

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH • NORTH BENNINGTON, VERMONT



MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is a community of baptized people who have, as their common goals: to love, model, teach, serve, and celebrate Christ in our lives. Committed to the Eucharist, our Bread of Life, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to service to God's people and center our faith-life around liturgical celebrations, the Gospel, and prayer. Based on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, we reach out to all people lovingly, acknowledging their uniqueness and dignity, and treat all with respect, tolerance, and acceptance, having the love of Jesus as our core.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:30 PM

Sunday
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM

Holy Day Mass
(refer to schedule on inside cover)

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Visitors or parishioners need to notify the Pastor or Deacon prior to the particular Mass they are attending.

RECONCILIATION

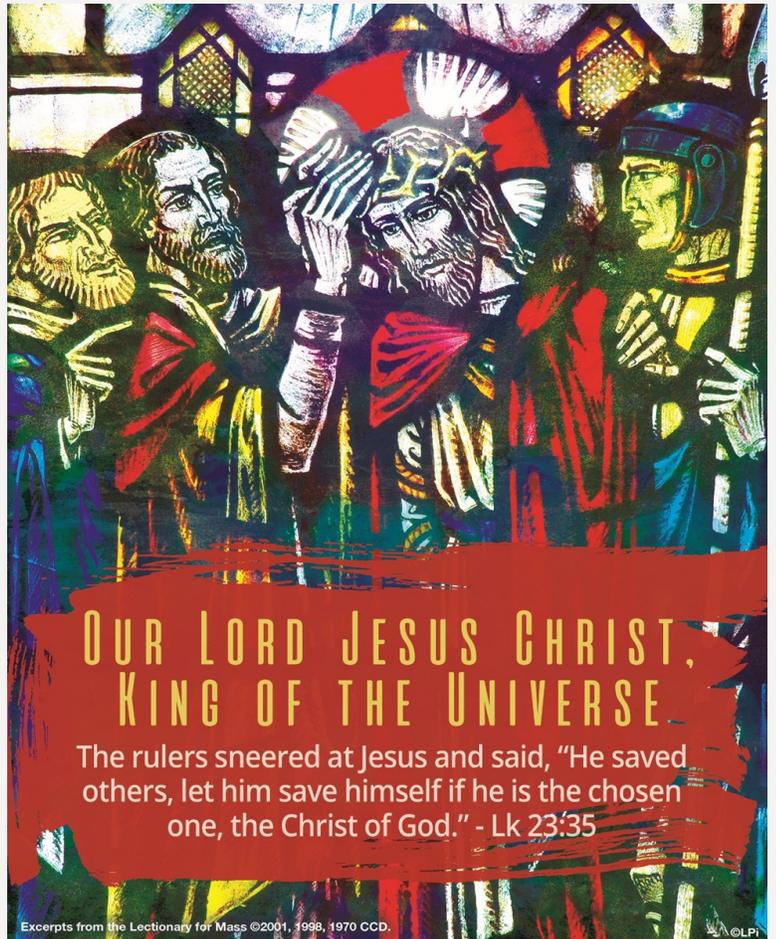
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

VISITORS

Welcome. Thank you for joining us for our Eucharistic Celebration. Please know that we have a long tradition of kneeling after every Mass to say a brief prayer for vocations.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners to St. John's and ask that they register at the parish office. Parishioners with new addresses or who are moving should also contact the parish office.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.—Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. David M. O'Brien—Deacon

The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 11/23-12/1

Sat./Sun., 11/23-11/24 – Christ the King

5:30 p.m. Joseph Sorensen by Paul & Betty Becker
9:00 a.m. For our parishioners
11:00 a.m. Janet Paturzo (17th anniversary) by her daughter Lisa

Monday, 11/25 – Saint Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 a.m. The Souls of all the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, 11/26 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Joe DeMasi by Theresa DeMasi

Wednesday, 11/27 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, 11/28 – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Helen S. White by Saile White Mahoney

Friday, 11/29 – Weekday

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 11/30-12/1 – First Sunday of Advent

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners
9:00 a.m. Loreen Daviero by Dr. & Mrs. Pultorak
11:00 a.m. Marcia Favreau (1st anniversary) by the Favreau Family



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

- Lk 23:42-43

Readings for the week of November 24, 2019

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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Question of the Week

Why sing at Mass?

My question is: Why don't we sing more? The importance of singing in ritual is long-established. Can we have a ball game in this country without a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner"? I'm amazed that the same people who belt out a song in the shower don't crack the songbook in the pews. Granted, not all church music suits your taste or mine. I'm not wild about the "Happy Birthday" song either. But when it's time to sing it, the liturgy of the moment demands that I play my part.

