

**Mass Schedule
March 25 - March 31, 2024**

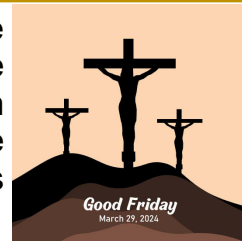
St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 25		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 26		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 27	9:30 a.m.	For Fr. George Gardner by Myron & Ann McCormick
Holy Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	For Ray Joly by St. John's CWL
Good Friday, March 29		No Parish Mass - See below for Service information
Saturday, March 30 EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, March 31	8:00 p.m.	For Karen Petkovich by Marie & Westley Aarhus
	10:30 a.m.	For those remembered through our Easter Memorial Flowers

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, March 31	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: No Masses are permitted from the end of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper until the celebration of the Easter Vigil. On Good Friday, we gather in the Parish Church of St. John's at **3:00pm** to Commemorate the Passion of the Lord. Everyone is encouraged to attend this Solemn Commemoration.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

The annual Good Friday collection was first taken at the request of Pope Paul VI 50 years ago. It is the only yearly request made by the Holy See to parishioners throughout the world, and it is used exclusively to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The money you donate is used to support the pastoral, educational and social work of the Holy Land Churches and also helps to maintain the Holy Places there.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring so many hardships, please give generously. If you are not able to attend the Good Friday service, you may make your contribution over the next few weeks, by marking "Holy Land" on your envelope. You may also donate to them directly online at Commissariat.ca.

The Holy See has entrusted ministry to the Holy Land to the Franciscans for almost 700 years, and they are grateful for any support we are able to give.

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**PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 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

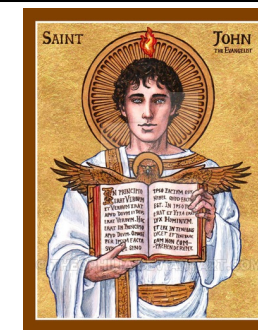
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room
- And any time upon request -

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

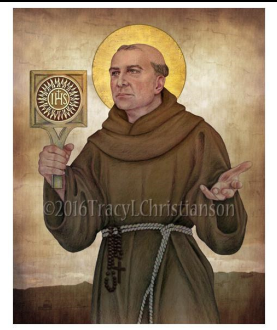
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

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

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



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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

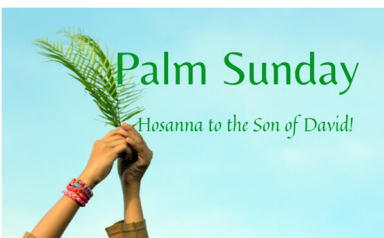


Kelly Langevin will be our Guest Speaker at our Monday, April 8th Meeting @7:00 pm. Re: National Unity Outreach Initiative results on specific ways to help assist Councils. I encourage a good attendance at this meeting. Thank you for your service.



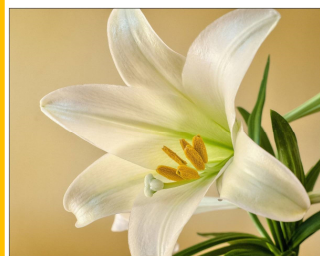
Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation. **Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$5,070.00.** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

A WORD ABOUT PALMS: The Palms we use in the opening procession this Sunday are blessed specifically for that purpose. They will quickly wither, at which point you may simply discard them. They are no longer blessed. This is no different than the blessing you make over food before you eat. Once the food spoils, it is no longer 'blessed', as it no longer can serve the function for which it was blessed. If you wish to keep the palms, feel free, but there is no need to return them to the Church or to treat them in any special way.



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 (**THIS 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.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: A reminder that the Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Several hundred copies of this chaplet have been distributed over the past 6 years in the Parish, but if you don't have one and wish to pray the Chaplet, Fr. Michael has a few copies left in the office. Please feel free to ask him for one.



THE TRIDUUM: Lent ends on Holy Thursday evening, at the beginning of the Holy Thursday Mass. Then begins the Sacred Triduum, the 3 most Sacred days of our calendar, marked by fasting (Good Friday) and then feasting (Easter). Following our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, everyone is welcome to remain in the Church for a period of silent prayer until 9pm. We are then invited to gather at 3pm on Good Friday, as described elsewhere in this bulletin. Friday is a day of fast and abstinence (no meat - and no exceptions on this day). We will pray the Stations of the Cross in St. John's Church at 7pm that night. Saturday is a day of silent vigil, waiting for sunset and the celebrations that follow. If possible, it should also be a day of fasting, in anticipation of the Feasts that soon will come. Everyone is invited to enter fully into these Sacred Days, according to what is possible in each one's circumstances.

Easter Triduum



Feeding the Community

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.

The biggest ongoing need now is for PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM.

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.



YOUR OFFERINGS on March 17th

Thank you for your ongoing support

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 902.25	PAD:	\$ 658.80
	Loose:	\$ 65.35	Interac:	\$ 240.00
	Heat:	\$ 90.00		
	Dev. & Peace:	\$ 5,070.00	Total:	\$ 7,026.40

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$ 150.00

Total: \$ 150.00



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.