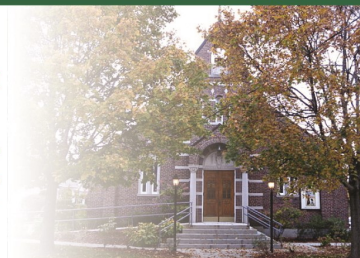


OCTOBER 22, 2023

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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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 10/21-10/29 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 10/23- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Albert Racicot (17th) by Wife Mary Pat

Dana & Paula Chellis - 44th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, 10/24 - Weekday

9:00 am - Special Intention

Wed. 10/25 - Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Jonathan Winner by Carol & Dean Winner

Kathleen, Dan, David & Thomas Murphy by Joan

Thurs. 10/26 - Weekday

9:00 am - Ron Higgins by the McGean Family

Fri. 10/27- Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

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

Sat./Sun., 10/28-10/29 - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles/ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Ron Higgins by Daniel Higgins and Mary Ellen
and Lawrence Dupuis

Karen Mailhot by Fran and Jack Endres

10:00 am- Betty Kees by Kevin and Gayle Kees

Marcus Martinez by Charles G. Salem Caregivers



"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

— Mt 22:19-21

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

Sunday Summary

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6: Cyrus, the pagan Persian king, is shown to be a friend of God.

Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10: The family of nations together gives praise and honor to God.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b: Paul and his team continue to spread the gospel to the world at large. **Matthew 22:15-21:** Jesus didn't see Caesar as the problem: His own people were!

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

World events are troubling. The terrorism against the Jewish people is evil and we keep them in prayer. The Israelites are our ancestors in faith. They were the first to be chosen by God to receive His revelation. In addition to being a people of faith, they are also an ethnic community. Let us continue to pray for peace in our world.

Last week our Pastoral Councils met. Each of their four committees reported and received feedback. The Evangelization Committee has several events planned for this upcoming year. The next one is the weekend "Light of the World" retreat which is being hosted at Saint John the Baptist Parish beginning on October 27th. It is not too late to register. You can find sign-up sheets at both churches and parish offices.

The Ministry to the Elderly Committee has been training to bring the Holy Eucharist to our nursing homes and homebound parishioners. Their committee will help Fr. Hugh and I know when our parishioners need the Sacrament of Anointing.

The Liturgy Committee discussed the various ministries that surround our common worship. As the United States celebrates the Year of the Eucharist, all ministers are being retrained and invited to be more intentional about their ministries.

Finally, the Pastoral Council discussed a proposal to change the Sunday Mass schedule. We received a petition to move the Sunday Mass time at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales from 8 am to 9 am or 9:30 am. There is both support and opposition to this petition. Any change of the schedule will impact the Sunday Mass time at Saint John the Baptist and our religious education program. The Council is prayerfully discerning this topic between now and our next meeting in November. If you would like to voice your opinion, please email me or a Council member.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

WORLD MISSION Sunday

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.
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Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

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

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



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

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 11,473.78
Online Offertory	\$ 1,560.00
Total:	\$ 13,033.78

Needed Each Month	\$14,200.00
Monthly Behind	\$ -1,166.22

Fiscal Year to Date	\$39,722.77
Fiscal YTD Behind	\$ -1,523.51

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Sunday, 10/22 at 9:00 am - RCIA classes begin at SHSF
Sunday, 10/22 at 1:00 pm - Marian Devotion Program at Mary's Garden

Wednesday, 10/25 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, 10/25 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 10/25 at 7 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday, 10/27 - Light of the World Retreat begins



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.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Sodality will be sponsoring Thanksgiving Baskets again this year for needy families. If you know of someone in need of a basket this year, please contact the Parish Office at 802-447-7504.

Envelopes for monetary donations will be on the table at the entrance of the church and in the pews starting next weekend, October 28-29 through November 11-12. Envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the parish office. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales announces that it will hold its annual Harvest Bazaar on **Saturday November 4th** at the SHSF Parish Hall. The bazaar serves as a fundraiser and community event. Local artisans and craftspeople rent booths to sell their wares and there is a silent auction of items donated by local businesses, vendors and other friends of the school. There is also a bake sale, and cash prizes with the Big Money Lottery and the Lottery Tree raffles. For booth rental please contact Susan Paustian at 802-442-2446. Hope to see you there!



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