

## JUBILEE 2025 "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

### Mass Schedule

December 22 – December 28, 2025

#### St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 22		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 23		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 24 <b>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	4:30 p.m.	For victims of abortion and government assisted suicide
Thursday, December 25	10:30 a.m.	For those remembered through our Memorial Flowers (Names are in today's bulletin insert)
Friday, December 26		No Parish Mass
Saturday, December 27 <b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Linda Schofield by Pamela Schofield-Adams
Sunday, December 28	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael

#### St. Bernardine of Siena

Wednesday, December 24	7:00 p.m.	For Cleo D'Amour by May D'Amour & Family
Sunday, December 28	9:00 a.m.	For Ann & Frank Ceming & Elizabeth O'Neill by Eric & Barb Stuart

#### YOUR OFFERINGS on December 14th

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

<b><u>St. John the Evangelist</u></b>	Envelopes:	\$ 850.00	PAD:	\$ 694.89
	Loose:	\$ 143.00	Interac:	\$ 130.00
	Memorial Flowers:	\$ 650.00	Utilities:	\$ 565.00

**Total: \$ 3,032.89**

<b><u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u></b>	Envelopes:	\$ 285.00
	Loose:	\$ 80.00
	Utilities:	\$ 30.00

**Total: \$ 395.00**

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](mailto: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  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge**  
**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### December 21, 2025

#### 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
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

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

#### ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

##### Parish Contact

Carole Larrett 705-969-4607

##### Communion to the Sick

Rolande Kehoe 705-969-2838

#### 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)



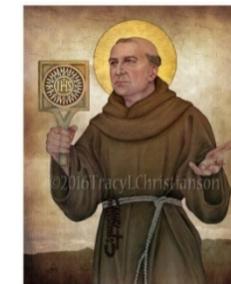
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



**HOLY DAYS – A REMINDER:** Every Sunday is a Holy Day of obligation, which is to say that a Roman Catholic is required to attend Mass every Sunday, as a minimum requirement of the faith. To not attend Mass on Sunday is to say you no longer practice your faith. You can think of it this way: God gives us 168 hours every week, and asks in return 1. That’s giving God back about 0.6% of what He gives you. Another way to think about it is the centrality of Holy Eucharist. Without attending the Mystery of the Eucharist in our lives, we are not sustained by it and our faith begins to wither.

In Canada, there are 2 additional Holy Days which our faith calls us to celebrate: The Feast of the Nativity on December 25<sup>th</sup> and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Mass is celebrated on all Holy Days in both our Parishes.

**THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY:** For Roman Catholics, Christmas begins at sunset on December 24<sup>th</sup> and continues for about 18 days, until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord (on January 11<sup>th</sup> this year). Christmas Day itself is an Octave, which means we liturgically suspend time and consider the period from December 24-January 1<sup>st</sup> as being one day. Within this Christmas season, there are several major Feasts: The Nativity, The Holy Family, Mary, Mother of God, The Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord. As significant as all this is, it pales in comparison to the central Mystery of our Faith and the highlight of our year: Easter. That Feast is also an Octave. But for now, we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and all the other upcoming Feasts with great rejoicing!



**CWL NEWS: ELECTIONS** - We are now accepting nominations for our new Executive Council for the term 2026-2028. 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](mailto:suzanneq@fibreop.ca).

**Nominations forms are now available on the CWL table in the entranceway of St. John’s Church, for your convenience. Feel free to pick one up.**



We will continue our journey through the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** on January 7, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Parish meeting room. All are welcome.

Our next social gathering will be our **Annual Christmas Movie Night** on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at **4pm**. Popcorn will be provided during the movie, and everyone is welcome to stay afterwards for pizza. Wine will be provided. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome. Our movie this year will be **“The Sparrows”**. This is a family friendly movie.



*“Anna Sparrow is a stay-at-home mom who volunteers at the local food bank. There she meets Maria Sanchez, a vibrant young mother who uses her incredible cooking skills to feed the hungry. The two women, from highly divergent backgrounds, find a common bond in their love for their children. Maria is concerned about her shy young daughter, Bella, especially since her husband lost his job and has started drinking. As the two women’s friendship grows, Anna and her family can’t help but become attached to sweet Bella. When an unthinkable tragedy strikes, the Sparrows must put all their faith in God and open up their hearts to new possibilities.”* Movie length is 92 minutes.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The next date for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick will be Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the morning Mass.



**GIVING TREE:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Giving Tree. The gifts will be sorted on Sunday following Mass, and delivered to L’Arche on Monday. The 18 residents will rejoice in your love and generosity!

**PLEASE NOTE:** For monetary donations made to the Garson Foodbank, receipts for income tax purposes can be issued, but the cheque must be made out to **“The Sudbury Food Bank”**, with **“The Garson Foodbank”** written on the memo line. This is necessary, because only the Sudbury Food Bank is authorized to issue official receipts. The money will still stay in Garson.

