

**Mass Schedule  
March 11 - March 17, 2024**

**St. John the Evangelist**

| Date  | Time       | Mass Intention                                |
|---|------------|---|
| Monday, March 11  |            | No Parish Mass                                |
| Tuesday, March 12   |            | No Parish Mass                                |
| Wednesday, March 13   |            | No Parish Mass                                |
| Thursday, March 14  |            | No Parish Mass                                |
| Friday, March 15  | 11:00 a.m. | Funeral Mass for Guy Bergeron                 |
| Saturday, March 16<br><b>The 5th Sunday of Lent</b><br>Sunday, March 17 | 4:30 p.m.  | For Don MacGregor by Doreen Merkas            |
|   | 10:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of All Parishioners        |
| <b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>  |            |   |
| Sunday, March 17  | 9:00 a.m.  | For Sr. Leona Spencer by Gen & Zbig Waszczylo |

**NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH (March 10-19)**



Remember, O St. Joseph, loving and powerful protector, that according to testimony in the Church, no one who is truly devoted to you has seen their petition rejected. Filled with confidence and hope, I come to you, worthy spouse of Mary Immaculate. Do not close your ears to my prayer, you who have the glorious title of Father of Jesus, but hear it and present it for me to Him Who has been vouchsafed to be called your Son.

For the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**, Fr. Michael remains available in the Reconciliation Room every Wednesday morning before Mass (9:05-9:25) **NOT THIS WEDNESDAY**. 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 Christ the King prayer group is holding the last week of its annual Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Hope Church this Saturday morning, March 16th. The theme this week is **“Experiencing Jesus - The Word of God”** given by Fr. Ramish. We begin with confessions at 7:30 a.m.; 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. The talks have been wonderful and very uplifting. 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, goodies and sharing. All are welcome!

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

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 10, 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**

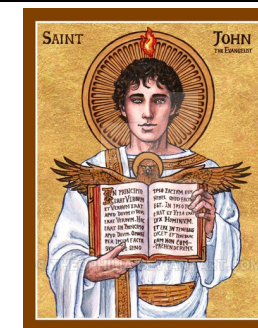
~~Wednesdays 9:05—9:25am (before Mass)~~  
~~in the Reconciliation Room~~  
- And any time upon request -

**CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:**

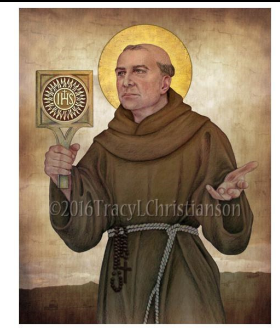
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick  
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

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

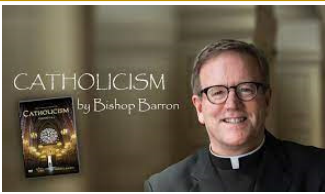
Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass  
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



### 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@fibreo.ca](mailto:suzanneq@fibreo.ca)



**Your CWL membership cards are ready for pickup. The envelopes are on the CWL table in the entranceway of the Church.**



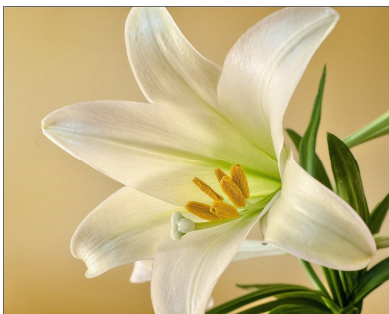
**Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia:** In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**JOB OPENING:** Bishop Thomas Dowd is hiring an Executive Assistant. The position description is posted on our parish bulletin board, for those who might be interested in applying.

**JOB OPENING**

### 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.



**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE:** As noted in this week's Mass schedule, there are no weekday Masses scheduled. Fr. Michael will be on Manitoulin Island for the meeting of the priests and the Chrism Mass with the Bishop, as described just below. Thank you for your understanding.



**CHRISM MASS 2024:** Each year, usually during Holy Week or the week before, the priests of each Diocese gather with their Bishop to celebrate the Mass of Chrism, during which the 3 oils are blessed and consecrated by the Bishop for use by his priests throughout the Diocese for the Sacraments of Holy Anointing, Baptism and Confirmation. In our Diocese, given its size and thus the rarity of all the priests being together at once, we have traditionally combined the Chrism Mass with a general meeting between the Presbyterate of the Diocese and the Bishop.

This year, rather than gathering in one of the 3 main cities of our Diocese, the Bishop has decided to celebrate the Chrism Mass in the oldest Church in our Diocese, which is Holy Cross Church in Wikwemikong on Manitoulin Island. The meeting of priests will take place on Tuesday, March 12th and the Mass of Chrism will take place on Wednesday, March 13th (a week earlier than usual because of certain circumstances).

Due to size constraints, this Mass is open only to those invited. Each parish will send one representative, and that person will also automatically be a member of the Chrism Mass Choir. The Chrism Mass will be an all day event, preceded by a Circle Gathering in the morning and then lunch, and followed by a community feast in the evening. It is hoped that this gathering will further the efforts toward unity and reconciliation between the various cultures of our Diocese. We are grateful to our parish representatives - Sonya Arcand from St. John's and Carol-Lynn Jacobs from St. Bernardine's - for taking the time to travel and represent us at this significant event.

### YOUR OFFERINGS on March 3rd

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

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|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>St. John the Evangelist</b> | Envelopes:     | \$ 977.00 | PAD:     | \$ 658.80 |
|                                | Loose:         | \$ 54.00  | Interac: | \$ 30.00  |
|                                | Heat:          | \$ 25.00  | Initial: | \$ 20.00  |
|                                | Mother of God: | \$ 5.00   | Native:  | \$ 10.00  |

**Total: \$ 1,779.80**

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| <b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b> | Envelopes:           | \$ 535.00 | Dev. & Peace: | \$ 20.00  |
|                                | Heat:                | \$ 20.00  | Easter:       | \$ 200.00 |
|                                | Church in Holy Land: | \$ 20.00  |               |           |

**Total: \$ 795.00**



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](mailto:stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca).