

SEPTEMBER 24, 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

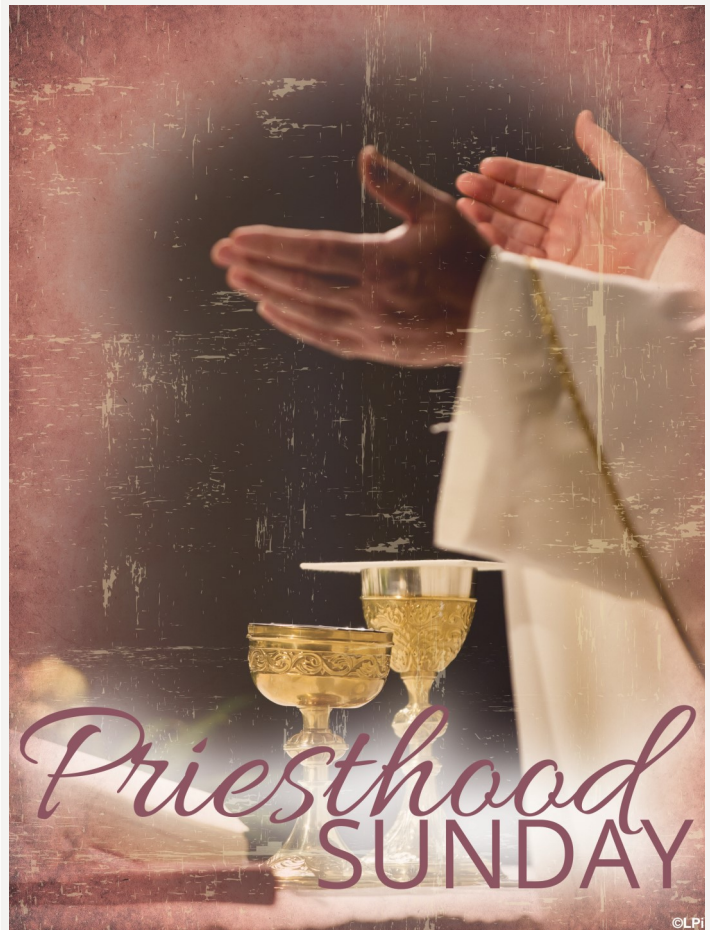
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C. - Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C. - Parochial Vicar

The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.

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

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 9/23-10/1 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 9/23-9/24 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina/Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- Darlene Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin
Richard Ames by Ted and Kathy McCarthy

10:00 am- Eddie Gardner, III by Kevin & Gayle Kees
Marcus Martinez by The Murphy Family

Mon., 9/25- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Mandy Kent by Carolyn & Gerry McMurray
Sister Nancy Vendura - Vicky

Tuesday, 9/26 - Weekday

9:00 am - Gregory "Rex" Burke by the Retired Teachers and
Staff of Shaftsbury Elementary School

Wed. 9/27-Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Fran O'Neill by Jane Taylor

Thurs. 9/28 - Weekday

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

Fri. 9/29-Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels **(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Edward Frasier by his family

Sat./Sun., 9/30-10/1 - Saint Jerome/Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Joe Strumolo by The Family
Karen Mailhot by The Lindsey Family

10:00 am- Nancy Bourt by The Lindsey Family
Bob Flynn by The Family



“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

— Mt 20:13c-16

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970 CCB

Sunday Summary

Isaiah 55:6-9 God thinks differently than we, so we lift up our hearts to know God's will.

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 God is closer than we think. All we have to do is look.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Paul prefers life in Christ to his own life on Earth.

Matthew 20:1-16a Is God unfair? Or is God's justice better than ours?

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Ordinary Time is the longest liturgical season in the Church. We wear the color green which reminds us what the season is all about: growth! Throughout the year, we are called to grow closer to God. We read regularly from Sacred Scripture to better understand Him. We pray in sacramental ways and throughout our days to build our relationship with Him. We serve others to imitate His example of love and thus become more like Him. All of us are invited to grow throughout the year.

Next week, Mrs. McKenna and I will be attending a retreat at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. We will join other Holy Cross pastors and principals to discuss how we serve in Catholic Schools. Hopefully, we will all grow and learn new strategies to bring back to our schools and parishes to make God known, loved, and served. Please keep us in mind this upcoming week.

At the end of October, our parishes will host another "Light of the World" retreat. During the retreat we will present our faith to participants, we will discuss in groups how the Holy Spirit is stirring in our hearts, and we will celebrate sacramental encounters with God. This retreat is an intentional way to open our hearts to grow closer to God. Whether you feel like you are a beginner in your faith or a veteran; whether you feel close to God or have many, many questions; attending a retreat like this is a good way to improve your relationship with God. Like our retreat in March, Fr. Hugh will be offering some of the talks. He will join presenters from Phoenix Arizona, Northern Vermont, and several of our parishioners. I invite you to prayerfully discern joining us October 27-30 for the Light of the World retreat.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Isaiah urged his fellow Israelites who were in exile to seek the Lord who is near, merciful, and forgiving. When have you sought the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

Second Reading: Paul writes the letter to the Philippians from prison, facing a spiritual dilemma of feeling "caught between" life and death. Have you ever helped someone going through a spiritual problem?

Gospel: The parable of the workers in the vineyard speaks to God's generosity. In what ways do you think God has been generous to you and your family? ©LPi

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



It's not too late to register for Faith Formation and Confirmation!

Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

**Class schedule for Pre k - 5th grade at SHSF Parish Center
Sundays 9:00 -10:30 am:**

September 24

October 1, 15 and 22

November 5 and 19

December 3, 10, and 17

Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm at SHSF Parish Center (CGS Level II only):

September 25

October 2, 14 and 23

November 6 and 20

December 4, 11, and 18

**Confirmation class schedule at St. John's 4:30 - 6 :00 pm.
Sponsors and parents are encouraged to attend**

September 24

October 15

November 19

December 3, 17

If your child will be receiving First Communion this year, please save the date for a parent/child meeting on Monday, **October 16 from 6:00-7:00 pm** at the Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Center. Food will be served. Children are welcome.

It's not too late to register on-line: <https://sacredheartsaintfrancis.org/registration-forms>.

Please reach out to Kathy Murphy(1kathy.murphy@gmail.com) or Mary Drew (maryedrew1@gmail.com) with any questions or call 802-442-3141.

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the priests
who have ministered to us through our lives,
the ones who baptized us, gave us communion,
offered absolution, prayed for us, inspired us,
and nurtured our faith.

May they know your goodness and our gratitude! Amen.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 13,520.49
Online Offertory	\$ 1,730.00
Total:	\$ 15,250.49

Needed Each Month	\$14,200.00
Monthly Ahead	\$ 1,050.49

Fiscal Year to Date	\$28,756.99
Fiscal YTD Behind	\$ - 357.29

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



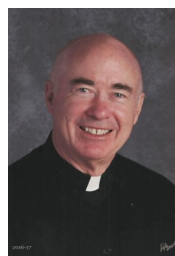
Sunday, 9/24 from 7-11 am - Catamount Rotary Breakfast
Wednesday, 9/27 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 9/27 at 6 pm - Taize Prayer Service at SHSF



Taize Prayer Service on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church to pray for the work and success of our parish ministries, programs, committees, and catechists, as well as the students, faculty, staff and helpers of The School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults classes will begin in October. For more information, please contact Scott Murphy at 802-362-0201 or either parish office.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTER MASS SOCIAL CELEBRATING FR. HUGH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

Sunday, Oct. 8th at St. John's after the
10:00 am mass OR
Sunday, Oct. 15th at Sacred Heart St.
Francis de Sales after the 8:00 am mass

Fr. Hugh has requested only gifts of your presence and/or prayers. Please be respectful of Fr. Hugh's wishes of no additional cards or gifts. You will have an opportunity to sign a gift from all at the event.

A NOTE FROM JIM WOODSIDE

There will be a training/meeting on September 30, 2023 following the 5:30 pm mass. This will consist of a meeting to go over the mass with the new procedures. We will also do a walk thru mass as we will have a few new servers attending. Thank you, and hope to see everyone on the 30th. Any questions or comments, please send me an email or grab me at one of the services. We will also discuss the upcoming holiday schedule and see who can help serve.



Light of the World

DO SOMETHING THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Light of the World Retreat October 27-30 2023

To be held at St. John the Baptist Church
The retreat is sponsored by SHSF and SJB
(No cost to you, meals provided)

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

Register on-line: <https://forms.gle/PHRg6X282vx96G4H6> or

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

For More information, contact 802-442-3141