

OCTOBER 18, 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

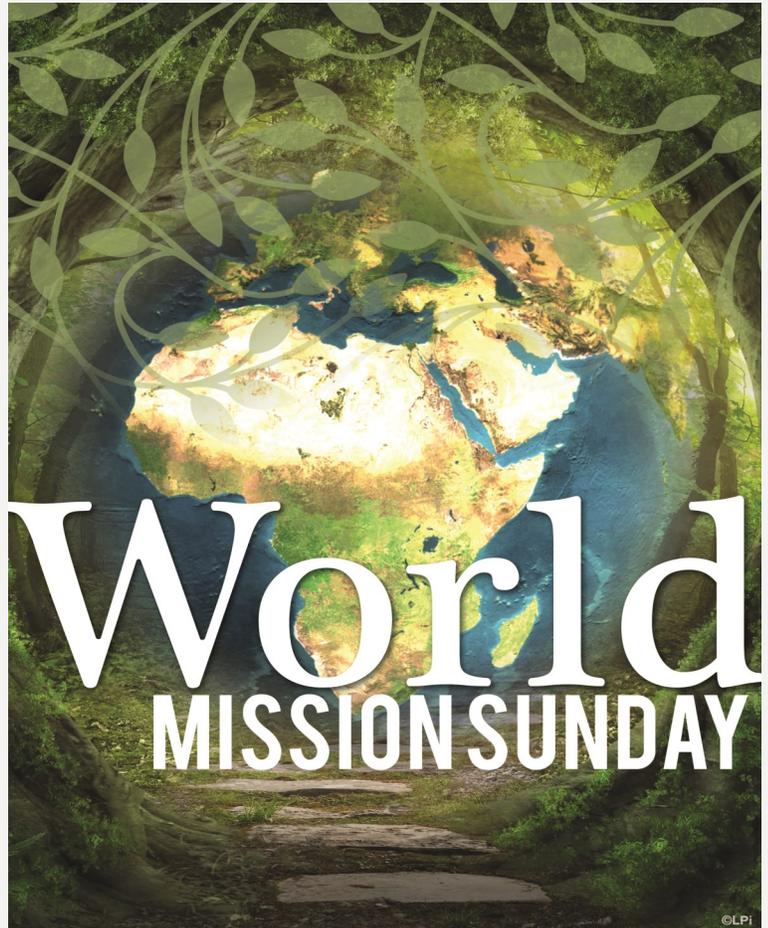
Saturdays from 4:30 PM–5:00 PM and by appointment.

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. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.–Parochial Vicar

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 10/17-10/25

Sat./Sun., 10/17-10/18 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners

9:00 a.m. Harold & Florence McMahon by Linda Meskun

11:00 a.m. Betty Kees by the Kees Family

Monday, 10/19 – Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, 10/20 – Saint Paul of the Cross

9:00 a.m. Faye Hardy by the McGean Family

Wednesday, 10/21 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Thomas & Mary Fox

Thursday, 10/22 – Saint John Paul II

9:00 a.m. For the healing of Maureen Comando

by Joan & Stephen Monroe

Friday, 10/23 – Saint John of Capistrano

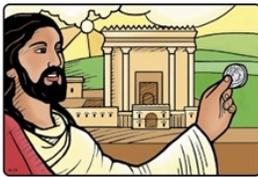
No Mass

Sat./Sun., 10/24-10/25 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Alan Higgins by the Family

9:00 a.m. Kenneth Murphy by Kevin & Kathy Murphy

11:00 a.m. For our parishioners



"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21

Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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Question of the Week

Why Are There Liturgical Cycles?

Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer: While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the *Lectionary* that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. In truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine allegiance?

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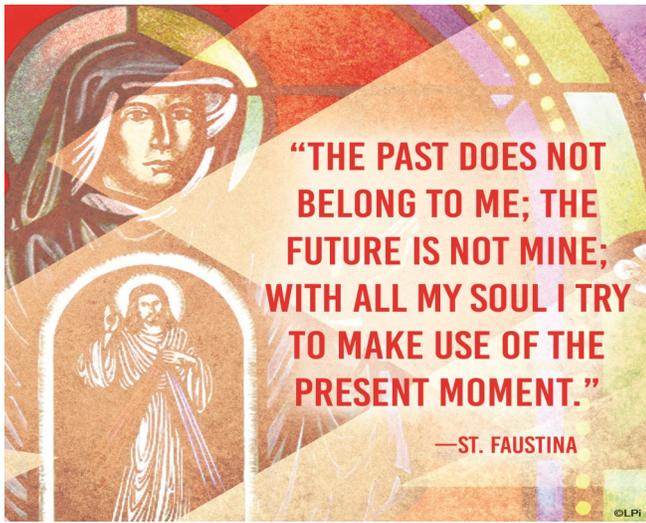
Sunday Summary

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 The God of Israel supports a foreign king to serve the divine purpose.

Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 All the Earth will worship the Lord who rules the nations with equity.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b The gospel comes not just in words but also in demonstrations of power and conviction.

Matthew 22:15-21 Caesar is not pitted against God, nor is he to be confused with our obligations to God.



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Features for October & November:

October 18 – Saint Luke

- Read:** You Can Understand the Bible
- Listen:** The Gospel of Luke
- Listen:** Acts of the Apostles

October 22 – Saint Pope John Paul II

- Program:** Divine Mercy
- Watch:** Pope John Paul II
- Watch:** John Paul II in America

October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude

- Program:** Lectio: Evangelization

November 1 – All Saints Day

- Watch:** Are the Saints Aware of Our Prayers?
- Read:** History of the Catholic Church
- Listen:** A Family of Saints: The Martins of Lisieux



The Cemetery Committee would appreciate the removal of all plants from St. John's Cemetery by **November 1**.

Please bear in mind as we approach the holiday season that only evergreen wreaths are allowed. Artificial wreaths and flowers, or any other kinds of decorations will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.



If you have a Rice Bowl box at home from this past Lent, you may put it in the collection basket at the entrance of the church or return it to the parish office. Thank you!

CRS Rice Bowl supports hunger and poverty alleviation efforts both around the world through CRS (75% of gifts) and also here in the U.S. (25% for local diocesan efforts). This global/local connection is important as communities in the United States and around the world are both struggling with the economic impacts of COVID-19.



Here I Am, Send Me!

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, “Here I Am, Send Me,” to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus.

Your prayers and financial help support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ’s witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.



Kids' Corner - Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith,

you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

Prayer: God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

Something to Draw: Draw a picture of yourself putting money in the collection at church.

Mission for the Week: Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.



Priests' Benefit Fund

A second collection will be taken up **October 24 - 25** for the Priests' Benefit Fund. This fund was established to help care for our sick and aged diocesan priests, and to provide a health care program and retirement benefits in gratitude for their dedicated ministry to the faithful whom they served in parishes and continue to serve in sacramental service. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support.