

JUNE 12, 2022

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

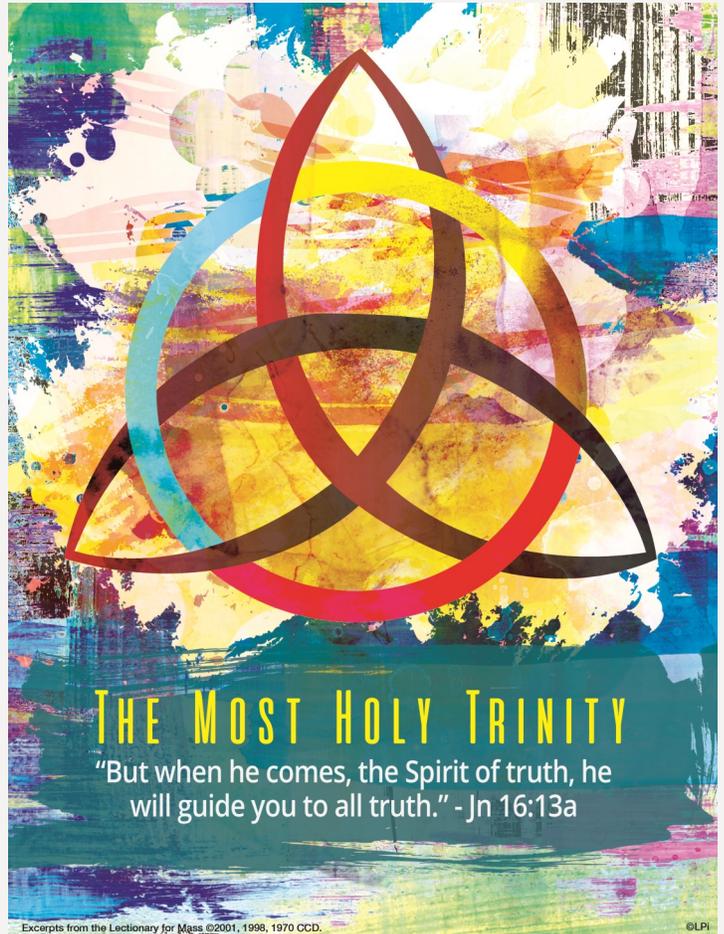
Saturdays from 4:30 PM–5:00 PM and by appointment.

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. 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 6/11-6/19

Sat./Sun., 6/11-6/12 – Saint Barnabas, Apostle/The Most Holy Trinity

5:30 pm - Arlene Murphy by Laurie and David Bates and family

9:00 am - Jordan Robinson by Roy Girasa

11:00 am -For Our Parishioners

Monday, 6/13– Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday, 6/14 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. -Special Intention

Wednesday, 6/15 – Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, 6/16 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mark Lindsey by Carol Salazar

Friday, 6/17 – Weekday

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 6/18-6/19–Weekday//The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:30 pm - Terry Toomey and deceased members of the Toomey family by the McCarthy Family

9:00 am - For our parishioners

11:00 am - James Meskun (8th Anniv.) by Linda Meskun



“He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” — Jn 16:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sunday Summary

Proverbs 8:22-31 Wisdom existed before the dawn of the world and witnessed its creation.

Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Creation is a marvel, but God has made humanity more marvelous still.

Romans 5:1-5 At peace with God in faith and grace, even affliction is not cause for discouragement.

John 16:12-15 Jesus tells his friends that truth takes time, and the Spirit of truth will supply what is needed.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Most Holy Trinity

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: *“You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness.”* Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God’s creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life’s business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God’s care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

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Readings for the week of June 12, 2022

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17



Worldwide Rosary Relay: Join Bishop Christopher Coyne as he leads the Diocese of Burlington in the Sorrowful Mysteries on Friday, June 24 at 4:00 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. The purpose of this Rosary relay is for the sanctification of all priests. We encourage you to participate in person at the Cathedral. If you are unable to attend in person at that time, please plan to join us online, pray with your parish, on your own or tune in live to WRJX 105.5 radio. Any questions please contact Valerie Parzyck vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

A Special Thanks to Everyone Who Helped Make Mary's Day 2022 a Success



**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Amen**



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 6/12 - Baccalaureate and Blanket Ceremony 11 am mass; Lectio Divina meeting at St. Peters in Bennington 12:00-2:00 pm
Tues., 6/14 - Food shelf open 3:00-4:00 pm
Fri., 6/17 -Father Bob memory book items due
Sat., 6/18-Article 22 meeting in Manchester from 9:30 to 12:00



In this Year of "Communion: Creed, Worship & Life," we celebrate our unity in faith as one Catholic community. Our doors are once again wide open, and we are gathering together in prayer, song and worship. With great joy we

celebrate baptisms, First Communions, confirmations and weddings. In sadness and hope, we are able to mourn the death of our loved ones at funerals and Memorial Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick are being renewed as Covid protocols are relaxed. And we Catholics continue to do what we do so well as we feed the hungry, visit the sick and the elderly, support our families and shepherd our children in the faith. This past Easter, our churches were filled once again with many friends and parishioners whom we have missed over the past two years. It is a "renaissance," a rebirth. God is good.

We have much to celebrate – at the Rite of Election at the beginning of Lent we had the largest number of candidates in more than seven years — men and women who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil. We have seven candidates preparing to be ordained to the permanent diaconate this fall. I have ordained two men to the priesthood in May. In the January cold of Montpelier, we had the largest "Rally for Life" in years. We are seeing a steady increase in Catholic school enrollment.

But here's the challenge. We need your financial support to keep the momentum going. The pastoral and financial stress of the last two years has had a significant impact on the Bishop's Annual Appeal which supports all these ministries, including emergency aid to the rising number of families in crisis. While care will be taken to stay within our means, we want to do so in a way that does not impact the important work that we are doing.

This is where we need your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift this year, so our Catholic Church can continue to thrive.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Christopher J. Coyne

Share Well Wishes to Fr. Bob on His Retirement!

Do you have a special memory, well wishes, or pictures that you would like to add to a memory book for Fr. Bob for his retirement? You may submit them online by going to:

<https://FrBob.fromabirdie.com/contribute>

Please add your pictures, stories, and well wishes by **Friday, June 17**. If you are unable to make an online submission, please drop off pictures and notes to the parish offices by June 17 and we will include them for you.

Save the date for an Open House for Fr. Bob at SHSF on Sunday, July 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

More details to follow.

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