Saint Augustine insisted: "Singing is for one who loves." That is the same Bishop Augustine who considered banning music from his church altogether. Augustine loved music so much he found it far too fetching and distracting to enjoy at liturgies. In the end he adhered to the older proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over." So pass out the song sheets.

In the Bible a lot of joy and gratitude gets expressed in random acts of music. "Sing to the Lord a new song!" the psalmists say—in the Bible's own songbook, the Psalms. Many of the big players have a song to sing. To those who love and feel joy and gratitude, a little frivolity in public is in order.

—Alice Camille

Sunday Summary

2 Samuel 5:1-3 All the tribes of Israel acknowledge David as their king.

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Jerusalem is the favored city for the nation since David established it as his capital.

Colossians 1:12-20 Christ the Lord, present at creation, is also first at the head of the church.

Luke 23:35-43 In his final hour a crucified man recognizes the kingship of Jesus.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please consider giving to this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Through this collection

you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



Thank you to those who have given to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. Your gift supports a variety of ministries and services impacting all of our 69 parishes and 13 Catholic schools. For more information or to make a gift, please visit bishopsappealvt.org.

To date, our parish has raised \$25,827 toward our goal of \$30,998. This is 83% of our parish goal.

Liturgical Ministries

For this weekend (Sat. 11/23, Sun. 11/24)



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

- 5:30 p.m. Henry & Kathy Hall, Brian Granger
- 9:00 a.m. Deacon David O'Brien, Florence Belnap, Jennifer McKenna
- 11:00 a.m. Eileen Flynn, Kevin Kees, Terri Whitman

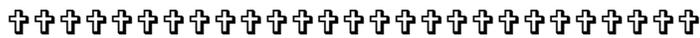
LECTORS

- 5:30 p.m. Carolyn Graves, Diane Granger
- 9:00 a.m. Margy Boulet, Ron Higgins
- 11:00 a.m. Jim Baker, Rosemary Lindsey

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:30 p.m. Ashleigh Babcock, Josef & Isabelle Fischer
- 9:00 a.m. Jackson Paquin, Aidyn McNamara, Noah Olin
- 11:00 a.m. Karl Dooling, Molly Lindsey

Communion for the Homebound: Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to parishioners who are homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



Advent Wreath Making

Monday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us on Monday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to make an Advent Wreath for your home. Advent Wreaths are a great way to bring the spirit of reflection and waiting, that is at the heart of the Advent season, into your home. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Nicole at the Parish Office.



E.P. Mahar & Son Funeral Home invites you to attend the **Annual Bereavement Mass** on **Saturday, December 7** at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church. Following the Mass there will be a time of sharing and refreshments at the SHSF Parish Center.



On **Sunday, December 8**, we will have our annual deanery-wide **Advent Penance Service** at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church. Come join us for this beautiful service of the Word and song to prepare for Christmas – and experience Christ's Peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Thanksgiving Breads: We invite our parishioners to share their abundance with others by baking breads, muffins or rolls to be blessed at our Thanksgiving Mass and then taken home or brought to share with friends, family or those less fortunate at this holiday time. Bake an extra loaf to show your love for others. Before Mass on Thanksgiving Day, breads should be placed on the small table that will be at the front of the altar. After Mass, please pick up your baked goods and take them with you.



- 11/25/2019** – Advent Wreath Making at 6:00 p.m.
- 11/27/2019** – Eucharistic Adoration from 4-5 p.m.
- 11/30/2019** – Al-Anon Group meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 12/2/2019** – Advent Enrichment Program at 6:00 p.m.

Please Join Us for an Enrichment Program with Father Hugh

Monday, December 2



This Advent Season All Good Gifts Around Us Are Sent from Heaven Above... Looking More Closely at the Gift of the Mass

Monday, December 2, 2019

St. John the Baptist Church

Soup and Bread 6:00 p.m.

Program 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Adoration 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Nicole at the Parish Office: 447-7504



2019 Advent Appeal: This year marks the 25th year of Vermont Catholic Charities Advent Appeal. On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families helped, thank you for bringing the joy and

hope of the Advent season to those in need. As we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior into our world, we ask you again to join Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc. in answering the call to show our love and compassion for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to the annual Advent Appeal.

The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. At Christmastime and throughout the year, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. This Advent Season, please help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us – children, struggling parents, the elderly, and the sick. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we assisted more than 2,000 adults and 1,500 children through the Advent Appeal and Emergency Aid Program.

We ask for your prayerful consideration of a donation to this year's Appeal; every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Please support this worthy effort by sending a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, Vermont 05403 or giving online at vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal. On behalf of Vermont Catholic Charities and all the Vermonters you will help this year, thank you. May you have blessed Advent and Christmas seasons.