

**Mass Schedule  
February 16 – February 22, 2026**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 16		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 17		No Parish Mass
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Wednesday, February 18	7:00 p.m.	For Patrick Grant by Mary & Ray Albert
Thursday, February 19	9:30 a.m.	For All Monaghan Family Members by Kim & Mike Monaghan
Friday, February 20	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass for Doreen Merkas
Saturday, February 21 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Deceased Members of the MacDonnell & Bardswich Families by Marie Bardswich
Sunday, February 22	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, February 22	9:00 a.m.	For Peter & Albert Herresthal by Inge Hager & Isidoro Giacomin

**CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:** Please note that **Mass on Ash Wednesday this week will be at 7pm**, rather than the normal morning time. This is to allow our working parishioners the opportunity to attend this important celebration at the beginning of the Lenten Season. Fr. Michael will be available to hear **Confessions in the Reconciliation Room** that night before Mass, from 6:15pm until Mass time. Also, please note the **change to our schedule for Friday**.

**YOUR OFFERINGS on February 8th**

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 915.00	PAD:	\$ 797.50
	Loose:	\$ 80.00	Interac:	\$ 280.00
	Utilities:	\$ 265.00		
			<b>Total: \$ 2,337.50</b>	
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 280.00		
	Interac:	\$ 20.00		
	Utilities:	\$ 45.00		
			<b>Total: \$ 345.00</b>	

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, razors and toothbrushes**, 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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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**February 15, 2026**

**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

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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:**

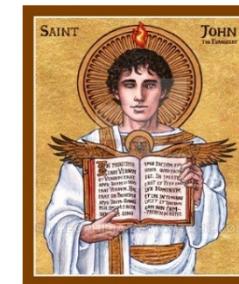
Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass  
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



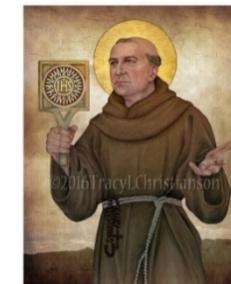
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



**CWL NEWS:** The walk for the Coldest Night of the Year takes place this year on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The money raised is earmarked for The Samaritan Centre. Kim Monaghan is walking with a group under the name “Sudbury CWL and Friends”. If you



would like to make an online donation, you may use this link: [cnoy.w-ith.me/StJohnCWL](http://cnoy.w-ith.me/StJohnCWL)



**PETITION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218 TODAY:** As is well known, there are no circumstances under which the Church, giving voice to the teachings of Jesus, would support suicide or euthanasia under any form, including what is known as “MAiD” in Canada. Although that ‘ship has sailed’ in our country and, despite the evil it is, has wide support across all demographics, there is more to come, as this medical suicide is to be offered beginning next year to those who have a mental disorder. Whatever your personal opinion might be on medical suicide, most people would cringe at its expansion to include those most vulnerable. To that end, there is a petition available to sign at the entrance of the Church this Sunday indicating your support for **Bill C-218**. That is a private member’s bill, currently before Parliament, which seeks to stop this expansion. It would specify that “**a mental disorder is not a grievous and irremediable medical condition**”. Bishop Thomas Dowd supports this initiative of the CWL, to do what we can to limit the moral damage already being done in our country through the widespread use of medical suicide and euthanasia.

**MEATLESS SOUP SUPPERS:** On the Fridays of Lent, our Parish will offer a soup supper to anyone who wishes to attend. An optional freewill offering will be accepted, which will be donated to the Garson Foodbank. This will be a very simple meal of soup, buns and crackers, with tea or coffee. Doors will open at 6pm, with soup available from then until around 6:45pm. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7pm in the Church.



We are looking for **volunteers to donate a pot of homemade meatless soup** for these 6 Fridays. Fr. Michael and Sonya Arcand will each provide a pot of soup for the first event this coming Friday (Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>). If anyone wishes to donate a pot of soup for that night or any of the other Fridays, please contact Fr. Michael to let him know. So far, the following commitments have been made:

Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> : Two pots	Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup> : One pot	March 6 <sup>th</sup> : Open
March 13 <sup>th</sup> : Open	March 20 <sup>th</sup> : One pot	March 27 <sup>th</sup> : Two pots

We are aiming for at least 2 pots of soup each Friday; we’ll have a better idea of whether or not that’s enough after our first Friday this week.



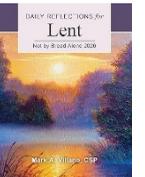
**CHRIST THE KING PRAYER GROUP LENTEN MISSION:** Please join us every Thursday evening during the Lenten season. Our first talk on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> is on the Meaning of Lent with Fr. Ken. We begin at 5:45pm with the rosary, followed by music, a reflective Lenten talk, and Mass. Confession is also available for those who wish. All sessions take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Sudbury.

**WELCOME:** This Sunday, with great joy we welcome the newest member of our parish faith family through Baptism: Delia Espinosa, the daughter of Adrian and Alexander of our Parish. We congratulate them on their first child, and welcome her with open arms.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent, everyone is welcome to join in the praying of the Stations of Cross in the Parish Church, beginning at 7pm. Come for soup and stay to pray!

**DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT:** There are a limited number (30) of daily reflection booklets that will be available in the entranceway of St. John’s on Ash Wednesday, for those who wish to use them throughout this season.



**AN ASH WEDNESDAY REMINDER:** All Roman Catholics over age 13 are obligated to **abstain** from meat on Ash Wednesday. No substitution of penance is allowed on this day, such as there is in Canada on all the Fridays of the year. Additionally, all Roman Catholics who are 18-59 years of age are obligated to **fast** on Ash Wednesday. Typically, this means a very simple main meal and two smaller meals during the day, although each person is free to choose the manner of their fast. The fast does not obligate those who have medical issues, illness, are pregnant or are nursing.

**RECONCILIATION:** Available Wednesday morning before Mass, 9:05-9:25, in the Confessional (Reconciliation Room). Also, anytime upon request.

**WEEKLY ROSARY:** Before every Thursday morning Mass, beginning at 9am, we pray the Rosary in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join in this prayer.

