

**Mass Schedule
December 2 - December 8, 2024**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 2		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 3		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 4	9:30 a.m.	For Raymond Denis by Murielle Denis
Thursday, December 5	9:30 a.m.	For Mike Johnston by Don & Shirley Gillis
Friday, December 6	9:30 a.m.	For Gerhard Schinko by Marie Bardswich
Saturday, December 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
Sunday, December 8	10:30 a.m.	For Gerry Foley by P.J., Rob & Family

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, December 8	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
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ADVENT GIVING TREE: Once again this year, our Parish is sponsoring the "Advent Giving Tree" to help support some of the disadvantaged members of our Garson/Falconbridge/Skead communities.



Tags **ARE NOW AVAILABLE** on the birch tree that is set up in the entranceway of St. John's Church. The tags indicate in general terms (age and gender) who the gift is for. St. John's Catholic School in Garson has provided us the names and will distribute the gifts to those families on our behalf. If you take a tag, it **must be returned UNWRAPPED to the Church no later than Sunday, December 15th**. On that day, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, along with other volunteers, will wrap the gifts and then bring them to St. John's School on Monday for distribution to the needy families.

Please be sure to attach firmly your tag to the gift you return, as the number on that tag is the only way for us to ensure its proper delivery. Your Parish Pastoral Council is grateful to everyone who participates in our annual Advent Giving Tree project.

If you are interested in helping to wrap the gifts, please join us in the Parish hall immediately following the morning Mass on Sunday, December 15th. Everyone is welcome to participate in this way.

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

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1, 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
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Communion to the Sick

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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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:**

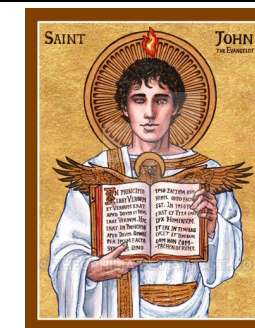
Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



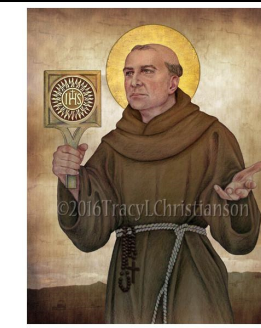
St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine Church
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Envelopes are available in the entranceway of our Church, which can be used to make a donation towards the cost of purchasing our Christmas flowers for the upcoming Solemnities.

On the envelope, you are invited to write the name of the deceased person you wish to donate in memory of. Our Christmas Day (10:30am) Mass will be offered for them, and their names will be published in an insert in the bulletin on the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Last year, **100% of the donations received were forwarded to the Pregnancy Care Centre & Infant Food Bank** in Sudbury, to be used to further the excellent work they do for the poor of our region who are pregnant and/or have young children. This year, the **Parish Pastoral Council will be choosing a charity to which we will donate this year's donations - to be announced next Sunday.**

In order to ensure the publication of all names, donations must be received no later than **December 15th - The 3rd Sunday of Advent.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: We meet this week in the Parish Hall of St. John's Church on Wednesday, December 4th at 6pm. All parishioners are invited.



On our agenda for this meeting:

JUBILEE YEAR - December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026 - Ideas for its celebration in our 2 Parishes.

PASTORAL VISIT FROM BISHOP THOMAS - January 25 - February 2nd - planning of parish events during this time.

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY TO THE POOR - deciding on the recipients of both our Memorial Flower donations and the balance of our Divine Mercy Candle money.

Advent is a time to repent in preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, which we begin to celebrate on December 25th. To aid our journey, an **Advent calendar** has been inserted into the bulletin. It contains the daily readings for Advent, as well as a brief reflection. A limited number of devotional booklets with daily reflections from the writings of Henri Nouwen are also available in Garson, for those who wish. There are also many online resources you may find useful. One of these is a video series called "Journey Through Advent" and is presented by the Canadian Bishops. They write: "As we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord, it is hoped that this year's *Journey through Advent* videos will be a source of spiritual comfort, peace, and meaningful preparation for all who watch them." The videos will be uploaded one at a time on a weekly basis throughout Advent and will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday Eucharistic Celebration (25 November, 2 December, 9 December and 16 December). You may watch the videos on the home page of the CCCB website <https://www.cccb.ca/>.



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Celebrated on the first Friday of every month at the morning Mass.



RECONCILIATION: Available every Wednesday morning, 9:05 - 9:25, in the Reconciliation Room. Or anytime upon request.

CWL News: Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:00am, before Mass, to **pray the Rosary** for peace in the world.



Don't miss the CWL General Meeting that will take place as our Christmas Social this Monday, December 2, at 6:30pm. Participants are asked to bring a finger food for the buffet and a small item for the penny table. We invite all women of our parish to come and join us.

CWL members, please note that **there will be no meeting in January.** The next General Meeting is scheduled for February 3 at 6:30 pm. See you then!

The winner of the St. John CWL quilt raffle at the Bazaar was Carole Martin, from Garson, with ticket # 1172.

GARSON FOODBANK



We are grateful to everyone who responds so generously to the needs of our local Garson Food Bank. This month, there is a special request for a focus on **men's and women's deodorant and razors, as well as shampoo and conditioner.** Anything you give is gratefully accepted. **Thank you!**

2025 Donation Envelopes: The 2025 box sets are available for pick up in the Church entranceway. If you used envelopes this year, there will be a set for you there. If the information on your label is incorrect, please notify the office.



YOUR OFFERINGS on November 24th

Thank you for your ongoing support

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$ 847.00	Interac: \$ 230.00
	Loose: \$ 50.00	PAD: \$ 778.50
	Heat: \$ 185.00	Mission Initiative: \$ 180.00

Total: \$ 2,265.50

St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$ 385.00	Heat: \$ 60.00
	Loose: \$ 25.00	Mission Initiative: \$ 35.00

Total: \$ 505.00



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.