

**Mass Schedule
December 29, 2025 – January 4, 2026**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 29		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 30		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 31	9:30 a.m.	For Sr. Patricia Milks by the LaPierre Family
Thursday, January 1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	10:30 a.m.	For Raymond Denis by Muriel Denis
Friday, January 2	9:30 a.m.	For Lorraine Mei by Cathy & Jim Gomm
Saturday, January 3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	4:30 p.m.	For Jean Gregorchuk by Elaine Gregorchuk
Sunday, January 4	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael

St. Bernardine of Siena

Thursday, January 1 MOTHER OF GOD	9:00 a.m.	For Helen Horner by Doreen Merkas
Sunday, January 4 EPIPHANY	9:00 a.m.	For Bucky Olivier by Gen & Zbig Waszczylo

YOUR OFFERINGS on December 21st

Thank you for your ongoing support!

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 1,120.00	PAD:	\$ 870.00
	Loose:	\$ 145.00	Interac:	\$ 420.00
	Memorial Flowers:	\$ 120.00	Utilities	\$ 95.00
	Christmas	\$ 220.00		

Total: \$ 2,990.00

<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 425.00	Family Donation:	\$ 5,000.00
	Loose:	\$ 110.00		
	Christmas:	\$ 40.00		

Total: \$ 5,575.00

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: sbernardineofsiena@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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**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
December 28, 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
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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

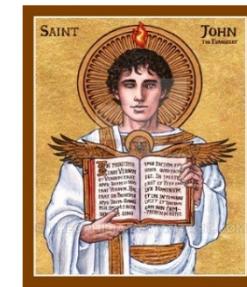
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



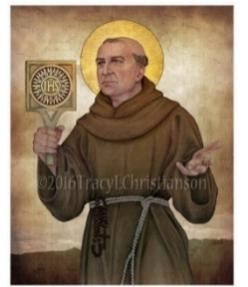
St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine Church
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



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.

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.

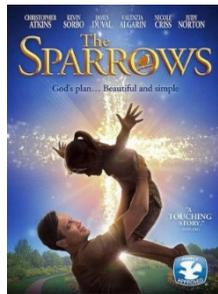
A Word from the President: As 2025 comes to a close, I would like to express gratitude to our Spiritual Advisor, Father Michael Williams, who draws us closer to God by celebrating the Eucharist with us. I thank him for his support in all the events that we participate in throughout the year.

Thanks to Ann McCormick who took on a challenge with providing Soup & Sandwiches for our Christmas Market, which was a great success despite the many challenges with Public Health. Thank you our Parish Family for your support and generosity at our Christmas Market.

As we enter 2026, I pray for a deeper love of Mary, that her faith and humility will lead us to her Son. To Jesus through Mary. Jesus is the light that brings peace, hope, and love into our world.

With gratitude, Marie Bardswich.

Our next social gathering will be our **Annual Christmas Movie Night** on Friday, January 2nd, 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 2nd at the morning Mass.



GIVING TREE: Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree. The L'Arche community expressed their profound gratitude for your generosity. A thank you note from each of their homes can be found and read on our bulletin board.

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.



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.

The Knights of Columbus is again promoting the Feast of the Holy Family by providing prayer cards. They are available at the Church entry. Parish families are encouraged to consecrate their families to the Holy Family.

"O Lord Jesus, You lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There You grew in age, wisdom and grace as You prepared to fulfill Your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to You. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured Him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us."

2026 Calendars: Parishioners are invited to take home a "Catholic Faith Calendar" which is available in the entranceway of our Churches. This is a gift to you for your contributions and faithfulness. You will note that this is a Canadian publication. That is rare for Catholic publishing, as much of our literature is American, and they have a very different discipline than we in Canada, so we often understand our own traditions wrongly. This, hopefully, will help us to understand our own way of celebrating and living our faith in Canada.



Ending of the Year of Jubilee: Although in Rome the Jubilee Year continues until the Feast of Epiphany, it concludes in all the other Dioceses of the world today.

Epiphany house blessing: As is our tradition, chalk will be blessed at all our Masses next Sunday, and the formula for the Epiphany blessing will be published in the bulletin for those who wish to use the chalk to bless their homes and all those who enter them.

Epiphany Blessing with Chalk