

JANUARY 17, 2021

# 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

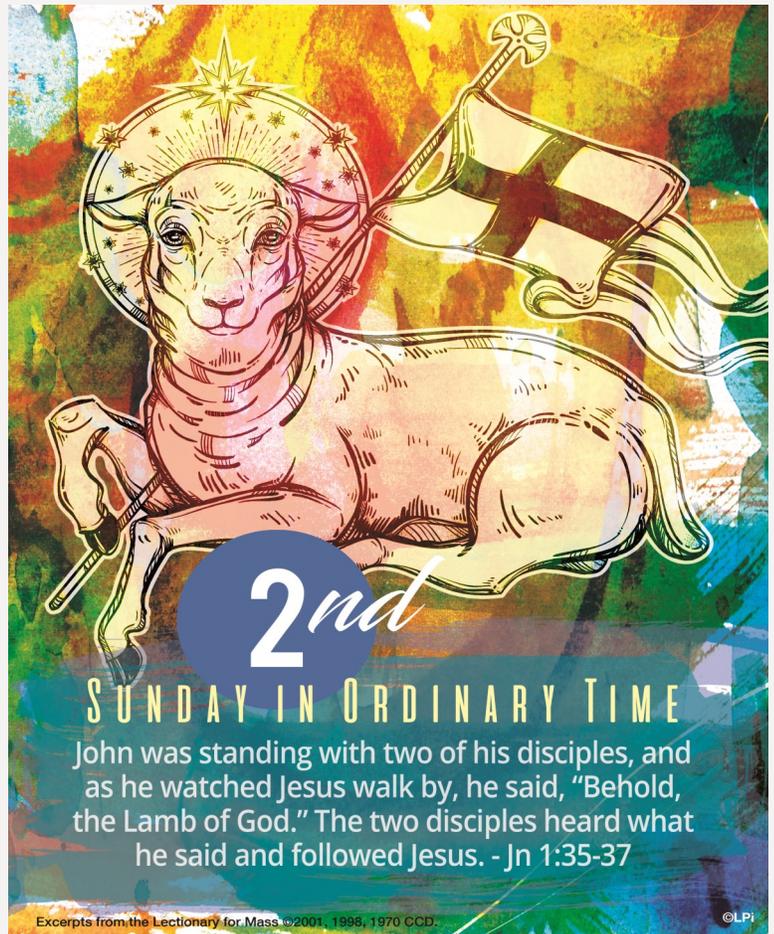
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

## 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

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMAIL: [saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com)  
PHONE: 802.447.7504 | FAX: 802.442.6620



## Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 1/16-1/24

**Sat./Sun., 1/16-1/17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:30 p.m. Bill Densmore by Lee & Susan Harrington  
9:00 a.m. Jack Thayer by Margy Boulet  
11:00 a.m. For our parishioners

**Monday, 1/18 – Weekday**  
9:00 a.m. Lew Levin (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary) by the Family

**Tuesday, 1/19 – Weekday**  
9:00 a.m. Edward Zovistoski (24<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
by the Billow Family

**Wednesday, 1/20 – Saint Fabian and Saint Sebastian**  
9:00 a.m. Tom Zovistoski (18<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
by the Billow Family

**Thursday, 1/21 – Saint Agnes**  
9:00 a.m. John Hogan by the Borden Family

**Friday, 1/22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children**

*No Mass*

**Sat./Sun., 1/23-1/24 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:30 p.m. Patrick Murphy (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his wife  
& children  
9:00 a.m. For our parishioners  
11:00 a.m. John Scarey (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary) by the Family



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi”—which translated means Teacher—“where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” - Jn 1:38-39a

### Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
[8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/  
Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk  
3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a  
and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
[11a]/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk  
3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor  
7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2

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## Gospel Reflection Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. “Come, and you will see.”

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. ©LPi

### Sunday Summary

**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19** A young boy makes a fateful commitment to listen to the voice of God.  
**Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10** Those who listen to God learn not only to speak, but to sing.  
**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20** Sins of the body are interior, intimate, and all the more damaging.  
**John 1:35-42** Would-be disciples make their initial inquiry about the school of Jesus.



**The Catholic Education Collection** will be taken up this weekend, **January 16–17**. Your generosity to this annual collection helps to support the continued faith formation of our young people and educates our teachers and catechists. One half of the collection will remain at St. John's and one half will be distributed to the 12 Catholic schools throughout the Diocese.



**Faith and Family in the Home...  
an interactive webinar by the Messy Family Project**

Parents are invited to attend this free interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Herson of the Messy Family Project. Mike and Alicia have 10 children, and have much to share with parenting while living the Catholic faith.

The webinars are as follows:

**January 20**, 8-9:30 p.m.– Messy Parenting 101

**January 27**, 8-9:30 p.m.– Evangelizing Your Children

Please register for this free event at [vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/2021-01-20/](https://vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/2021-01-20/)

Please contact Alyse Hlasny, [ahlasny@rcbm.org](mailto:ahlasny@rcbm.org) or (603) 663-0108, with any questions.

**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](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org).”



**The Cemetery Committee** requests that any Christmas decorations in St. John’s Cemetery be removed by **February 1**. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Capital Campaign Update**

Parish total:	Percentage of goal:	Campaign total:
\$18,250	10%	\$3,925,697

**Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update**

Parish total:	Percentage of goal:	Appeal total:
\$23,105	75%	\$2,138,530



**Respect Life Novena:** You are invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called **9 Days for Life**. Visit [9daysforlife.com](https://9daysforlife.com) to sign up to receive daily intentions, brief reflections, and more from **January 21 – 29**.



**Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass** will be held on **Saturday, January 23** at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier with Bishop Coyne.

The Mass will also be livestreamed at: <https://vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass> and the Burlington Diocese’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington>



**World Marriage Day Celebration:** On the weekend of **February 13 – 14**, our parish will recognize couples who are celebrating significant milestones – 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage and above – during 2021. If you are a couple, or know of a couple who should be recognized, please call the parish office (447-7504) before **January 27**. Each couple will be recognized in the bulletin and with a certificate from the Diocese of Burlington. Should you choose to attend Mass the weekend of February 13 - 14 you will also be recognized at that time.



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**Features for January:**

**January 21 – Saint Agnes**

**Listen: Count Your Blessings**

**Read: Jane Eyre**

**January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales**

**Study: Saint Francis de Sales**

**Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

**First Reading:** Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God’s voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God’s voice?

**Second Reading:** Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should “glorify God in your body” by avoiding immorality. What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

**Gospel:** In John’s account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, “What are you looking for?” In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus?