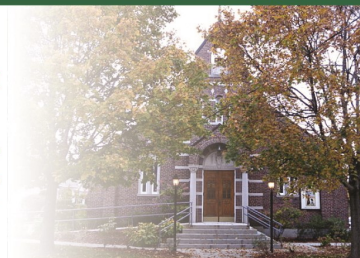


APRIL 2, 2023

# 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

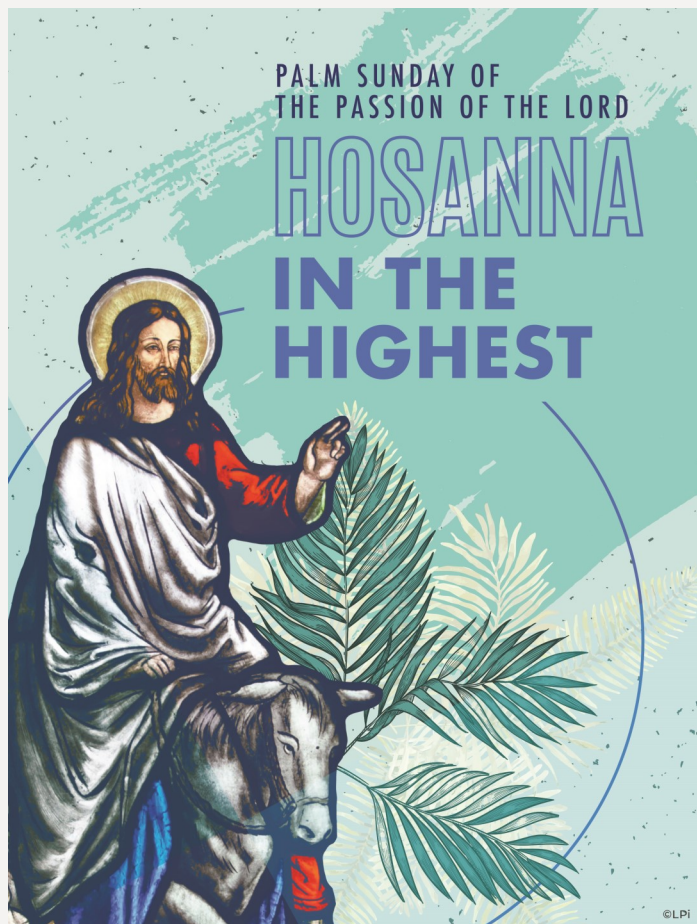
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

## 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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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 4/1-4/9 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### Sat./Sun., 4/1-4/2 – Lenten Weekday/Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm - Eileen Flynn by Bob and Debby Carey  
Frank Rohm (BDay Rem.) by Fran and Jack Endres

10:00 am - Adam Bush by Linda Meskun  
Darlene Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin

### Mon., 4/3 – Monday of Holy Week (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Rita Rosso by Noella Boisvert  
Stanley Dranginis by his daughter

### Tuesday, 4/4 – Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am - Eileen Flynn by the McGean Family

### Wed. 4/5 – Wednesday of Holy Week (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Robert J. Myers by his wife  
Annette Poblocki by Mary Beth

### Thurs. 4/6 – Holy Thursday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

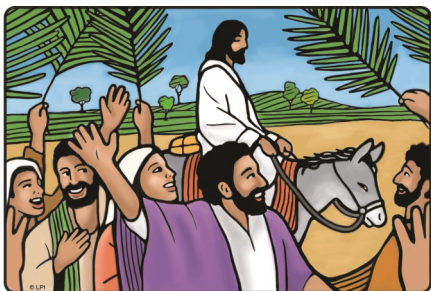
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Fri. 4/7 – Good Friday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord

### Sat./Sun., 4/8-4/9 – Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 pm (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)  
10:00 am - Linda Lewis by Margy Boulet  
Mark Fortun by Lisa Paturzo



**"H**osanna to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked,  
"Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet,  
from Nazareth in Galilee." — Mt 21:9-11

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## Sunday Summary

**Isaiah 50:4-7** The just one will not yield to evil, trusting in God's help.

**Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24** God comes to the aid of the one who relies on God's promises.

