custom, chalk will be blessed at our Epiphany Masses and made available to bring home, for those who wish to bless their house, family and visitors throughout the year. The formula of blessing will be printed in next Sunday's bulletin.



The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
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**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
December 31, 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
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**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**Parish Contact**

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**Communion to the Sick**



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**

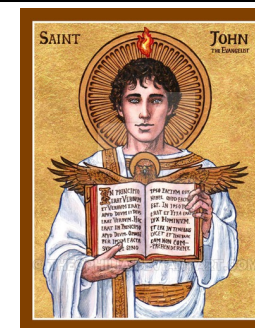
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)  
in the Reconciliation Room  
- And any time upon request -

**CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:**

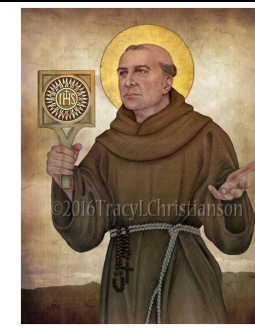
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick  
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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.



**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).



### 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!



### AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW

Our annual Christmas movie and pizza dinner will be on Friday, January 5th at 3:30pm. in our parish hall. Everyone is invited, and no RSVP is needed. Just bring a friend and come. There is no charge. Popcorn will be provided during the movie, and pizza afterwards. If you wish, you may bring your own beverage to enjoy. **This year, our movie will be "TULSA".**



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](http://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.**



**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.



**PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER:** Your Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to announce our first Parish Appreciation Dinner, scheduled to take place on Friday, February 9th. This dinner is for any parishioner, from both St. John's and St. Bernardine's, who contributes to the life of our community through their Time, Treasure or Talents. More information will follow. For now, you are invited to mark your calendars for this event.

### YOUR OFFERINGS on December 24th and 25th

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

#### St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes:	\$ 1,797.00	PAD:	\$ 678.80
Loose:	\$ 161.95	Heat:	\$ 185.00
Interac:	\$ 580.00	Christmas:	\$ 2,420.00

**Total: \$ 5,822.75**



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).