

**Mass Schedule
March 4 - March 10, 2024**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 4		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 5		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 6	9:30 p.m.	For Karen Petkovich by Myron & Ann McCormick
Thursday, March 7	9:30 a.m.	For Ray Joly by Sheila LaPierre & Family
Friday, March 8	9:30 a.m.	For John Wickie by The Bardswich Family
Saturday, March 9	4:30 p.m.	For Yvette Gilbert Mullen by The Mullen Family
The 4th Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 10	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, March 10	9:00 a.m.	For Sister Trina Bottos by Gen & Zbig Waszczylo
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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.

For the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Fr. Michael remains available in the Reconciliation Room every Wednesday morning before Mass (9:05-9:25). He will also be in the Reconciliation Room on **Thursday, March 21st from 5pm to 6pm**. Additionally, if you are looking for a Reconciliation Service with other priests, Fr. Michael will be assisting at Holy Redeemer Church on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm.



The prayer community is holding the fourth week of its annual Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Hope Church this Saturday morning, March 9. The theme this week is "Experiencing Jesus - Almighty Healer" being given by Fr. Ramond. We begin with confessions at 7:30 am.; Rosary at 8:00; Morning Prayer at 8:30; and the main presentation will follow ending with each individual, who wants, being prayed with. Mass will end at 11:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about Jesus and improve our personal relationship with Christ. After the service we will meet in the gathering space for coffee, timbits and sharing. All are welcome!

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 3, 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
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ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

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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

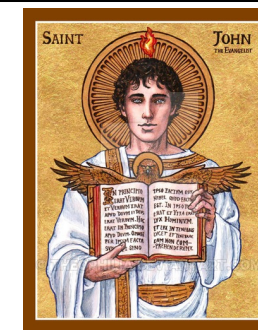
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room
- And any time upon request -

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

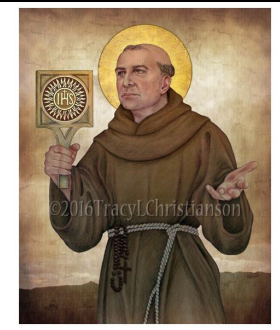
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

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

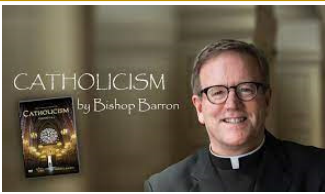
Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



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.

CWL Elections: We are now accepting nominations for our new Executive Council for 2024-2026. Nomination forms will be available at the March and April General Meetings. The new CWL structure of seven elective positions is as follows: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and the 3 Pillars Faith, Service, and Social Justice. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like to nominate a member, or require additional information on the scope of the position, please contact Sue Quackenbush at: 705-693-2467, or by email at suzanneq@fibreop.ca



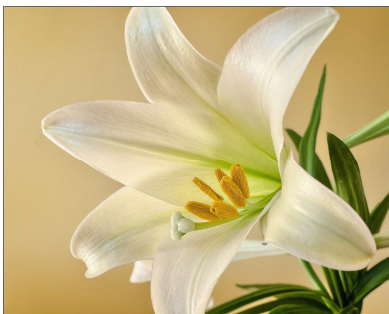
The CWL General Meeting on Monday, March 4th will be a St. Patrick's Social starting at 6:30 pm. Come out and enjoy an evening of shenanigans, fellowship, and fun. We ask everyone to contribute a finger food dish/dessert to the buffet. The evening's theme colour is green. Don't forget to bring along your St. Paddy's hat.

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.**



EASTER FLOWER IN MEMORIUM DONATIONS

Once again, we are accepting donations towards the cost of purchasing our Easter Flowers next month. Donations may be made in memory of a deceased loved one. Their names will be published in the Easter bulletin, and the **Easter Sunday Mass in Garson will be celebrated for them.** Envelopes for these donations are available in the main entranceway. They should be returned no later than March 24th (Passion Sunday) to ensure the names are published in the Easter bulletin. Because of your generosity in supporting your parish, we are once again able to donate 100% of the money given to another worthy charity. Given the current climate in our society around euthanasia and assisted suicide, your Parish Pastoral Council has chosen the **Sudbury Maison McCulloch Hospice** as the charity to which we will donate at Easter.



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.



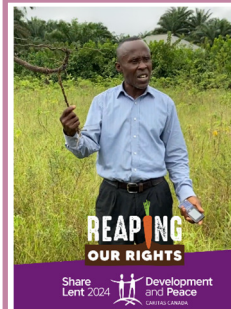
Clocks move ahead one hour next Saturday night/Sunday morning.

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.



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.



Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

YOUR OFFERINGS on February 25th

Thank you for your ongoing support

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes:	\$ 897.00	PAD:	\$ 658.80
	Loose:	\$ 75.00	Interac:	\$ 355.00
	Heat:	\$ 25.00	Initial:	\$ 20.00
			Total:	\$ 2,030.80
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes:	\$ 245.00		
	Loose:	\$ 5.00	Total:	\$ 250.00



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.