

NOVEMBER 26, 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 11/25-12/3 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 11/25-11/26 - Weekday/Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:30 pm- Darlene Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin
Ron Higgins by Daniel Higgins and Mary Ellen
and Lawrence Dupuis

10:00 am- Dr. Marcus Martinez by Joanie James
Helen S. White and Nora Shea by Saile White
Mahoney

Mon., 11/27 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Stephen Vaczi by Gary & Kathy Zack
Cornelius & Doris Rousseau - Vicky Trudeau

Tues., 11/28–Weekday

9:00 am - Mark Lindsey by Linda Meskun

Wed. 11/29 - Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - SHSF Parish Family

Thurs. 11/30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle

9:00 am - Janet Paturzo (21st Anniv) and Rose Reardon (1st
Anniv) by Lisa Paturzo

Fri. 12/1– Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Terry Thibodeau by Family
John Brochu by Mary
Gerry Dachille by Vickie & Julie

Sat./Sun., 12/2-12/3 - Weekday/First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- Billy Rudd by his wife Judy
Mert Snow by Fran and Jack Endres

10:00 am-Eileen Flynn by St. John Catechists
Frank Paturzo (BDay Remem) by his daughter Lisa



“When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or
naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison,
and visit you?” And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen,
I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers
of mine, you did for me.’” — Mt 25:38-40

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1988, 1970 CCC)

Sunday Summary

Ezekiel 34:11-2, 15-17 God tends the flock and judges
between the needy and the arrogant.

Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 With God as our shepherd, we want for
nothing.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 As children of Adam, we face
mortality. As heirs of Christ, we share his risen life.

Matthew 25:31-46 We inherit the Kingdom to come as we
practice its ways day by day.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

I pray everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has
always been one of my favorite holidays. I always looked
forward to the special food that was prepared, the company of
relatives, and watching the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving game
(this year they are playing well!). I hope you enjoyed your
Thanksgiving day.

And Thanksgiving, as its name indicates, is a time to give thanks.
We recognize that God is the giver of all gifts and naturally we
desire to thank Him! Prayers of thanksgiving is one of the five
categories of prayer along with adoration, petition, intercession,
and praise. I suspect that if you and I were to sit down and write a
list of items for which we are grateful we could spend a great deal
of time!

The “source and summit” of our faith is the Eucharist. The word
Eucharist comes from the Greek word “eucharastia” which means
“thanksgiving.” We recognize that Jesus gave His Church His
own Body and Blood as food for our journey. The Eucharist
gives us the strength to live a virtuous life. As we celebrate the
Eucharist as a parish family, let us pray that those who are
separated from this important sacrament may return to full
communion.

Finally, I want to publically thank Rosary “Bud” Tetreault and
his family for a gift they made several years ago to benefit our
school. They donated an item at an auction and it recently sold
for \$3,500. The money is being used to benefit our
schoolchildren. Thank you and blessings to all who support our
parish ministries!

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israel-
ites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending care-
fully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. Who
do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers
are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus
Christ. What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will
look like?

Gospel: The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year fo-
cuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated
those on the margins of society. What could you do this week to
help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?

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Readings for the Week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-
26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65,
66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
(4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



Class schedule for Pre k - 5th grade at SHSF Parish Center
Sundays 9:00 -10:30 am:
 December 3, 10, and 17

Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm at SHSF Parish Center (CGS Level II only):
 December 4, 11, and 18

Confirmation class schedule at St. John's 4:30 - 6 :00 pm.
Sponsors and parents are encouraged to attend
 December 3, 17

You may 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.



Throughout the month of November, you are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased family members and friends in our Book of Remembrance, placed on the stand in front of the statue of St. Joseph.

Although different from sponsoring a Mass, the Book of Remembrance provides a means for those who wish to personally remember someone special in their lives.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

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

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

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| 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, 11/26 from 3-5 pm - Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, 11/26 at 3 pm - Christ the King Concert at SHSF
Wednesday, 11/29 from 10-11:30 am - Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, 11/29 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, 11/30 at 6:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting
Friday, 12/1 at 7 pm - First Friday Service at SHSF
Saturday, 12/2 at 9 am - First Saturday Mass at St. John's
Sunday, 12/3 at 1:00 pm - A Ukulele Christmas Musical to benefit both food pantries



A Concert for the Feast of Christ the King

On Sunday, November 26, at 3:00 p.m., Donald McMahon will honor Christ the King with a concert at the King of Instruments. The performance will include Sir William Walton's Crown Imperial Coronation March, J.S. Bach's Cathedral Prelude and Fugue in e minor, Henri Mulet's "Rose Window", and other selections. Everyone is warmly invited to gather in friendship and harmony for this afternoon of splendid music.

A UKULELE CHRISTMAS - A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

On Sunday, December 3, starting at 1:00 pm, the Ukulele String Ensemble will hold a benefit performance for The Food Shelf and HIS Pantry at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in North Bennington. Please join with us and sing along to many of your favorite Christmas carols and songs. Cookies and hot chocolate served after the performance. Food and monetary donations accepted for The Food Shelf and HIS pantry at the door. The Food Shelf and HIS Pantry distribute food to over 350 persons weekly. For information, please contact the Parish Office at 802-447-7504.



You are invited to the parish center at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, November 26, to make an Advent wreath for you to enjoy at home for advent. The event runs from 3:00 to 5:00. All materials are provided at no cost. If you have some garden snips, bring them with you.

First Friday Holy Hour at SHSF and First Saturday Mass at St. Johns

Please plan to spend some time with Jesus at Adoration and plan to attend the next beautiful First Friday closing service on Friday, December 1st from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at SHSF.

On Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 am at St. John's, join us for a First Saturday Mass with Adoration and Confession to follow.

SHSF has Eucharistic Adoration each Friday starting after the 9 am Mass, and St. John the Baptist has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We Want You For the.....

Children's Christmas Pageant 2023

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales & St. John's Churches

We hope you can join us for the fun Christmas tradition! The Christmas Pageant is open to everyone ages 6 and up. There will be speaker roles for our older participants.

Performance Date: Friday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Dates:

Sundays, December 3, 10 & 17 10:30AM -11:30 AM
 Thursday, December 21, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (Dress Rehearsal)

What is Needed: Actors, Readers, Singers, Stage Hands, Musicians, and any enthusiastic volunteers!!

Contact: Jessica O'Connell with any questions: jessicaconnell86@gmail.com

Registration forms due by Monday, November 27th please. Please fill out one form per person.