

**Mass Schedule  
March 2 – March 8, 2026**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 2		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 3		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 4	9:30 a.m.	For Sr. Patricia Milks by Sue Quackenbush
Thursday, March 5	9:30 a.m.	For Philip Hay by Myron & Ann McCormick
Friday, March 6	9:30 a.m.	For Brent Perala by Sheila LaPierre
Saturday, March 7	4:30 p.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Ken & Sandra Belanger
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday, March 8	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, March 8	9:00 a.m.	For Bishop Dowd by Carol-Lynn Jacobs

**MASS OFFERINGS FOR OUR BISHOP:** Since many parishioners offered a Mass for our Bishop as part of their Spiritual Bouquet gift for him, it is worth mentioning that this does not require a Mass to be offered publicly, although doing so is fine. Every time you attend Mass, you are free to offer it for whoever (or whatever) you wish. Simply offering it for our Bishop fulfills your promise to offer a Mass for him.



**YOUR OFFERINGS on February 22nd**

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 915.00	PAD:	\$ 797.50
	Loose:	\$ 138.25	Interac:	\$ 280.00
	Utilities:	\$ 10.00		
			<b>Total: \$ 2,140.75</b>	
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 430.00		
	Initial:	\$ 10.00		
	Loose:	\$ 5.00		
			<b>Total: \$ 445.00</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).



**A REMINDER:** Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Remember to move your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 1, 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**

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

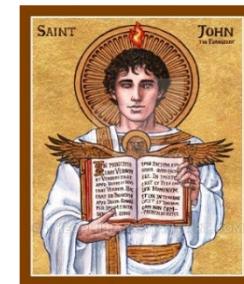
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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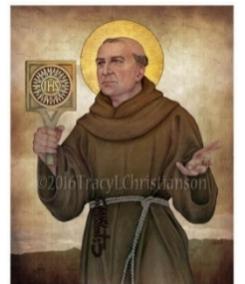
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

**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)



**CWL NEWS:** Join us for our St Patrick's evening Winter Social General Meeting on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish hall. Refreshments will be provided. Our guest speaker is Sue Richards; she will speak of her charity work feeding the homeless people who live at the Energy Court Encampment in downtown Sudbury. Please make every effort to come and learn about this unfortunate situation firsthand, as it is very much in keeping with our CWL National Focus of "Blessed are the Poor".

Members are invited to participate in a **Diocesan Convention service project** this year to organize a collection and donate to support children in need. We will be supporting the Pregnancy Care Centre and Infant Food Bank. They are appreciative of anything they receive, but are especially in need of:



**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE & Infant Food Bank**

- + **Baby Formula** - Enfamil A+ (liquid only), Similac (blue, white or green tin) and Good Start Stage 1
- + **Diapers** - sizes 4 and 5      + **Baby Lotion**      + **Baby receiving blankets & hooded towels**
- + **Baby food** – cereal/pablum, pouches/purees, and baby snacks (arrowroot cookies/applesauce)

Food insecurity is an urgent and increasing reality for many, and for families with infant children, the costs to provide the basic necessities are very high. We are most grateful to everyone who participates in this Diocesan wide service project this Spring.

**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 4 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:

**March 6<sup>th</sup>:** Open      **March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Two pots      **March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Two pots      **March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Three pots

**We are aiming for at least 2 pots of soup each Friday. Any takers for March 6<sup>th</sup>?**



**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 third mission, March 5<sup>th</sup>, is on Surrendering to God's Love with Fr. Patrick Okenyi.** 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.

**HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** To bring the Eucharist to those admitted to hospital care. This ministry uses volunteers from multiple parishes on a rotating schedule to ensure our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters can receive Holy Communion during their illness, if they request it. If you would like more information, feel free to contact Marie Bardswich, who is a part of this ministry.



**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of purchasing our Easter Flowers for the upcoming Easter Season, you may do that in memory of a loved one. Envelopes for that purpose can be found in the entranceway of the Church. The names of those remembered will be published in our Easter bulletin, and the Easter



Sunday Mass at St. John's will be offered for them. Additionally, all the money donated will in turn be given by the Parish to Maison McCulloch Hospice, to support the important work they do in our city.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ELECT:** **Our Elect are Vanna Cerilli and Al Murray.** They will enter the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year.



**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 could serve alongside our Adult Servers at the Sunday Mass. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact Fr. Michael for more information.