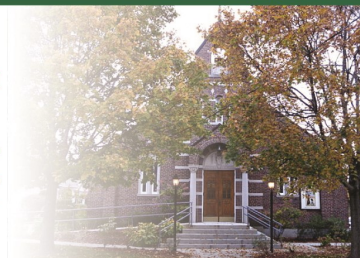


OCTOBER 15, 2023

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

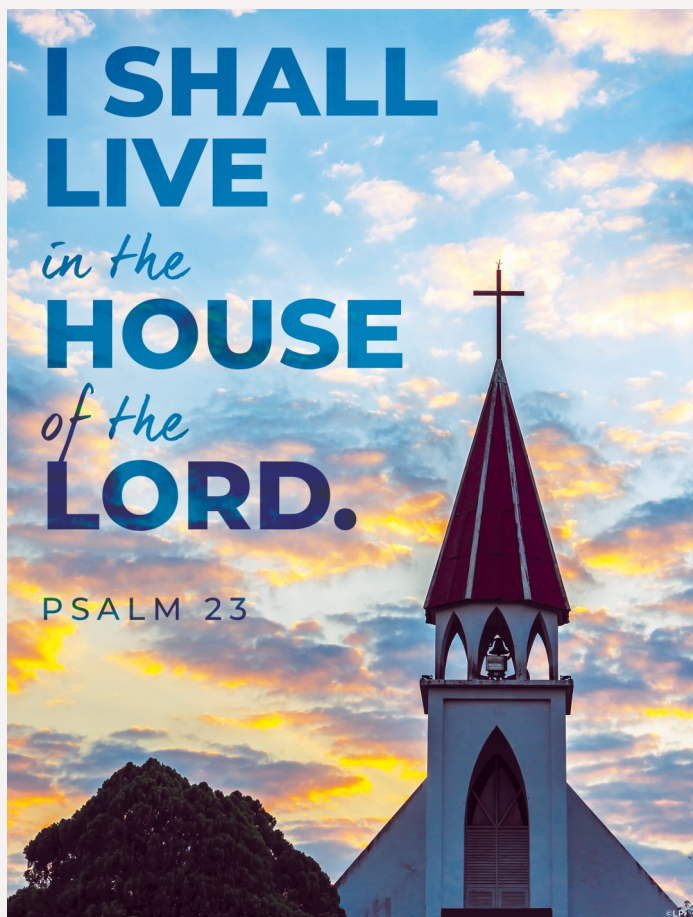
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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 10/14-10/22 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 10/14-10/15 - Weekday/Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Dolores Lowre by Sophia Healy
Chantz Boleski for healing by Joanie James
10:00 am-Joe Talbot (21st Anniv) by his wife Bea and family
Bernie Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin

Mon., 10/16- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Ron Lauzon by the Lindsey family

Tuesday, 10/17 – Saint Ignatius of Antioch

9:00 am - Jack and Maureen Gorman by Judy Rudd

Wed. 10/18 - Saint Luke, Evangelist

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Irene Garder by The Garder Family
Colleen Vanderup by Don & Alison Malmborg

Thurs. 10/19 – Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues

9:00 am - Billy Rudd and Mark Lindsey by Judy Rudd

Fri. 10/20- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Gene Farrar by Doris & Ron Alderman

Sat./Sun., 10/21-10/22 - Weekday/Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- For Our Parishioners
10:00 am-Thomas Mailhot (19th Anniv) by the family
Harold and Florence McMahon by Linda Meskun



“*The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son...‘Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.”’***”** — Mt 22:2, 4 b c

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 0201, 1988, 1970 CCD

Sunday Summary

Isaiah 25:6-10a: After an apocalypse, Isaiah predicts a restorative banquet on Mount Zion.

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6: God sets a table for us while our enemies look on in astonishment.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20: Paul finds joy in every circumstance because of God’s abundant grace.

Matthew 22:1-14: The kingdom of heaven is like a banquet—no one wants to attend!

✠ From the Pastor’s Desk ✠

October is the month of the Rosary. On October 7th the Church celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a prayer that has evolved throughout the history of the Church. It began with Christians praying 150 “Our Fathers” or 150 “Hail Marys”. This tradition began as an imitation of the Jewish tradition of reciting the 150 Psalms from the Old Testament. Saint Dominic, who died in 1221, is credited for giving the Church our current organization of the Rosary. It is divided into decades (10 “Hail Marys following an “Our Father”) which follows the recitation of a “mystery” of our faith. Traditionally the mysteries of our faith have been divided into “Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious” mysteries. Pope Saint Paul II introduced the “Luminous” mysteries to the Church as a form of meditation on the life and ministry of Jesus. Our Lady of Fatima introduced the “Oh my Jesus...” prayer.

The Rosary, like all our prayers, is meant to help us to grow closer to God. Spending time meditating on the mysteries of our faith and repeating prayers we memorized long ago helps us to grow in friendship with God. We can pray as individuals, as a family, with friends, and as a parish. There are numerous occasions when fellow parishioners organize a Rosary at each of our Churches.

I highly recommend praying the Rosary to all parishioners. Even if you do not have enough time to complete a full Rosary (5 mysteries), forming the habit of praying even a decade a day will help us build our relationship with God.

Know that you are included in my intentions as I pray the Rosary this month.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading: Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel: Jesus’s parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God’s invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God’s presence in your life? ©LPi

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1

Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

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

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

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):

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

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.

A NOTE FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee would appreciate the removal of all plants in the St. John's Cemetery before October 31. Any plants left after that date will be disposed of. Thank you for your cooperation.

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, 10/15 at 9 am - After Mass Reception for Fr. Hugh at SHSF

Sunday, 10/15 from 12-2 pm - Choir Rehearsal with Matt

Sunday, 10/15 from 4:30-6 pm - Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 10/17 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf Open

Wednesday, 10/18 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, 10/18 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, 10/22 at 1:00 pm - Marian Devotion Program at Mary's Garden



OCTOBER MARIAN DEVOTIONS AT MARY'S GARDEN

An October Marian devotion program is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2023 starting at 1:00 PM in Mary's Garden at St. John the Baptist Church.

The program will include the recitation of the Rosary, Marian Prayers, Prayers for Life and Marian hymns.

October is Respect Life Month and also the Month of the Holy Rosary and is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 802-447-7504

Join us at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Saturday, November 18th at 10:30 am for a Vermont Catholic Advance Directive Workshop with presenter Deacon Pete Gummere.

At this event, Deacon Pete will discuss and walk us through advance directives and the Church's teaching on them, with an emphasis on the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive, a document that each person can use to craft his or her own advance directive that conforms to Church teachings and Vermont state law.

All members of our parish community and members of our local medical and legal communities are invited to join us for this event.



Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Annual Harvest Dinner is back! Saturday, November 11th at 5:00 pm

It's been 4 years, but the Harvest Dinner is back! Turkey and all the fixings. Slips are on the back table for you to make reservations if you'd like to attend, and you can drop your slip in the collection baskets. If you'd like to lend a hand and/or cook a turkey, call the Parish Office at 802-442-3141.



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/](https://forms.gle/PHRg6X282vx96G4H6)

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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