

**Mass Schedule  
March 23 – March 29, 2026**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 23		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 24		CHRISM MASS AT PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHEDRAL
Wednesday, March 25 <b>ANNUNCIATION</b>	6:30 p.m.	For Eleanor Williams by Lise & Richard Maeck
Thursday, March 26	9:30 a.m.	For Alfred Schinko by Elizabeth & Maureen Schinko
Friday, March 27	9:30 a.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Sue Quackenbush
Saturday, March 28 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Daniel Labelle by Gertrude & Roland Labelle
Sunday, March 29	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	For Doreen Merkas by Gen & Zbig Waszczylo

**PLEASE NOTE:** The change in Mass time on Wednesday, for the Solemnity of the **Annunciation**, the Incarnation of our Lord.



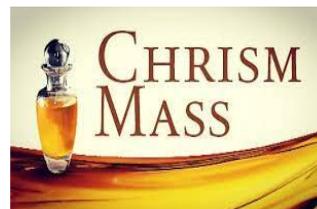
**YOUR OFFERINGS on March 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 920.00	PAD:	\$ 696.00
	Loose:	\$ 65.00	Interac:	\$ 130.00
	Utilities:	\$ 285.00	Easter Flowers:	\$ 655.00
	Initial:	\$ 25.00		
			<b>Total: \$ 2,776.00</b>	
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 140.00		
			<b>Total: \$ 140.00</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).

Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese to attend the Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Precious Blood Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. During this solemn celebration, the Bishop will bless the holy oils that will be used in the Sacraments throughout the year, and the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly promises. All are warmly invited to participate in this important diocesan celebration.



The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge**  
**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 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
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**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

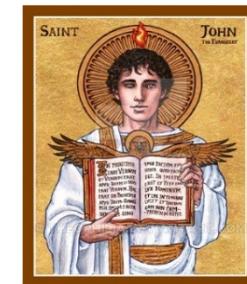
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,**

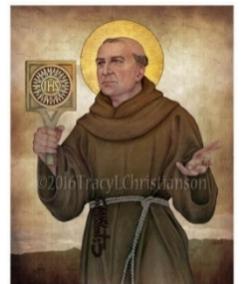
**CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass

(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



**CWL NEWS:** Parishioners are invited to participate in a **Diocesan CWL 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)

**Donations may be left in the box by the CWL table on the right side of the Church entrance.**

**MEATLESS SOUP SUPPERS (Final One):** On the Fridays of Lent, our Parish offers 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 is a very simple meal of soup, buns and crackers, with tea and coffee. Doors 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.



**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:** Our last mission on Thursday, March 26th, is themed: Mother Mary's Cross at Calvary with Fr. James Elaigwu, of Noelville. 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.



**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Fr. Michael, along with a few other priests, will be present at Holy Redeemer Church on Thursday night this coming week for a Reconciliation Service, which **begins at 6:30pm**. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this evening, when a variety of priests who are present will provide opportunities for anyone wishing to avail themselves of this Sacrament.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN BABY:** Abortion is the number one cause of death in Canada. At around 100 000 victims, it far exceeds the next highest cause of death (cancer) by 20 000. It is an evil that has fundamentally shaped the way human life is viewed and treated in our world. Mother Theresa was clear, that as long as there was abortion, there would never be peace in the world. One response, recommended by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, is the spiritual adoption of an unborn baby. While true that one person cannot save the lives of all 100 000 victims in Canada, it is within reach to save the life of one. The process is simple. In the entranceway of the Church are pink and blue slips of paper. You decide if you want to adopt a girl (pink) or a boy (blue) and take that slip home. Choose a name for your baby and write it on the line on the left side of the slip. Cut the slip in half, and return the portion with your baby's name to Fr. Michael through the collection basket. Keep the right side of the slip and pray that prayer every day for nine months. Have faith, and believe, that God will hear and honor your prayer. Begin on or around the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>). On the Feast of the Holy Family, during the Christmas Octave, the Mass will be celebrated for all the children who are born because of our prayers this year.



**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.

