

Mass Schedule January 8 - January 14, 2024		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, January 8		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, January 9		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, January 10	9:30 a.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Volunteer Ladies of the Garson Food Bank
Thursday, January 11	9:30 a.m.	For Kelsey Andrew by JP & Carole Giroux
Friday, January 12	9:30 a.m.	For Souls in Purgatory by Colette Prieur
Saturday, January 13 <b>The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sunday, January 14	4:30 p.m.	For Raymond Joly by Phil & Shirley Hay
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, January 14	9:00 a.m.	For Bernie Shami by Ed Dovigi

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

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**January 7, 2024**

**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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**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)

**AN EPIPHANY BLESSING**



For those who wish to bless their home (which is also a blessing for all who live and visit that home), you may take a piece of blessed chalk with you after Mass and write the following over one or more of the entrances to your home:

**20 + C + M + B + 24**

That is the current year, the crosses which point to Christ, and the names of the Magi (by tradition): Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. It also represents the Latin Phrase: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this House). If you wish, you may also pray this prayer at the same time (or a similar prayer using your own words):

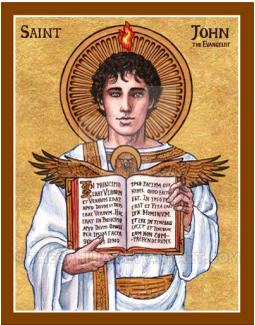
*Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Your law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home, upon all who dwell herein, and upon all those who visit. Through Christ our Lord.*



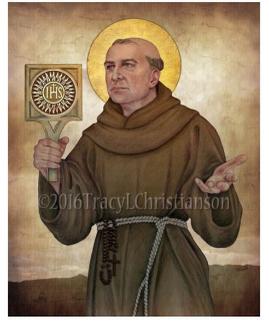
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



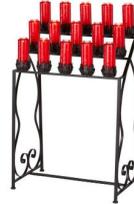
St. Bernardine of Siena



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.

**2023 Divine Mercy Candle Donations:** Your prayers expressed through donations to our Divine Mercy Candles have allowed us to make the following donations this past year:

**Garson Food Bank \$1,000.00**  
**Sudbury Hospice \$1,000.00**  
**Chalice \$1,358.00**



Thank you for your continued support. Through Chalice, our Parish sponsors 2 children. The Christmas cards they made and sent us are on the bulletin board (new) in the entranceway of the Church. Your Parish Pastoral Council decides how to distribute the remaining donations, after the money for our sponsored children has been sent, with a view to serving the needs of the poorest among us.

**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 Kapaoh 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!



**CWL General Meeting:** January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

We encourage the membership to attend and discuss the future of our Bazaar. Your views are important.

Come and socialize and have some refreshments.



**CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE FROM FR. MICHAEL** This year, our Advent preparation time for Christmas was shorter than usual, at just over 3 weeks. The celebration of Christmas, however, continues through this Sunday, ending tomorrow with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As always, it is a very busy time for us all. The Fourth Sunday of Advent was followed by only a few hours by the beginning of the Nativity celebrations, which continued for 8 days. I am grateful to everyone who participated in all those celebrations, including Holy Family and Mary - Mother of God, and also today's Epiphany. What a rich Feast of Liturgical glory for us Catholics! I am also grateful for the opportunity to take my annual retreat during this time. I always find it a period of extraordinary silence, and whenever the Christmas and Sunday Feasts fall close together, I choose this time for my retreat. I am also grateful to everyone who offered special prayers for me at this time, and those who accompanied those prayers with various gifts. Your kindness to me is touching. During this Christmas Season, we also enjoyed what has become an annual Christmas tradition in our parish - our movie and pizza day. I hope those who attended enjoyed the gathering. As we look to re-enter Ordinary Time, I pray these Feasts live on in our lives. Christ has taken on our flesh. Nothing can ever again be "ordinary".



**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 31st**

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

**St. John the Evangelist**

Envelopes: \$ 902.00  
 Loose: \$ 15.00  
 Christmas: \$ 50.00

PAD: \$ 678.80  
 Interac: \$ 40.00

**Total: \$ 1,685.80**

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Envelopes: \$ 225.00

**Total: \$ 225.00**



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.