

**Mass Schedule  
March 9 – March 15, 2026**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 9		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 10		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, March 11	9:30 a.m.	For Barb Pineau by Yvonne & Don Brown
Thursday, March 12	9:30 a.m.	For Lucille McFarlane by Myron & Ann McCormick
Friday, March 13	9:30 a.m.	For Eleanor Williams by Marie Bardswich
Saturday, March 14	4:30 p.m.	For Lorraine Mei by Sheila LaPierre
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday, March 15	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Michael

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, March 15	9:00 a.m.	For Doreen Merkas by St. Bernardine's Past Councils & Parishioners
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**YOUR OFFERINGS on March 1st**

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 1,450.00	PAD:	\$ 696.00
	Loose:	\$ 75.00	Interac:	\$ 908.00
	Utilities:	\$ 25.00	Initial:	\$ 30.00
	Dev. & Peace:	\$ 25.00		
			<b>Total: \$ 3,209.00</b>	
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes:	\$ 220.00		
	Heat:	\$ 40.00	<b>Total: \$ 260.00</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.

**THANK YOU:** We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus who donated \$1,000 to our Parish of St. John's this past week. They write *"The members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6074 take great pleasure in continuing to support the needs of the parish."*

*Thank you!*

**NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH (March 10-19):** Remember, O St. Joseph, loving and powerful protector, that according to testimony of the Church, no one who is truly devoted to you has seen his petition rejected. Filled with confidence and hope, I come to you, worthy spouse of Mary Immaculate. Do not close your ears to my prayer, you who have the glorious title of Father of Jesus, but hear and present it for me to Him Who has been vouchsafed to be called your Son.

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**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge**  
**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 8, 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:**

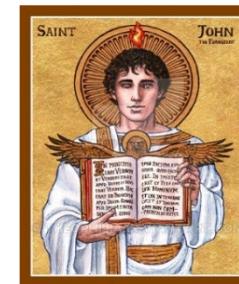
Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass  
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



**CWL NEWS:** 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:

- + **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)



PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE  
& Infant Food Bank

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 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!

**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.



**CHRIST THE KING PRAYER GROUP LENTEN MISSION:** Please join us every Thursday evening during the Lenten season. **Our fourth mission on March 12th, is on Fasting beyond food with Fr. Ramesh Christi.** 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.



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHILI DINNER:** Our Parish will host a Chili Dinner on the Feast of St. Joseph in our Hall on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost – a freewill offering may be made, if you choose, which will in turn be donated to the Garson Foodbank.

**Dinner begins at 6pm.**

**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.



**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.