**Philippians 2:6-11** The humble one will go down to death and be raised to exaltation.

**Matthew 26:14-27:66** The sanctuary is exposed, the Earth quakes, tombs open, and the dead are raised at the death of Jesus.

## ✠ From The Pastor's Desk ✠

On this Palm Sunday, we begin with an extra reading from the Gospel before our opening procession. We bless palms and remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when the crowds sang "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the Highest!"

We call this week "Holy" and celebrate liturgies that are unique to this week. Bishop Coyne will bless three sacramental oils: the oils of Catechumens, Infirm, and Sacred Chrism. Our bishops will also lead priests in renewing their ordination vows.

On Holy Thursday we will receive the blessed oils into our parishes, we will commemorate the Last Supper when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Eucharist, and we will spend time in adoration with our Lord. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we do not celebrate Mass. On Friday gather for Stations of the Cross, to pray special intercessions for the Church, venerate the cross, and receive Holy Communion (consecrated on Holy Thursday). Holy Saturday we confront the agony and emptiness of the tomb.

At sundown Saturday we will begin the Easter Vigil. This is the "mother of all liturgies." We will bless a new Paschal Candle, read 9 readings from the bible tracing salvation history, initiate the elect into our community, renew our baptismal vows, and celebrate the Eucharist. In this liturgy, "we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again" (the mystery of faith).

The liturgies of Holy Week typically take longer to celebrate (notably the Easter Vigil will last close to three hours). They are our "highest liturgies" and I invite all to participate as you are able.

God Bless,  
Fr. Kevin

## Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
(2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10





## MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit [csrcricebowl.org/holy-week](http://csrcricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.



### A Special Holy Week Service

On Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m., we warmly invite you, your families, and your friends of all faiths to gather at SHSF for a special service titled, "Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road With You: A Service of Scripture and Song for Holy Week." Old and New Testament readings, a splendid and deeply spiritual array of musical selections, and powerful images of Christ's Passion and Death will be presented.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized - "shaken," like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change? ©LPi

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

### FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections .....	\$ 13,041.50
Online Offertory .....	\$ 2,205.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,246.50</b>
 Needed Each Month .....	 \$ 13,417.00
Monthly Ahead .....	+\$ 6,499.12
 Fiscal Year to Date .....	 \$111,863.23
Fiscal YTD Ahead .....	+\$ 4,527.23

*Fiscal Year is July-June*

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



**Tues., 4/4 at 7 pm - Service of Scripture & Song at SHSF**  
**Wednesday, 4/5 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Thursday, 4/6 - Holy Thursday, no 10 am mass**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm at SHSF - Adoration until midnight**  
**Good Friday, 4/7 at noon - Stations of the Cross at SHSF**  
**Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm at SHSF**  
**Saturday, 4/8 at 8 pm - Easter Vigil at SHSF**  
**Easter Sunday, 4/9 at 8 am - Mass at SHSF and 10 am - Mass at St. John's**



## Easter Sunday

**April 9th at 10:00 am  
at St. John's**

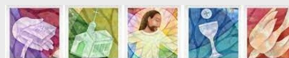
**The Search from FORMED** is an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Join us on the following Sundays in the SHSF Parish Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass: April 2, April 16, April 23, and April 30. The videos run between 25 and 30 minutes. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Come one, come all!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Pedro Calungsod - April 2

Saint Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Filipino missionary to Guam, was murdered by the chief of Tumon after baptizing his children at the request of his Christian wife. He remains an inspiration of unwavering faith and loyal friendship to young Catholics everywhere.



Please notice our Cross of Compassion. Parishioners are invited to write their spiritual and material needs on the purple papers in the basket in front of the cross. Then place your petition papers on a nail on the cross. Throughout Lent we ask our parish family to pray for all of these special needs.



### Faith Formation

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 each Sunday 9 – 10:30 AM or Monday 4:30 – 6 PM at SHSF Parish Center with the exception of:

April 9, 10 - Easter (no class)  
 April 16, 17 - Spring break (no class)  
 April 28, 29 - Retreat for First Eucharist  
 April 30 First Eucharist (no classes)  
 May 21, 22 - Last Class

### Save the Date:

**First Communion**, Sunday April 30 at Noon at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

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

*As the sacraments are fast approaching, please  
continue to keep our sacramental preparation  
students in your prayers.  
Many thanks!*