

AUGUST 7, 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

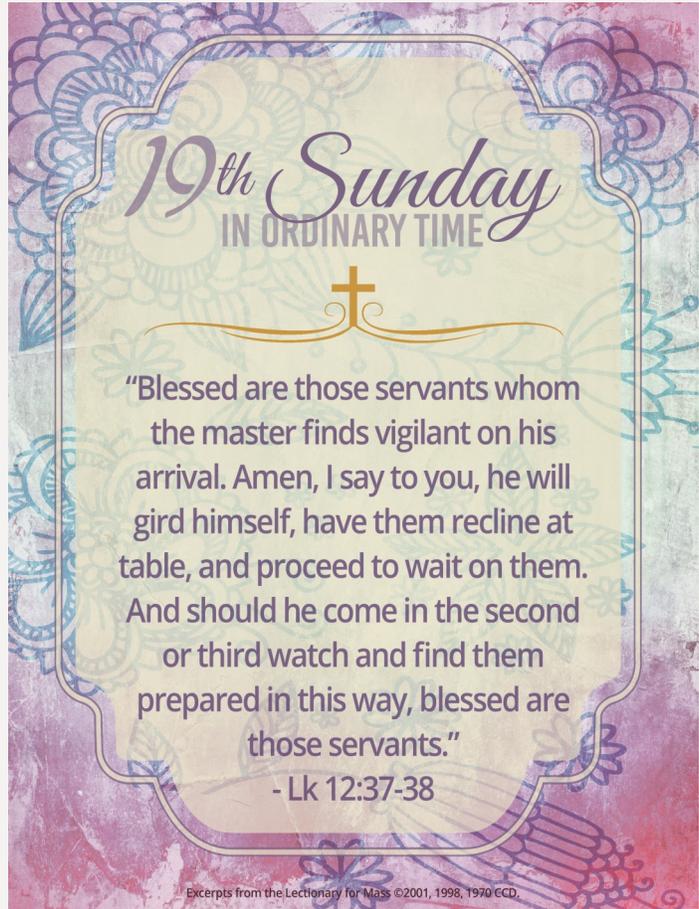
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

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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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 8/6-8/14

Sat./Sun., 8/6-8/7 – The Transfiguration of the Lord; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm - Darlene Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin
9:00 am - For our Parishioners
11:00 am - Mark Lindsey (1st anniv) by the family

Monday, 8/8 – Saint Dominic, Priest - No Mass

Tuesday, 8/9 – Weekday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 am - Henrietta Billow (birthday rem.) by her adoring family

Wednesday, 8/10 – Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr No Mass

Thursday, 8/11 – Saint Clare, Virgin

9:00 am - Mark Lindsey by Mary Harrington

Friday, 8/12 – Weekday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious - No Mass

Sat./Sun., 8/13-8/14 – Weekday, Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm - For our parishioners
9:00 am - Fr. Michael Demasi and other deceased members of the K of C Council #307
11:00 am - Rose Santarcangelo by Lisa Paturzo

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

August 7, 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do.” Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another’s efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

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Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” — Lk 12:39-40

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Sunday Summary

Wisdom 18:6-9 The faithful will know the glory of God and the rescue of the just.

Psalms 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 God’s kindness is revealed to those who live in hope.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Faith can achieve our hopes on the proportion of the miraculous.

Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 Vigilance is expected from those who wait on the Lord.



Thank you from Father Bob

What a wonderful 3 ½ hour celebration July 24. Special thanks to Mary Flood and her team along with Jo-Anne Amadon and her team for setting up the room and food.

My 9 ½ years has been the best. I arrived February 2013, one month before Francis became pope. It was not my first time in Bennington. I arrived August , 1971 to live in the “old Mansion”, aka the Holy Cross Novitiate. The property is now owned by the hospital. I rode horses, milked cows, fed pigs and I reflected on religious life and my future.

I leave this area to begin a new life in Florida with Holy Cross men, like Frs. Jim Preskenis, Larry Olszewski, John Britto and others.

Special thanks to parishioners of both parishes along with our wonderful grade school. I also enjoyed attending sporting and cultural events in town. I will not look forward to dealing with “traffic” in Florida.

I thank everyone who made my stay so lifegiving. Special thanks to Father Hugh and his 6 years with me. I also thank him for encouraging me to do marathons (15 total). I am paying for it with back issues. But it has been a wonderful experience.

I would like to conclude with a song from the Weston Priory Monks. It was composed while I was here in 71-72.

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In Holy Cross,
Fr. Bob Wiseman CSC

Wherever You Go

1. Wherever you go I shall go.
Wherever you live so shall I live.
Your people will be my people,
and your God will be my God
too.

2. Wherever you die, I shall die,
and there shall I be buried beside
you.
We will be together forever,
and our love will be the gift of
our life.

Recite:
I want to say something to all of
you
who have become a part
of the fabric of my life.
The color and texture
which you have brought into my
being
have become a song,
and I want to sing it forever

There is an energy in us
which makes things happen
when the paths of other
persons
touch ours
and we have to be there
and let it happen.
When the time
of our particular sunset
comes
our thing, our
accomplishment,
won't really matter a great
deal.

But the clarity and care
with which we have loved
others
will speak with vitality
of the great gift of life
we have been for each other.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Fall classes will be offered for

Level I: Pre-K and Kindergarten children. (Ages 3 - 6)

Level II: Grades 1st thru 3rd

Faith Formation

Classes will begin in September.

Grade 2 includes sacramental preparation for
Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Grades 6 and up

Faith Formation classes that include
sacramental preparation for Confirmation.

**Please save the date for an essential informational Parent/
Child meeting on Sunday, August 28th at 4:30 pm at St.
John the Baptist Church. 6 pm Mass will follow.**

*If you are interested, or know of anyone interested, in Faith
Formation for the fall please contact Kathy Murphy or Mary
Drew at the parish office (802-442-3141) or email:
shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org.*

The Feast of the Assumption - August 15, 2022

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer
Jamaica, VT

1:00 pm Gathering Time

Please see the bulletin boards for more information.

Son of God, Son of Mary: The Mystery of Christ

Join us Tuesday, August 9th for

The Creed Professed: Session 7:

The Good News: God Has Sent His Son

An online zoom seminar on The Nicene Creed using

Part I of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults

Bi-weekly Tuesdays 7-8 pm

For information and to register: studythecreed@gmail.com



Sunday 8/7 at 11 am - Cross Presentation Mark Lindsey

Wednesday 8/10 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8/12 from 11 am -12 pm - Food shelf open

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