

OCTOBER 24, 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 4:00 PM-5:00 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

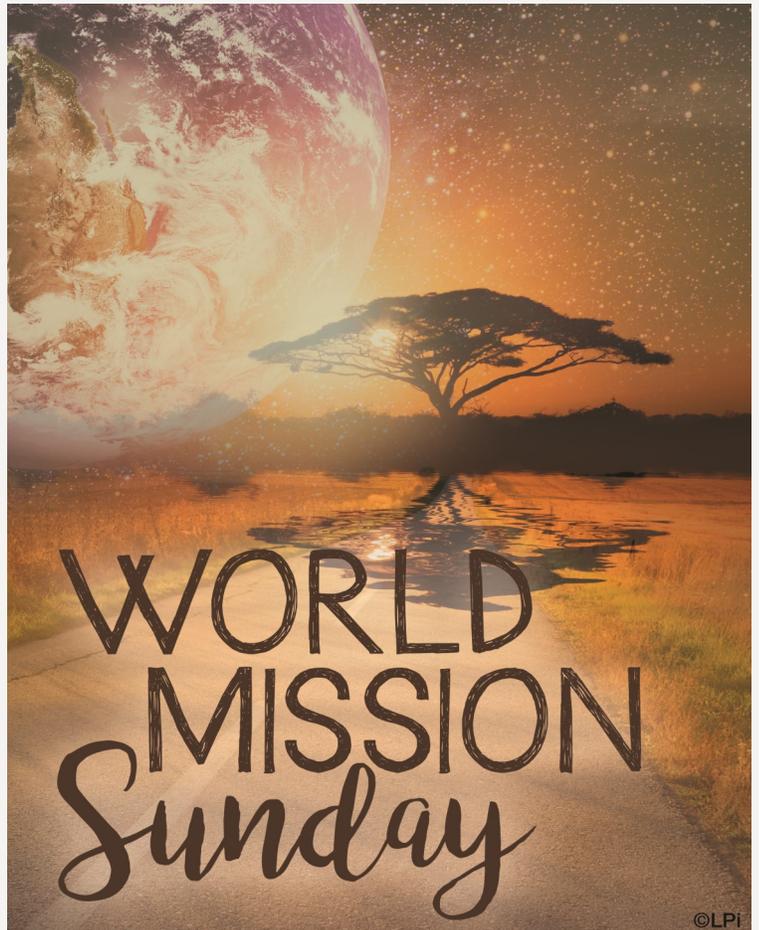
Saturdays from 4:30 PM–5:00 PM and by appointment.

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 10/23-10/31

Sat./Sun., 10/23-10/24 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 p.m. Darlene Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin
9:00 a.m. Edward LaBatt (10th anniversary) by Georgia LaBatt & Family
11:00 a.m. Harold & Florence McMahon by Linda Meskun

Monday, 10/25 – Weekday
9:00 a.m. Henrietta Billow by St. John's Sodality

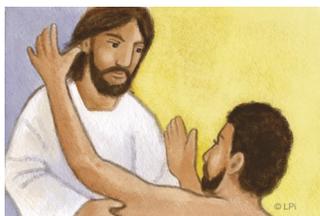
Tuesday, 10/26 – Weekday
9:00 a.m. Joe DeMasi by Theresa DeMasi

Wednesday, 10/27 – Weekday
9:00 a.m. Jack & Dolores Lowre by The Family

Thursday, 10/28 – Saints Simon & Jude
9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Friday, 10/29 – Weekday
No Mass

Sat./Sun., 10/30-10/31 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 p.m. Carol Beaudoin by Ron & Rosemary Lindsey
9:00 a.m. For our parishioners
11:00 a.m. Louise Gauthier by Fran & Jack Endres



“Son of David, have pity on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.”
- Mk 10:48c-49, 51

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Gospel Reflection

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available. It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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Sunday Summary

Jeremiah 31:7-9 God excludes no one from the reconstitution of the divine people.

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Weeping is followed by rejoicing, and captivity by liberation.

Hebrews 5:1-6 Jesus is called by God to the ministry of celestial high priest.

Mark 10:46-52 Jesus calls a blind man to new sight, and the man responds with discipleship.



This weekend, **October 23/24**, we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and thank you for your generosity in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



Sunday Evening Youth Mass
~ **October 24th** ~

We will be having a Youth Mass this Sunday at 6pm here at Saint John The Baptist Church. Please feel free to join us!

Confirmation & Youth Group - Class Update

With the evening Youth Mass this Sunday, there will NOT be class on October 24th. Our next class will be held on November 7th (please keep a lookout for the Flocknotes).

Care Packages for Our Graduates!

(Thanks to the helping hands of our Youth Group)

Care packages have been created and will be sent to young adults who graduated from high school the last two years...



made with joyous laughter by 15 members of our youth group. Thanks to all who donated!



The Cemetery Committee requests that all plants be removed from St. John's Cemetery by **November 1**. Any plants left will be disposed of after that date. Thank you for your cooperation!



Welcome back to Faith Formation!

Welcome back to the Faith Formation year! It's not too late to join us.

We send out reminders and communications through Flocknotes, so if you have not been receiving notifications, please check your spam folder or call me at 442-3141 to be sure we have the correct information.

Our classes for pre-K to 5th grade meet each Sunday. In addition to meeting every Sunday, here are some dates to note:

November 7 - at 9:30 a.m. Mass - First Eucharist Rite of Welcome and Parent Meeting to follow - Classes will be held this weekend

November 28 - No Class - Thanksgiving weekend

December 26 - No Class - Merry Christmas!

January 2 - No Class

January 16 - No Class - Martin Luther King weekend

February 20 - No Class - school break

April 17 - No Class - Happy Easter!

May 7 - 8 - Retreat, Reconciliation and First Eucharist

May 8 - No Class, but retreat for those receiving First Eucharist

May 22 - Last Class - Pentecost celebration

Please let me know if you have questions.

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Thanks for all the generous donations to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium!



Our school is in desperate need of some extra hands to make light work.

- ◆ Arrival Crossing Guard (7:50 - 8:15 a.m.)
- ◆ Lunch Helpers (11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. M,F)
- ◆ Basketball Coaches (Boys & Girls)

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Parish Office Hours

Reminder: Saint John's Parish Office is now open from 9am to 12pm (noon), Monday through Friday.