

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.



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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CONGREGATION OF
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Rev. Robert Wiseman, C.S.C.—Pastor
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 4/23-5/1

Sat./Sun., 4/23-4/24 –Saturday within the Octave of Easter/Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

5:30 pm - For our parishioners

9:00 am -Harold and Florence McMahon by Linda Meskern

11:00 am-Mark Lindsey by the Millington Family

6:00 pm - Rose Santarcangelo by the Murphy Family

Monday, 4/25– Saint Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. - Thomas and Mary Fox

Tuesday, 4/26 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Special Intention

Wednesday, 4/27 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mark Lindsey by Rose Santarcangelo

Thursday, 4/28 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Rose Santarcangelo by the Lindsey Family

Friday, 4/29 – Saint Catherine of Siena

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 4/30-5/1–Easter Weekday/Third Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm - For our parishioners

9:00 am - The Walsh Family by Ann Scarey White

11:00 am-John Hogan by the Lindsey Family

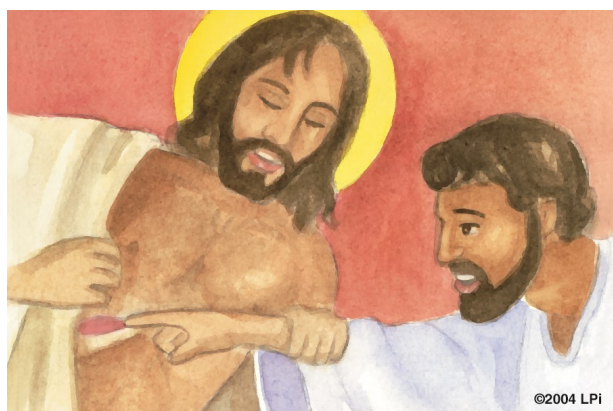
GOSPEL REFLECTION

Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" ©LPi



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — J n 20:27-28

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Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 Even the shadow of Peter holds healing power after the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 God's mercy is forever, and God's love is everlasting.

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John of Patmos encounters the one who died and yet lives.

John 20:19-31 The forgiveness of sins is the greatest power on Earth, yet it comes in a breath.

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



**Organ Recital to Feature
Music Honoring First
Responders
Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m.**

Donald McMahon will perform an organ recital at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church. The program will include Cesar Franck's majestic and exciting Piece Heroique, which Don will dedicate to First Responders. He will also perform a joyful and rhythmic toccata with a fun, rollicking Americana flavor by composer Denis Bedard, music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and an assortment of other selections that will showcase the versatility of the magnificent pipe organ. As always, the performance is free and open to the public. No free-will offerings will be asked of anyone. Come as you are and enjoy!

Please keep our sacramental preparation students in your prayers: The programs include students from both Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist Churches

Confirmation will be held Saturday, April 30 at 11 am Christ our Savior Church in Manchester, VT for the deanery

First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 8 at 1 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church



**Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24, 2022**

Sacred Heart
St. Francis de Sales Church
Bennington, Vermont

Divine Mercy Mass: 2:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
and Divine Mercy Litany
(following Mass)

CEMETERY NOTE

As the warmer months approach, please keep in mind that only live plants and flowers are allowed by the Diocese of Burlington in St. John's Cemetery. Planting anything in the ground is strictly forbidden. Plastic flowers and any other types of ornamentation will be removed. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations at the head of the cemetery grounds if you have questions. Although care is exercised as much as possible, plants left in containers on the ground are vulnerable to damage from the equipment used to maintain the cemetery. We strongly encourage the use of shepherd's hooks to avoid breakage. The Cemetery Committee appreciates your cooperation.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our bunny raffle a success!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOANIE JAMES for winning the bunny!

Vermont Catholic Charities Notice

Make Our Home, Your Home

Private Rooms and Suites Available

Our residential care homes welcome you to take a look at a place where seniors enjoy an active, independent lifestyle while receiving superior amenities from home cooked meals to nursing oversight. Our caring staff is dedicated to promoting the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of every resident. We offer uniquely affordable residences in four convenient locations:

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Loretto Home, Rutland, (802) 773-8840

Michaud Memorial Manor, Derby Line, (802) 873-3152

If you or a loved one is interested and would like to learn more or schedule a tour, please contact us at the numbers provided.

Paint & "Trip"

Fundraiser

Sunday May 1st

2-4 PM

Instructor-led, includes all supplies, 16 x 20 canvas

Benefits the 2022 SHSF 8th Grade Boston Trip

Tickets \$40 per person

Must be purchased in advance by Wednesday April 27th

Location:
The School of Sacred Heart St Francis de Sales
307 School St, Bennington

To sign up and for more information:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BAAAE2EA2F85-shsf>

St. John The Baptist Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9 am to 2 pm