

**Mass Schedule
February 19 - February 25, 2024**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 19		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 20		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, February 21	9:30 p.m.	For Jeff Timbers by Myron & Ann McCormick
Thursday, February 22	9:30 a.m.	For Karen Petkovich by St. John's CWL
Friday, February 23	9:30 a.m.	For Ray Joly by Carmen Joly
Saturday, February 24	4:30 p.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Deenic Furenzenna
The 2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 25	10:30 a.m.	For Don MacGregor by Elaine Gregorchuk

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, February 25	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
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LENT IN OUR PARISH: In addition to each one's personal journey through Lent, marked by **fasting, prayer** and **works of love**, there are a couple of Parish based events which you may wish to use as part of your Lenten retreat this year.

Every Wednesday at 2pm, the **Rosary** will be prayed in the Parish Church. This is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League of our Parish.

Every Friday, also at 2pm, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in the Parish Church.

In last Sunday's bulletin, there was a **Lenten Calendar** with a brief reflection based on each day's Mass readings. Some are still available in the entranceway of the Church.

As of the printing of this bulletin, there were still copies of a **Lenten Devotional Book for Seniors** (large print, for your convenience) available in the entranceway. Please take one, if you find it useful this Lent.

Information about the **Pray40 Challenge** link sponsored by Hallow is also available, for those inclined towards the techie side. There are cards available in the entranceway which you might give to some of the younger people in your life, as the Hallow App tends to attract the younger demographic. A gentle suggestion to 'check it out' might lead one on the path to a relationship with God.

There are a multitude of online and in person courses and retreats also available. If you have watched the St. Paul Media presentations in the past, then you also know about their current program availability (for free) during Lent.



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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 18, 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
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838

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

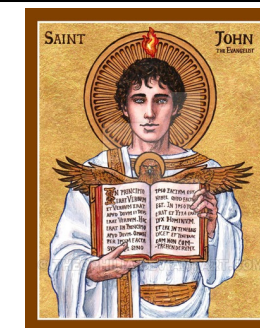
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room
- And any time upon request -

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

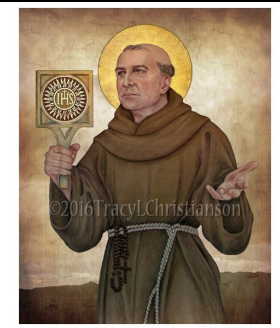
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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

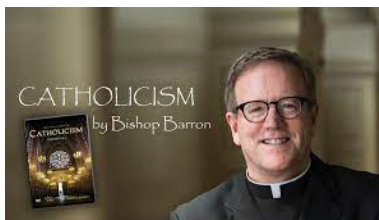


The Christ the King prayer community is holding its annual Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Hope Church. It began Saturday morning, February 17th, and continues another four Saturdays. The theme this year is "Experiencing Jesus." It begins with confessions available at 7:30 a.m., Rosary, Morning Prayer, a presentation and ends with each individual, who wants, being prayed with every week. Mass will end at 11:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know

more about Jesus and improve our personal relationship with Christ. All are welcome!

CATHOLICISM BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

For those who might be interested, the online series "Catholicism" by Bishop Barron can now be viewed for free. Many have found it to be informative and helpful. You can just do a search for it online and watch at your convenience.



NEW LIGHTING IN OUR CHURCHES Fluorescent lights in Canada are being phased out. As of the beginning of this year, the bulbs for them are no longer being manufactured, and they will be unavailable for purchase by the start of 2027, three years from now. In response, all of our fixtures and/or bulbs are going to be replaced with LED. This is being done by an electrical company at no charge to either of our Churches, as the cost will be covered by a rebate offered in Ontario. The same company is retrofitting all of the Churches in our Diocese. The work on our buildings should be complete by Spring. We don't anticipate any interruptions to our services while the work is being done.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE



Our custodian is tackling the hallway around the East stairway leading to the hall - the one adjacent to our main doors. It is one of the more embarrassing parts of our building, and in dire need of repair. While the plaster, sanding and painting is being done, please do not use the stairs. A sign has been posted.

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 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



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.

GRAMMA'S SOUP-A-STARS are again walking this year on February 24th, to raise funds for the Samaritan center in Sudbury. We welcome any new walkers and appreciate donations from all who have faithfully donated in the past, as well as those wishing to donate for the first time. Kim Monaghan is the contact for this.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD PRESCRIPTION GLASSES AND HEARING AIDS

If you have unused prescription glasses or hearing aids, we will take them on behalf of the Lions Club. These used glasses are sent to a collection centre in Canada, cleaned and sorted then sent overseas to countries where people do not have ready access to eyeglasses. The same goes for old hearing aids. Both can be placed in the "Lost and Found" box located behind the door holding the bulletin board on the side of the "Last Supper" stained glass window. Please put the glasses and hearing aids in a zip lock bag so we know they are not 'lost and found', but rather donations.



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us.

Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership.

YOUR OFFERINGS on February 11th

Thank you for your ongoing support

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes:	\$ 767.00	PAD: \$ 823.50 Interac: \$ 30.00
	Loose:	\$ 32.00	
	Heat:	\$ 345.00	
	Initial:	\$ 5.00	
			Total: \$ 2,002.50
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes:	\$ 170.00	Total: \$ 380.00
	Heat:	\$ 50.00	
	Interac:	\$ 160.00	

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.

