

AUGUST 16, 2020

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

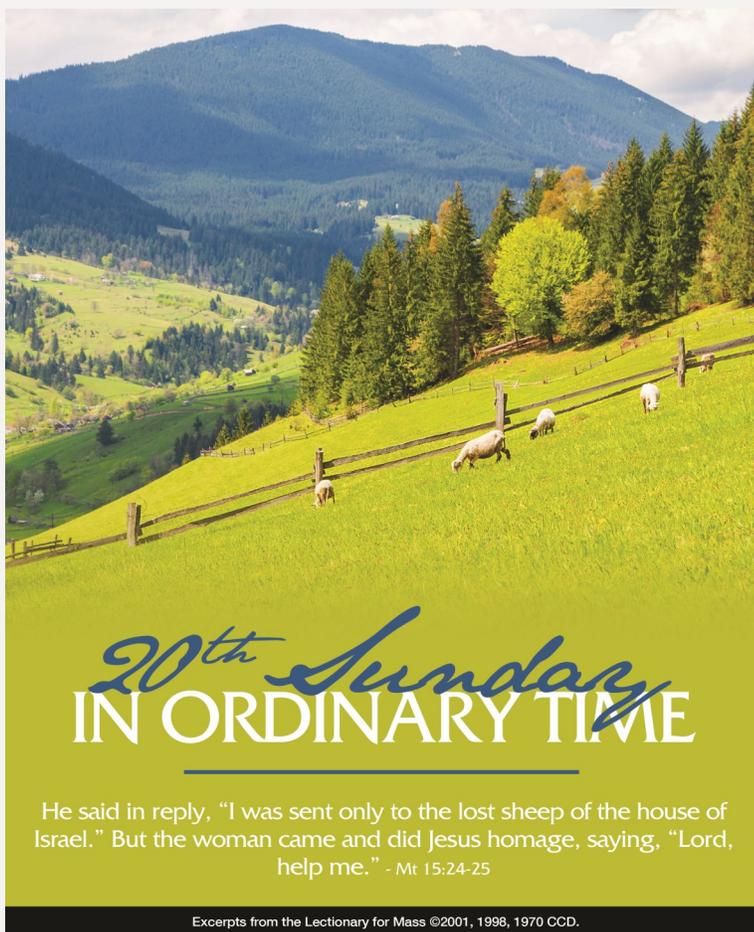
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

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.



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Rev. Robert Wiseman, C.S.C.—Pastor
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 8/15-8/23

Sat./Sun., 8/15-8/16 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners

9:00 a.m. Jim Sampsell by Ron & Rosemary Lindsey

11:00 a.m. Bob Flynn (19th anniversary) by the Family

Monday, 8/17 – Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 8/18 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. David Emaish (birthday remembrance)

by his mom, Ruth Emaish

Wednesday, 8/19 – Saint John Eudes

No Mass

Thursday, 8/20 – Saint Bernard

9:00 a.m. Noble Levesque by the Family

Friday, 8/21 – Saint Pius X

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 8/22-8/23 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Jo-Ann Cross Browe (7th anniversary)

by her sisters

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of newly ordained

Deacon Casey Weber by Kevin & Kathy Murphy

11:00 a.m. For our parishioners



"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:26b-28

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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Holy Cross Mission Appeal Day August 22 & 23

The Congregation of Holy Cross has been serving the Catholic Church for over 175 years. A commitment to mission has been a part of Holy Cross' charism from its inception. The priests and brothers of Holy Cross, inspired by founder Blessed Basil Moreau, work with missionary zeal in 16 countries, on five continents. The Holy Cross Mission Center, sponsored by the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, has provided education, parish ministry, healthcare, care for the poor and religious formation in East Africa, Mexico, Chile, Perú, and Bangladesh since 1923. An estimated 100,000 people in these countries are helped by Holy Cross every day. However, as you will hear on Saturday, August 22 and Sunday, August 23, so many of our international brothers and sisters are still in need. Learn how you can support the Holy Cross Mission Center and help feed the souls and bodies of those suffering in unimaginable poverty. You can learn more about the Holy Cross Mission Center by visiting www.holycrossmissions.org.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.

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Sunday Summary

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 All people will be welcome in the house of the Lord.

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 God guides all nations and makes known the divine ways to everyone.

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 All sin and all are offered the mercy of God.

Matthew 15:21-28 A Canaanite woman challenges Jesus' understanding of his mission.

"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey, let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word of kindness to every person we encounter, for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us."



Our plans are to hold in-person classes with safety protocols and social distancing measures in place. In addition, we understand and will work with families who have concerns about in-person classes. We are developing a plan that will be fluid, based on guidelines from the state and Diocese.

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori faith based catechesis program for 3 - 6 year olds. This program is held at Sacred Heart St. Francis and is open to all pre-school and kindergarten students. Classes will be held on Sundays and Tuesday mornings.
- Grades 1 - 6 will begin on Sunday, September 13 with a Youth Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by classes at 10:00 a.m. If parents would like their children to participate in at-home learning, please indicate so on the registration form. Materials will be provided, as well as follow-ups throughout the year via email and phone.
- The Diocese of Burlington has directed us to lower the age of Confirmation and this year will be confirming students in 7th and 8th grades. The Confirmation program is a collaborative effort between Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales School, SHSF Church, and St. John the Baptist Church. This is a one-year program with the goal of Confirmation in April or May of 2021.

For more information on our Faith Formation programs, please contact the parish office at 447-7504 or saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com.



Preparation for the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign is in the final stages.

As you know, St. John the Baptist Parish will enjoy campaign benefits by receiving 60% of the funds we raise to use as we see fit. The other 40% of campaign funding will strengthen our faith formation programs (evangelization, education, and youth ministry), as well as outreach through emergency assistance delivered by Vermont Catholic Charities. To watch the campaign video and learn more about the goals, visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

We understand this is a difficult time for many who may not be able to financially contribute above their annual Bishop's Appeal gift. We ask that you first consider an annual gift appeal and, if you are not able to contribute to the campaign at this time, please pray for its success and support our volunteers and leadership.

With Christ at the center of this campaign, we know whatever we raise will be used for His glory.



54 Day Rosary Novena

August 15 ~ October 7

(Feast of the Assumption to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)

Intentions: God's Blessings on the upcoming election
Peace in our country

How to Pray:

Pray first 27 days *requesting that God will save our country*

•Pray: One Rosary each day, begin with Sign of the Cross and a Hail Mary. Pray the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries (Luminous Mysteries not included)

Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet, I humbly kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow-white buds to remind thee of thy joys. Each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery. Each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace.

O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my petition. From thy bounty thou wilt give me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of thee. Show thyself my Mother!

Pray next 27 days *in Thanksgiving*

•Pray: One Rosary each day, begin with Sign of the Cross and a Hail Mary. Pray the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries (Luminous Mysteries not included)

Thanksgiving Prayer (final 27 days)

Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet, I gratefully kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow-white buds to remind thee of thy joys. Each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery. Each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace.

O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my thanksgiving. From thy bounty thou hast given me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly sought. I despaired not of what I asked of thee. Thou hast truly shown thyself my Mother.