

JUNE 6, 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. Robert Wiseman, C.S.C.–Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.–Parochial Vicar

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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 6/5-6/13

Sat./Sun., 6/5-6/6 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:30 p.m. In Celebration of Rev. Casey Weber's Ordination
by the Dailey Family

9:00 a.m. Bill Densmore by Linda Meskun

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

Monday, 6/7 – Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 6/8 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, 6/9 – Saint Ephrem

No Mass

Thursday, 6/10 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Theresa DeMasi by the Lindsey Family

Friday, 6/11 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

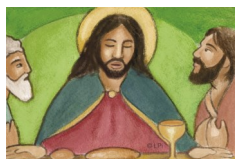
No Mass

Sat./Sun., 6/12-6/13 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. In Celebration of Rev. Casey Weber's Ordination
by St. John's Sodality

9:00 a.m. Martin Zern by Roy Girasa

11:00 a.m. John Hogan by Mary Morrissey



Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,
and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my
blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.
Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of
the vine until the day when I drink it new in the
kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11 -12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/ Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Gospel Reflection

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

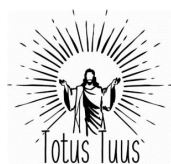
*"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word
of kindness to every person we encounter,
for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us."*



Daily Mass Schedule June 1 – August 31

Saint John the Baptist
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 a.m.



Totus Tuus Summer Catholic Camp

Join us for a week of faith and fun!

Totus Tuus is a high-energy dose of faith building led by four young adults. Totus Tuus is Latin for “Totally Yours” and is a Catholic youth program dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in their understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ. The program strives to bring our faith to life.

Grades 1 – 8: August 2 - 6, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

High School: August 1 - 5, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or at www.vermontcatholic.org. For more information, please email: shsftotustuus@gmail.com.



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Pick of the Week for June 6:

Watch: The Search: Who is Jesus?

Learn: FORMED Now! The Feast of Corpus Christi

Listen: The Body and Blood of Christ by Dr. Scott Hahn Barron

Pick of the Week for June 13:

Watch: Light of Love

Learn: FORMED Now! Dealing with Boredom

Listen: Fan or Follower? Your Relationship with Jesus by Jeff Cavins



Mass of Thanksgiving: Father Casey Charles Weber June 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Father Casey will celebrate his **Mass of Thanksgiving** at
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Sunday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to attend and celebrate with Casey and his family, but because of COVID and the need to socially distance, we request that you RSVP through Flocknote. (space is limited)

The Mass will be livestreamed and the link can be found at:
www.sacredheartsaintfrancis.org



Class of 2021 Baccalaureate Mass and Blanket Ceremony

We will honor the High School Graduates of our parish on **Sunday, June 6** at the 11:00 Mass with prayers and a special blessing. The parish will also bestow upon each graduate a blanket to symbolize the warmth we hope they have received at St. John the Baptist Parish.



Welcome Back, Altar Servers!!!

All existing altar servers, and anyone interested in becoming an altar server, are invited to a meeting on **Sunday, June 6** at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Church. There will be a refresher course along with a review of the new protocols. After the meeting there will be pizza and cupcakes for all. Parents are welcome to attend.



We are seeking a few volunteers to assist with preparation and set up for Father Casey Weber's reception after his Mass of Thanksgiving. We will meet on **Saturday, June 12** following the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Father DeMasi Hall and kitchen. If you are interested and available, please contact Diane Granger at dianeg1229@gmail.com or 518-366-8642 (text preferred or call). Thank you for considering your time to help make this joyous occasion memorable for Father Weber!