

The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge**  
**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

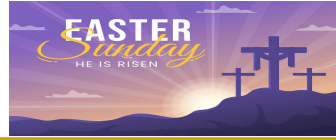
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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**March 31, 2024**

**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  
 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)

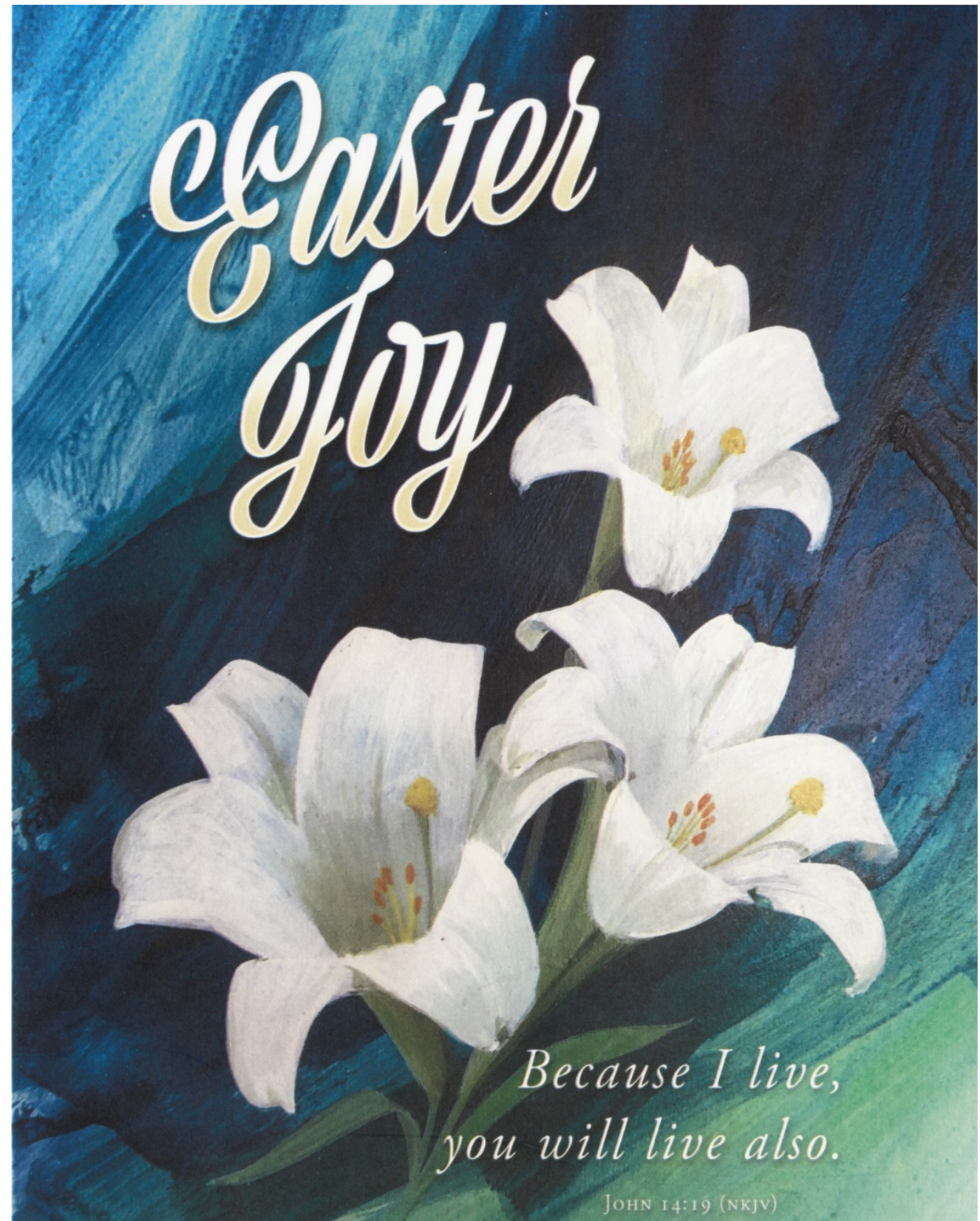
**Mass Schedule**  
**April 1 - April 7, 2024**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, April 1		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, April 2		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, April 3	9:30 a.m.	For Raymond Joly by Mary Saftic
Thursday, April 4	9:30 a.m.	For Donnie McGregor by Kim & Mike Monaghan
Friday, April 5	9:30 a.m.	For Bill Bardswich by Marie Bardswich
Saturday, April 6	4:30 p.m.	For Guy Bergeron by Jim & Cathy Gomm
<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> Sunday, April 7	10:30 a.m.	For Michele McFarlane by Bob & Jeanne McFarlane

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, April 7	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
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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](mailto: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.



Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious artifacts to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity.

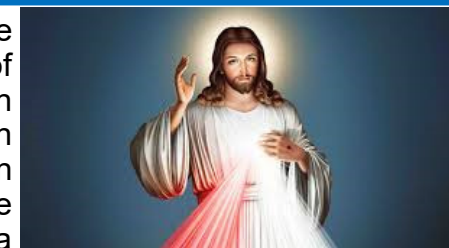
Mark your calendars for April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We are hosting a sale featuring beautiful artifacts. Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

Jenny - Holy Land Wood Art Contact: 647-292-4462 or [jihanwoodart@hotmail.com](mailto:jihanwoodart@hotmail.com).

**AN EASTER NOTE FROM FR. MICHAEL:** I hope and pray everyone experienced a meaningful Lent, leading us to this Feast of the Resurrection. So too do I wish everyone a powerful experience of new hope and the promise of eternal life during the 50 Days of Easter. As we reflected on the Ineffable Mystery of God's Love during Lent, so too do we immerse ourselves in that Mystery at Easter. We are, after all, invited into its immensity every day. We experience it in the ordinariness of our lives, wherein each of us has the human capacity to choose love over hatred, forgiveness over resentment, mercy over condemnation. It is in our nature, for God created us that way, in His Image and Likeness, and has restored us to that dignity through the Cross and Resurrection. It means that the darkness of the world - and it seems so terribly dark at times - has no power over us who have been called to live in the Kingdom of God. That, in turn, is what allows us this new hope. It is not wishful thinking, but the full realization that death and darkness have already been overcome. Living in that reality is what allows us Christians to shine in the darkness of the world and to bring it the gift of that hope-filled light. Despite our struggles, I pray we each experience the fullness of the joy of this Season of Grace, so that God's mercy may continue to transform our lives and the world in which we live.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** On the final day of the Easter Octave, now known as The Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy, there will be a solemn celebration taking place at St. Christopher's Parish in Whitefish. The details of this event have not been received in the office at the time of publication, so we hope it will come in time for the next bulletin. This is a head's up, given that it means short notice. As Fr. Michael will be away that Sunday afternoon, there will be no Divine Mercy Liturgy in our Parish, so those wishing to partake can plan on attending at St. Christopher's on the afternoon of April 7th.



**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. Also, on the **First Friday** of every month (this Friday) the **Sacrament of the Sick** is celebrated during the morning Mass, for anyone who is sick and in need of this Sacrament.



**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.

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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.**

**YOUR OFFERINGS on March 24th**

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes:	\$	792.00	<b>Total: \$ 2,845.80</b>
	Loose:	\$	70.00	
	Dev. & Peace:	\$	85.00	
	Needs of Church in Holy Land:	\$	1,185.00	
	PAD:	\$	658.80	
	Interac:	\$	50.00	
	Heat:	\$	5.00	
				<b>Total: \$ 605.00</b>
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes:	\$	405.00	<b>Total: \$ 605.00</b>
	Dev. & Peace:	\$	200.00	



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).