

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

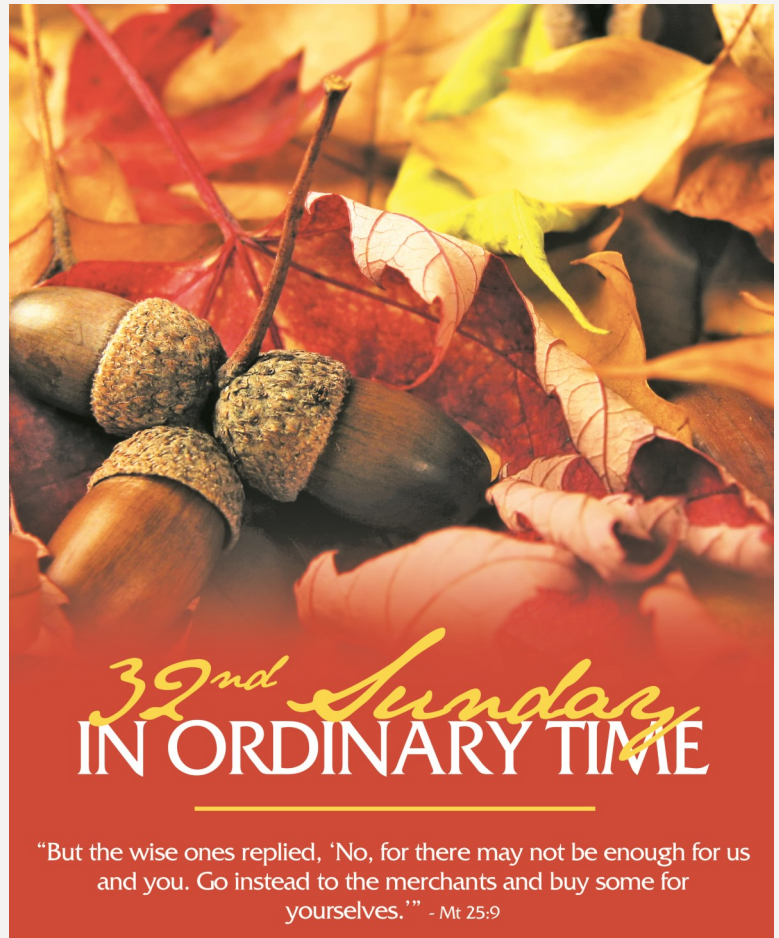
Saturdays from 4:30 PM–5:00 PM and by appointment.

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 11/7-11/15

Sat./Sun., 11/7-11/8 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Peter C. Pacitto III by the Family

9:00 a.m. Father Michael DeMasi and other deceased members of the K of C Council #307

11:00 a.m. For our parishioners

Monday, 11/9 – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Tuesday, 11/10 – Saint Leo the Great

9:00 a.m. The Monroe Family by Joan & Stephen Monroe

Wednesday, 11/11 – Saint Martin of Tours

9:00 a.m. Barry Quigley by Jody Serraro

Thursday, 11/12 – Saint Josaphat

9:00 a.m. Jack Thayer by the Shaftsbury Elementary School Staff

Friday, 11/13 – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 11/14-11/15 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners

9:00 a.m. Anthony Puma by Roy Girasa

11:00 a.m. Michael Borden by Lee & Susan Harrington



“Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’” - Mt 25:7-9

Readings for the week of November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Gospel Reflection

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin. We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part. Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

Novena Prayer for an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow.

Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician.

Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

May They Rest In Peace

During this month of November we remember and pray for all our deceased family and friends. Following is a list of people whose entrance into eternal life was celebrated from November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020.

Lillian E. Scrivens	February 7
Susan R. Lewis	February 16
Thomas B. Lyons	March 23
Esther B. Murphy	May 11
James R. Sampsell	May 16
Leonard W. Austin	May 29
Richard M. Lyon	July 4
Paul D. Batease	August 23
John "Jack" Thayer	October 29

Lord, hear our prayers for those who have left this life. Grant them the place of rest, light, and peace. May their families and friends find in your Son, comfort in their sadness, certainty in their doubt, and courage to live through their loss.



As a personal way of remembering loved ones, our **Remembrance Book** will be on the stand near the statue of St. Joseph during the month of **November** for those wishing to inscribe names of family and friends. Although different from sponsoring a Mass, the Book of the Dead provides a means for those who personally wish to remember someone special in their lives.

(Because of COVID-19, we ask that you sanitize your hands before handling the pens. Please put used pens in the basket provided so they can be sanitized.)

Music Recital

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church

On **Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m.**, Jessica O'Connell, mezzo-soprano, and Donald McMahon, organist, will offer a performance of music to console and lift your spirits. Selections will include Aaron Copland's stunning arrangements of "At the River," "The Little Horses," and "Simple Gifts," the beloved Lullaby of Brahms, an exciting French organ toccata, "Climb Every Mountain," and "Jesus Shall Reign." All safety protocols will be followed, and everyone is required to wear a mask. Since only a maximum of 100 people are allowed in the church, we will videotape the recital so that it may also be enjoyed at home.

Sunday Summary

Wisdom 6:12-16 A rendezvous with wisdom is available to all who seek her.

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 The thirst for God will always be satisfied with joy.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Those who put their trust in Jesus will never be left behind.

Matthew 25:1-13 The wise will be ready in the unknown hour of the Lord's coming.



Food Shelf and Thanksgiving Baskets

St. John's Food Shelf has continued to serve our clients during COVID-19. Our system for delivering the food has worked very well. The clients stay in their cars while the pre-bagged food is placed in the trunk. We have maintained the directions from the Diocese for social distancing and wearing masks; no one is allowed in the church except for the workers. We will continue this process until further notice.

Thanksgiving Baskets: We will continue this tradition by following the same rules for the Food Shelf. We serve our current clients plus families in Shaftsbury and North Bennington. If you know of a family in need, call Nicole in the Parish Office at 447-7504 to give her the name, number of adults and children in the family, and a phone number. It will be your responsibility to pick up the box.

If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope, label it "Thanksgiving Basket" or "Food Shelf," and place it in the collection basket at the entrance of the church. We thank you very much for your support and generosity.

God Bless,

Food Shelf Committee:

Marcy and Dennis McCarthy, Barry Silva, Joyce Scarey



Daily Rosary Apostolate

The Diocese continues to offer a daily rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck from the office in leading each day. Interested? Here are the details, from Valerie:

"I would love it if you would schedule a time with me to record a Rosary. What does that look like exactly? It's very simple! You email me with convenient times for you and once it is scheduled I will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you'd prefer, I can show slides for each mystery while we pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact me. You can email me with a time that works for you and we can schedule it. Please email me at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org."



Thank You, Veterans!

We give thanks to all those, living and dead, for their selfless service. May we always be mindful of their sacrifices for our freedom, and may our veterans know the peace that they desire.