

NOVEMBER 13, 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

9:00 am - First Saturday of every month

### Sunday

9:00 am and 11:00 am

### Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am

**Holy Day Mass** (refer to schedule on inside cover)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 4:00 - 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

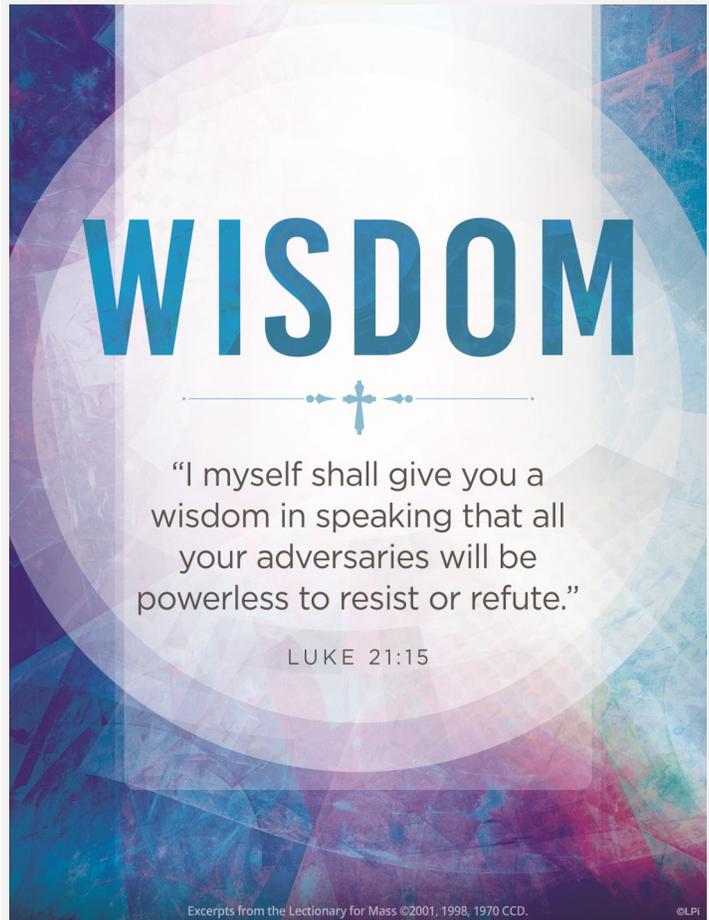
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

## 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. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C. - Parochial Vicar

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 11/12-11/20 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

**Sat./Sun., 11/12-11/13—Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr;  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Stewardship  
Sunday**

5:30 pm - John F. Lyons (9th Anniv) by the family

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

11:00 am - Michael Borden by the family

**Monday, 11/14 – Weekday  
(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

8:00 am – Rose Santarcangelo - The McGean Family

**Tuesday, 11/15 – Weekday; Saint Albert the Great,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am - Father Hugh Cleary for his health by “the counters”

**Wed. 11/16 – Weekday; Saint Margaret of Scotland;  
Saint Gertrude, Virgin**

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

8:00 am – Anthony Napolitano (3<sup>rd</sup>) - Joanna Napolitano

**Thurs. 11/17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

9:00 am- Antonio J. Cardeno Jr. by Terry Saunders-Boucher

**Friday, 11/18 – Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilicas  
of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

8:00 am – Lorinna & Don Abrams - Rita & Family

Michael & Peg Daly on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Sat./Sun., 11/19-11/20 – Weekday; Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

5:30 pm - Bernie Galipeau by the Lindsey family

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

11:00 am - J. Edward Hogan and Mary Martin by the Lindsey family



**“Y***ou will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”* — Lk 21:16-19

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

## Sunday Summary

**Malachi 3:19-20a** The day of the Lord is a fire that consumes some, heals others.

**Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9** When we sing God’s praises, all of creation will join in the song.

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12** The promises of God are true—but we have miles to go and promises to keep until then.

**Luke 21:5-19** How should we behave when the day of the Lord finally arrives?

## ✠ From The Pastor’s Desk ✠

Catholic “stewardship,” is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. This recognition of God’s gifts leads us to gratitude. Stewardship is imitating God’s generosity by sharing the gifts we have received with others.

I am so grateful for all the ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure at our parishes! We are blessed in our communities with your gifts. Thank you!

