

JUBILEE 2025 "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

Mass Schedule

December 15 – December 21, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

| Date | Time | Mass Intention |
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| Monday, December 15 | | No Parish Mass |
| Tuesday, December 16 | | No Parish Mass |
| Wednesday, December 17 | 9:30 a.m. | For Lucille McFarlane by Debbie Kuz |
| Thursday, December 18 | 9:30 a.m. | For Eleanor Williams by Sue Quackenbush |
| Friday, December 19 | 9:30 a.m. | For Carmen Curran by Marie Bardswich |
| Saturday, December 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 21 | 4:30 p.m. | For George Thompson by Shirley Hay |
| | 10:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael |
| St. Bernardine of Siena | | |
| Sunday, December 21 | 9:00 a.m. | For Adam Hirschfeld by Michele Hirschfeld |

YOUR OFFERINGS on December 7th

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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| St. John the Evangelist | Envelopes: | \$ 1,050.00 | PAD: | \$ 694.89 |
| | Loose: | \$ 67.00 | Interac: | \$ 250.00 |
| | Memorial Flowers: | \$ 475.00 | Bishop's Appeal | \$ 20.00 |
| Total: \$ 2,556.89 | | | | |
| St. Bernardine of Siena | Envelopes: | \$ 660.00 | | |
| | Loose: | \$ 35.00 | | |
| | Utilities: | \$ 40.00 | | |
| Total: \$ 735.00 | | | | |

If you wish to use **INTERAC e-transfer** for donating to St. John the Evangelist 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 Parish, use: stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca.

GARSON FOODBANK: The greatest needs at the Foodbank at this time are: **shampoo, toilet paper, women's deodorant and bars of soap**, but **ANYTHING** donated is gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

The Roman Catholic Parishes of
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ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Parish Pastoral Council

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| Fr. Michael Williams | Pastor - ex officio |
| Myron McCormick | Finance - ex officio |
| Marie Bardswich | St. John's |
| Sue Quackenbush | St. John's |
| Pamela Schofield-Adams | St. John's |
| Jim Murphy | St. John's |
| Sheila Lapierre | St. John's |
| Murielle Denis | St. John's |
| Trudy Hinds | St. Bernardine's |
| John Robert | St. Bernardine's |

PRAYER LINE

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| Elaine Lamarche | 705-693-3339 |
| Rachel Corbett | 705-693-3241 |

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

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| Carole Larrett | 705-969-4607 |
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Communion to the Sick

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| 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)



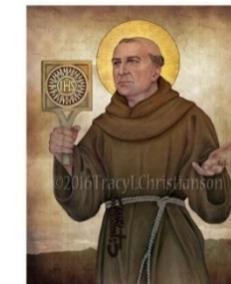
St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine Church
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

CWL NEWS: ELECTIONS - We are now accepting nominations for our new Executive Council for the term 2026-2028. Nomination forms will be available at our January General Meeting.

There are seven elective positions open for applications: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Organization and the three pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice.

If you are interested in any of these positions, wish to nominate a member or yourself, or require further details regarding the scope of the role, please contact Sue Quackenbush at 693-2467 or by email at suzanneq@fibreop.ca.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS: If you wish to donate towards the cost of purchasing our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, envelopes for this purpose may be found in the entranceway of St. John's Church.



The names of those honored will be published in the bulletin on the 4th Sunday of Advent, and the Christmas morning Mass at St. John's will be offered for all of them. All money donated will in turn be given by the Parish to the Pregnancy Care Center and Infant Food Bank in Sudbury to support the excellent work they do with some of the most needy individuals in our city. **All donation envelopes must be returned no later than December 17th in order to ensure publication.**



PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE & Infant Food Bank

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Thank you for your generous response in taking one or more gift tags from our Advent Giving Tree. Please remember to return your gift, with the label firmly attached, no later than the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 21st). Ideally, and if possible, please return the bathrobes and pajamas in a gift bag.



If you still wish to participate in this project, L'Arche has requested the following additional items: Netflix cards, Amazon cards, coloring books, super glue, mason jars, glasses and cups (4 sets of each), craft supplies, decorations/Christmas tree decorations, a dinnerware set, outdoor games and/or large board games.

All the larger items have been spoken for, with the exception of the 3D printer. If someone is interested in purchasing one, please speak to Fr. Michael first to make sure it has not already been looked after.

Thank you for your generous participation in this year's Advent Giving Tree project!



GIFT FOR BISHOP THOMAS DOWD: This past October, we were blessed to welcome Bishop Thomas Dowd to our parishes. As a way of thanking him for his time with us, we are preparing a **Spiritual Bouquet** in his honour. We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to fill in a card. Your pews contain cards along with an instruction sheet detailing our request.

We thank you for your prayers and participation. Your offerings will help convey a beautiful message to Bishop Dowd as a sign of our appreciation from our parishes.

Please note: the cards must be returned this weekend.



RCIA and Adult Education: On Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, everyone is invited to participate in our RCIA educational and discussion nights. Whether you are someone seeking basic information about the Catholic faith with a view to possibly entering the Church, or a seasoned Roman Catholic who simply wants to learn more, you are welcome. For the rest of this year, and into January, we will be watching Bishop Robert Barron's series "Catholicism". We will be meeting in the Parish meeting room (side entrance). **After this week's meeting, we will pause for 2 weeks, and then continue on January 7th.**

Thank you to everyone who shared in our **Parish's 90th Anniversary Celebration** on Friday with our Potluck dinner. Our next social gathering will be our **Annual Movie Night** on Friday, January 2nd, beginning at 3pm. More information will follow.



A reminder: Our Parish sponsors 2 children through Chalice. The money comes from the Divine Mercy Candles which you burn. Through those candle offerings, we also have enough money to donate to the local poor. Thank you for your ongoing prayer offerings in support of the needy!

The Third Sunday of Advent, known as **Gaudete Sunday**, is a mid-Advent celebration of joy, marking the nearing arrival of Christmas, symbolized by lighting a pink candle on the Advent wreath instead of the usual purple one. This day brings a shift from penitence to rejoicing, with themes of gladness, hope, and God's presence, focusing on the joy found in salvation and God's love, often featuring readings from Zephaniah and Paul about rejoicing and patience.

