

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

# 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

10:00 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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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 2/11-2/19 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### Sat./Sun., 2/11-2/12 – Weekday/Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm - Shirley Heeks (6th Anniv) by her loving family  
10:00 am - James Mahoney by Eileen Flynn and family and  
Frank Paturzo (5th Anniv) by his daughter Lisa

### Mon., 2/13 – Weekday

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

9:00 am – Bob Mulvey by The Family

### Tuesday, 2/14 – Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop/ Valentine's Day

9:00 am - Special Intention

### Wed. 2/15 – Weekday

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

9:00 am – Cotter & Murphy Families by Joan Murphy

### Thurs. 2/16 – Weekday

9:00 am - Rose Reardon (birthday remembrance) and  
her sister, Marie Kaba by Lisa Paturzo

### Fri. 2/17 – Weekday

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

9:00 am - Lucy Thibodeau by Family

### Sat./Sun., 2/18-2/19 – Weekday/Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm-Berniece Alcombright by St. John's Choir Members  
10:00 am - Darlene Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin



*"Again you have heard that it was said to your  
ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the  
Lord all that you vow.' But I say to you, do not swear at  
all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"*

— Mt 5:33-34a, 37  
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

### Sunday Summary

**Sirach 15:15-20** God's commandments of are not meant to condemn but to save us.

**Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34** The great song of the law unfolds the wonder of living in God's ways.

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10** The depths of God are known to the Spirit given to us for guidance.

**Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37** Far from negating law and tradition, Jesus aims to improve and extend it.

## ✠ From The Pastor's Desk ✠

Sometimes it is difficult to judge what sort of society we live in. On the one hand, it appears to us that crime, violence, and drug use are on the rise while faith, traditional family values, and religious worship seem to be declining. On the other hand, we are not living in the time of Noah when God destroyed the world with a flood, the time of the Roman Empire's decline, or even during the Dark Ages. It seems like our world has always had it's challenges in the great struggle between good and evil.

This past weekend thieves reached out to parishioners asking them to buy gift cards as a favor for me and the parish. They were instructed where to go and what to do with the gift cards and they used my name and our parish's good reputation as leverage. These emails are becoming more and more common these days. People know how generous we are as a faith community and they try to take advantage of our generosity. Please know that neither I, nor anyone on the leadership team will ever ask for money or gift cards through email. This is a scam. You can simply delete emails like this or even report the emails as fraud.

Since this note involves the topic of generosity, let me close by thanking you for all the ways you support our parishes each week through the collection as well as your generosity for the school and food shelves. Each month we report in the bulletin where we are in our annual goal for collecting money for our ministries. I will be presenting on finances in greater detail soon. Thank you!

God Bless,  
Fr. Kevin

## World Marriage Day



### Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48





## GATHER AS FRIENDS

Donald McMahon will celebrate his 60th birthday on Friday, February 24, with an evening recital at the church organ. The performance, which will be streamed live and offered in person, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. (Please, no gifts or presentations). Come as you are!

## You're Invited

The local council of the Knights of Columbus will be welcoming new members after the 8:00 mass at SHSF on Sunday February 19th. The half hour ceremony will be held in the Parish Hall with coffee and danish to follow. In past years ceremonies were only open to members, but starting this year they are open to all. If you ever had any interest in learning what the Knights are about we hope you will join us!



Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Masses at St. John's will be held at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm. Full Lenten schedule will be in next weekend's bulletin.

If you'd like a 2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office at 802-447-7504 or saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

### JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections .....	\$ 16,011.62
Online Offertory .....	\$ 2,075.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 18,086.62</b>
 Needed Each Month .....	 \$ 13,417.00
Monthly Ahead .....	+\$ 4,669.62
 Fiscal Year to Date .....	 \$ 96,616.73
Fiscal YTD Ahead .....	+\$ 2,697.73

*Fiscal Year is July-June*

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



Collection for Souper Bowl of Caring after each mass this weekend, Feb. 11/12

Tuesday, 2/14 - Food Shelf open from 3-4 pm

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

Wednesday, 2/15 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

This year for Lent,  
don't just change your habits.  
**DO SOMETHING THAT WILL  
CHANGE  
YOUR LIFE.**



Light of the World Retreat

March 3-6, 2023

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church

The retreat is sponsored by  
SHSF and SJB (no cost to you!)

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.

Friday, March 3, 2023 6:00—9:00 PM

Saturday, March 4, 2023 8:30 AM—8 PM \*

Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:00 AM—8 PM \*\*

Monday, March 6, 2023 6:00—9:00PM

### No cost to you and meals are provided

For Sacred Heart St. Francis and St. John the Baptist parishes.

For More information, contact 802-442-3141

\*Optional 8:00 AM Saturday Mass

\*\*Sunday Mass is part of the retreat.

Please return registration form to SHSF or St. John's Parish office, or drop in the collection basket



Do you know anyone who is interested in the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, or simply a child who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith? If so, please contact Kathy Murphy or Mary Drew at (802) 442-3141.

### Faith Formation for Preschool – 5th grade

Classes are held Sundays 9 am – 10:30 am or Mondays 4:30 – 6 PM at SHSF Parish Center

### Upcoming Dates:

February 19,20 - February Break (no class)

March 5, 6 - Light of the World Retreat for the Parishes (no class)

April 9,10 - Easter (no class)

April 16,17 - Spring break (no class)

April 28 and 29 - Retreat for First Eucharist

April 30 First Eucharist (no classes)

May 21, 22 - Last Class

### Save the Date for Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church with Mass