

**Mass Schedule
February 23 – March 1, 2026**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 23		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 24		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, February 25	9:30 a.m.	For Doreen Merkas by St. John's CWL
Thursday, February 26	9:30 a.m.	For Robert & Eleanor Williams by Evelyn McColeman
Friday, February 27	9:30 a.m.	For Barb Pineau by Jim & Cathy Gomm
Saturday, February 28	4:30 p.m.	For Eunice (Mopsy) Howard by Jeanne & Bob McFarlane
2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 1	10:30 a.m.	For Doug Reynolds by Myron & Ann McCormick

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, March 1	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael
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INTEREST EARNED ON OUR DEPOSITS: Subsequent to the publication of our financial report two weeks ago, St. John's parish was notified that our deposit with the Diocese earned **\$8,021.93** in interest in 2025, bringing our deposit amount to \$326,905.99. St. Bernardine's deposit earned **\$947.89** in interest last year, bringing their deposit amount to \$38,627.94. These deposits are in a co-op type system in our Diocese, where parishes can borrow at low rates of interest, or earn interest on money saved for future needs.

YOUR OFFERINGS on February 15th

Thank you for your ongoing support!

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$ 880.00	PAD: \$ 797.50
	Loose: \$ 80.00	Interac: \$ 155.00
	Utilities: \$ 70.00	
	Total: \$ 1,982.50	
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$ 260.00	
	Initial: \$ 10.00	
	Native Sector: \$ 20.00	
	Total: \$ 290.00	

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, razors and toothbrushes**, but **ANYTHING** donated is gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 22, 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

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:**

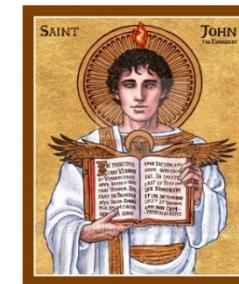
Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



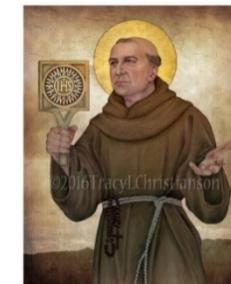
St. John Church
Garson



St. Bernardine Church
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



CWL NEWS: The walk for the Coldest Night of the Year takes place this year on Saturday, February 28th. 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



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 and 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 the 5 remaining Fridays. If anyone wishes to donate a pot of soup, please contact Fr. Michael to let him know. So far, the following commitments have been made:

Feb. 27 th : Three pots	March 6 th : Open	March 13 th : Open
March 20 th : Two pots	March 27 th : Three 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.



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!

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER GROUP LENTEN MISSION: Please join us every Thursday evening during the Lenten season. Our second mission on Feb 26th, is on God's Unconditional Love for Us with Fr. Joseph Ogah. 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.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Before every Friday morning Mass, beginning at 9:15am, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome to join in this prayer. The Chaplet uses the rosary, so bring your beads if you wish.

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION/EUCHARIST: Since the Fall, we have had two Catechumens in the RCIA program, preparing to enter the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. On this First Sunday of Lent, through the **Rite of the Elect**, they have publicly committed themselves to becoming Roman Catholics through these 3 Sacraments at Easter. They are now designated as **Elect**.

Our Elect are Vanna Cerilli and Al Murray. We congratulate them on entering this new phase of their journey, and we promise to continue to pray for them during this final part of their preparation. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday's of Lent, they will enter through a series of “Scrutinies” to further strengthen them in preparation for the Sacraments. They continue to prepare also through RCIA on the 6 Wednesdays during Lent.



ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: It has been quite a few years since St. John's parish had the ministry of Youth Altar Servers to assist during the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. Perhaps it is time to begin this ministry once again? There are a number of young parishioners who would fit into this age group – perhaps a little too old for the Children's Liturgy program and looking for a way to get involved. What we really need to get started is an adult coordinator – perhaps a parent (or parents) of the Altar Servers themselves. This person would train and schedule the Altar Servers as needed. We have all the vestments required; we just need young volunteers to fill them. In our current configuration, they would serve alongside our Adult Servers at the Sunday Mass. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact Fr. Michael for more information.

VERONICA SERRANO: When our Parish sponsors our 2 children through Chalice, we commit to an annual donation to support them. There is also the opportunity to donate additional amounts at various times, like Christmas, Easter and birthdays, which we do. This letter was received in response to one of these additional gifts, given to our sponsored child in Bolivia – Veronica: *“First of all, I send very warm greetings to my dear godparents. I hope you are in good health. I am doing very well. Thank you for sending me the special gift, which I really liked. With it, I bought a bookshelf and a blanket to cover myself at night, because these days it has been cold, and a pair of nice shoes for school, since the ones I had were already too tight for me. Now I am very happy with my gift, and I hope you don't forget about me because I will always remember you. With these words, I say goodbye, sending you many hugs and kisses from afar.”*

This letter is posted on our parish bulletin board.