

AUGUST 14, 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.

EUCARISTIC 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

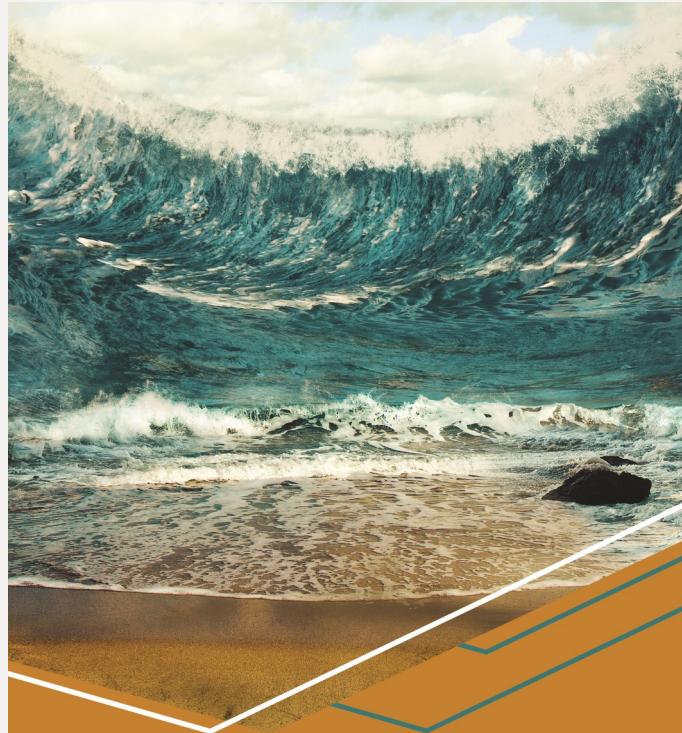
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

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.



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 8/13-8/21

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

Monday, 8/15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Tuesday, 8/16 – Weekday, Saint Stephen of Hungary

9:00 am - Stanislaw Pietrowski by the family

Wednesday, 8/17 – Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, 8/18 – Weekday

9:00 am - Special Intention

Friday, 8/19 – Weekday, Saint John Eudes, Priest

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 8/20-8/21 – Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church; Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm - Mark Lindsey by Fran and Jack Endres
9:00 am - For Our Parishioners
11:00 am - Bob Flynn by the family



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Sunday Summary

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Jeremiah stays loyal to God over country, or at least that's how his enemies see it.

Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 If we wait on God's rescue faithfully, God will give us reason to sing a new song.

Hebrews 12:1-4 Jesus demonstrates what faith in God really means when he accepts the cross.

Luke 12:49-53 Jesus does not come to establish mere earthly harmony but a blazing fire of truth.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

August 14, 2022

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine).” Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth. ©LPI



Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

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| Sunday: | Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53 |
| Monday: | Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 |
| Tuesday: | Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30 |
| Wednesday: | Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16 |
| Thursday: | Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14 |
| Friday: | Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40 |
| Saturday: | Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30 |



Father Kevin Rousseau

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: shsffaihformation@vermontcatholic.org.

The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ

Join us Tuesday, August 23rd for
The Creed Professed: Session 8:

The Paschal Mystery: Unity of the Saving Deeds
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



Mon. 8/15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 8/16 from 3-4 pm - Food shelf open
Wednesday 8/17 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8/19 & Mon. 8/22 - Parish Office will be closed

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is a “great cloud of witnesses” found in the official saints of the church and in ordinary people we meet every day. They are faith-filled inspirations who, by their example, help us to persevere in our faith. Living in a sea of conflict, change, challenge, and confusion, it is easy to grow tired and get weary. With so many things in competition for our attention, it is challenging to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We have to keep running the race and continue proclaiming the Good News. This message is not always welcome. It can cause division, challenge accepted mindsets, ruffle peoples’ feathers, and cause some folks to become defensive. God’s ways are not always our ways. Even though often rejected by the world, the message of God in Jesus Christ must continue to be preached. We can rely on the examples of faith before us and around us and not lose heart. As Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. ©LPI

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.



Reminder about Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

St. John the Baptist Church is partnering with St. Pauly Textile Inc. to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for community use. This shed is designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to.

St. Pauly Textile Inc. partners with a network of businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they are ultimately re-worn by people who need them.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The court official, Ebed-melech, courageously advocated for the prophet Jeremiah, having him recused from the muddy cistern. When have you defended someone being ridiculed for their faith?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews encourages his community to remain strong in their faith in Jesus. What or who helps you when you feel spiritually discouraged?

Gospel:

Jesus forewarned his disciples that his message would bring division, even within families. How does your family deal with this type of tension?

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