# 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.

### EUCHARISTIC 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. 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.

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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 5/28-6/5

**Sat./Sun., 5/28-5/29 – Easter Weekday/Seventh Sunday of Easter**
5:30 pm - Mark Lindsey by Charlene and Gary Martin
9:00 am - Fr. Michael Demasi and other deceased members of the K of C Council #307
11:00 am - Arlene Murphy by Joan Douglass

**Monday, 5/30– Easter Weekday/Memorial Day**
9:00 a.m. - In remembrance of all those who died while serving our country

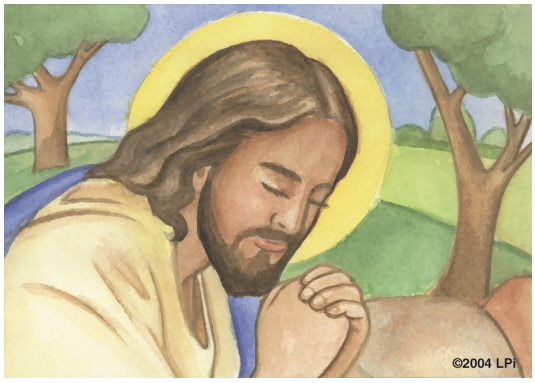
**Tuesday, 5/31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00 a.m. - Special Intention

**Wednesday, 6/1 – Saint Justin, Martyr**
No Mass (Summer schedule begins)

**Thursday, 6/2 – Easter Weekday, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs**
9:00 a.m. - Joan Thompson by Tracy Thompson

**Friday,6/3 – Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
No Mass

**Sat./Sun., 6/4-6/5–Easter Weekday/Pentecost Sunday**
5:30 pm - Darlene Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin
9:00 am - For Our Parishioners
11:00 am -Mark Lindsey by Margy Boulet




*Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."* — Jn 17:20-21

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## Sunday Summary

**Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60** Stephen gives his life, trusting in the life of the world to come.
**Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9** God's authority rests on twin principles of justice and judgment.
**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20** The Lord is near, and all who believe are invited to come forward into new life.
**John 17:20-26** Jesus prays for unity among his friends that mirrors his own unity with God.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

**7th Sunday of Easter**

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one. ©LPi

## Readings for the week of May 29, 2022

**Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
**Saturday:** *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
**Next Sunday:** *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**It Takes a Parish to . . .**
**Host Totus Tuus**

**We still need help with a few things**:

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for those attending Totus Tuus, that their hearts may be open to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, keep in your prayers the Totus Tuus teachers.

**COOKIES:** We need a lot of cookies for the morning cookie break!

**DINNER:** Monday, June 20 thru Thursday, June 23 - host the 4 teachers for dinner.

**FINANCIAL:** Some families are in need of scholarship money, and we also need funds for our supplies.

Thank you in advance for your support.

For more information, please contact Mary Drew at maryedrew1@gmail.com or 802-442-3141.

Prop 5 has become Article 22 - a proposed amendment for Vermont's Constitution. It will be on the ballot this November. If approved, Article 22 will have profound effects and ramifications for parents, families, health care providers and their conscience rights, hospitals, the court system, religious institutions, and all Vermont taxpayers.

**Come learn from a panel of experts about Article 22 and its ethical and practical aspects. The panel will speak on Saturday, June 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Christ our Savior Parish, 398 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center.**

Presenters will be: **Deacon Pete Gummere** M.S., M.A., Bioethicist, Diocese of Burlington
**Annyssa Lamberton**, Spokesperson for Vermonters of Good Government
**Carol Kaufman** of Vermont Family Alliance
**Mary Beerworth**, Executive Director, Vermont Right to Life.

**Class of 2022**
**Baccalaureate Mass and Blanket Ceremony**

We will honor the High School Graduates of our parish on **Sunday, June 12 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.**

***SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK***

**Sunday, 5/29** at 1:00 pm - Mary's Day Celebration at Mary's Garden
**Wed. 6/1** - No Weekday Mass - summer schedule begins. -weekday masses at St. John's on Tuesdays and Thursdays only until September 1.

MARY'S DAY AT MARY'S GARDEN

A Mary's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 29 in the Mary's Garden at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, Vermont starting at 1:00PM. The celebration will include a May Crowning, the recitation of the Rosary, prayers for our church and the right to life and Marian Hymns. The Madonna Della Strada Garden Guild maintains and coordinates events at the Garden. Music provided by the Madonna Della Strada Singers. .

The next SODALITY MEETING will be on Thursday, June 9th. It will be the annual dinner at the Publyk House. Any ladies interested in attending should call Linda Meskun at 802-442-2224 to make a reservation.

**Beginning with the 5:30 Vigil Mass on June 4, 2022:**

Let's ask The Immaculate Heart of Mary for Peace in Ukraine and the whole world! The Holy Father, in communion with the world's bishops, consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart this past March 25. There is something important that the rest of us can do, according to instructions from Our Lady of Fatima, for peace in Ukraine and the whole world: **The Five First Saturdays Devotion!** For more information on the First Saturdays Devotion, pick up one of the pamphlets or information sheets available in the pews or at the back of the Church.

***St. John The Baptist Office Hours:***
***Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9 am to 2 pm***