I met with the Finance Council of both parishes late in October. These councils help to make decisions about how we invest and spend the resources shared with us. I am grateful to these councils which are composed of knowledgeable parishioners who care deeply about our parish communities. You may have noticed that we publish our monthly collection totals in the bulletin. We also communicate how much we are ahead or behind our monthly and annual goals. One point that I’d like to clarify is that in each parish, our annual expenses are greater than our offertory goal. Our parishes also rely on earnings from investments, and only when necessary, our endowments. With investments struggling this fiscal year, it is important to strive to reach and surpass our annual goal. I plan to present a financial report to each parish in January and I am always available to answer any questions you have. Thank you for your generosity.

Beginning on the first week of Advent, November 26-27, we will be combining our weekly Sunday collections into one single collection. Our money counters will separate and record the offerings. A “second collection” would only be taken when there is an unplanned need without pre-printed envelopes. As we reflect on stewardship, I would invite you to consider the ways God has blessed you and make your “best” gift at the first collection.

Blessings,  
Fr. Kevin

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life’s inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ, may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what are needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway. ©LPI

## Readings for the week of November 13, 2022

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



**Advent Mission with Fr. Robert Murphy. *The Incarnation as a Source of Hope in the Past, Present and Future.***

**Sunday November 27 Youth Night at St. John the Baptist Church**  
4:30 PM Mass with food and vocation story.

**Monday through Wednesday  
November 28-30**

*The Incarnation as a Source of Hope in the Past, Present and Future*

**Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church**

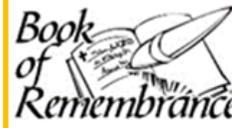
5:30 PM Mass with talk  
Dinner and Q&A following Mass

**Tuesday November 29 morning  
St. John the Baptist Church**

9 AM Mass

After Mass breakfast/coffee and an extended talk summarizing *The Incarnation as a Source of Hope in the Past, Present and Future*

Mark you calendars for part or all of the mission. Keep posted for additional details. God Bless!



Throughout the month of November, you are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased family members and friends in our *Book of Remembrance*, placed on the stand in front of the statue of St. Joseph.

Although different from sponsoring a Mass, the *Book of Remembrance* provides a means for those who wish to personally remember someone special in their lives.

**Faith Formation Dates for 2022-23  
Sacred Heart St. Francis and  
St. John the Baptist Churches**

*Please keep our children and catechists in your prayers!*

**SUNDAY classes CGS Level I (3-6 year olds), CGS Level II (grades 1-3) & Grades 4 & 5:** Classes from 10:30am to Noon

**MONDAY classes for CGS Level II only:**

Classes from 4:30 - 6 pm

**No Classes:** November 13, 14 - Veterans Day weekend  
November 27, 28 - Thanksgiving weekend  
December 25, 26- Christmas

**Save the date for the Christmas Pageant Friday, 12-16-22**

For questions regarding Faith Formation please contact Kathy Murphy or Mary Drew at 802-442-3141 or email: [shsfaithformation@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:shsfaithformation@vermontcatholic.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>. If you're thinking towards Thanksgiving, think about thanking the special person in your life, your spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together: Nov 18-20, 2022 at location TBD in CT



The Sodality will again be sponsoring Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need. If you know of someone in need of a basket this year, please contact the Parish Office at 802-447-7504. There are envelopes in the pews for donations, and donations should be turned in by Nov. 20, which is the distribution date. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH  
SEPTEMBER 2022 MONTHLY OFFERTORY**

Offertory / Mail Collections .....	\$ 9,034.17
Online Offertory .....	\$ 2,951.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$11,985.17</b>
Fiscal Year to Date .....	\$35,385.17
Fiscal YTD Ahead/Behind .....	\$- 4,865.83
Needed Each Month .....	\$13,417.00
Monthly Ahead/Behind .....	\$ -1,431.83

*Fiscal Year is July-June*

Please remember St. John the Baptist in your will and estate planning



**Come make an Advent Wreath!**

Everyone is invited to make an Advent wreath on Sunday afternoon, November 20. All materials (wreath frames, wire, candles, pine boughs) are supplied. We will show you how to build one if this is your first try.

Come to the parish hall at Saint John's between 2:00 and 5:00 in the afternoon on November 20. It usually takes about 20 minutes to build a wreath.

Please leave a phone message with Christy at the parish office at St. John's **802 447-7504** to let us know that you are planning to join us.



**Tues. 11/15 - Food Shelf Open 3:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, 11/16 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration**

**Sunday Missal – Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2023**

The cost of this book was \$3.00.  
If you'd like to contribute toward the cost, please put \$3.00 in the collection basket.