

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

Sunday
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM

Holy Day Mass
(refer to schedule on inside cover)

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 5:00 PM-6:00 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

Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM 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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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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 7/10-7/18

Sat./Sun., 7/10-7/11 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners
9:00 a.m. Joe Talbot by his wife Bea & Family
11:00 a.m. Edward Gardner, Jr. by the Kees Family

Monday, 7/12 – Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 7/13 – Saint Henry

9:00 a.m. Henrietta Billow by Ron, Rosemary, & Molly

Wednesday, 7/14– Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

No Mass

Thursday, 7/15 – Saint Bonaventure

9:00 a.m. Theresa DeMasi by the Kees Family

Friday, 7/16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 7/17-7/18 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Darlene Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin
9:00 a.m. For our parishioners
11:00 a.m. Jack Thayer by Diana & Chris DeSantis



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”

- Mk 6:7, 10-11

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/
Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf.
33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-
27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and
16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,
13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph
2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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Gospel Reflection Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That’s how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That’s the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that’s not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there’s a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the “road less traveled.” Imagine those first disciples going out and into people’s homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God’s kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God’s vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence. If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That’s a risk God asks us to take.

Sunday Summary

Amos 7:12-15 The prophet is told to steer clear of Israel with his unwelcome prophecies.

Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Justice prepares the way of the Lord, and the land prospers.

Ephesians 1:3-14 All things will be summed up in Christ, in heaven and on Earth.

Mark 6:7-13 The 12 apostles are sent out in pairs to preach, dispel demons, and heal the sick.



Totus Tuus Summer Catholic Camp

Join us for a week of faith and fun!

Totus Tuus is a high-energy dose of faith building led by four young adults. Totus Tuus is Latin for “Totally Yours” and is a Catholic youth program dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in their understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ. The program strives to bring our faith to life.

Grades 1 – 8: August 2 - 6, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

High School: August 1 - 5, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or at www.vermontcatholic.org. For more information, please email: shsftotustuus@gmail.com.

Come Join Us!

The Holy Family Prayer Group at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church

The Holy Family Prayer Group at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church has resumed their Prayer Meetings. We praise God in song and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide our meetings with his gifts and truths. We pray, read scripture, and share how God is working in our lives.

We meet every Tuesday evening in the Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Holy Cross Chapel from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Please come join us any Tuesday evening and deepen your love with the Holy Spirit.



Kids' Corner - Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus prepared his disciples for a mission trip, where they would help the people in area towns and teach them about God. Before they left, Jesus asked his disciples to travel light - they were to bring no food or clothes or money. They could not survive without God's help. Jesus also asked them

to heal people. They could not heal without God's power, either. God provided everything they needed for their mission trip.

Prayer: Dear God, help me always to remember that it is your power that turns people's lives around. Amen.

Something to Draw: Draw a picture of two disciples walking together toward a town.

Mission for the Week: Choose one friend you know who needs to hear about God's love. Ask your parents if you could offer a ride to that friend, and invite him or her to church with you.



St. John the Baptist is 17% to our Bishop's Appeal goal. Did you know?... The Diocese pays for every Parish Catechetical Leader to be certified through a virtual program offered by the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports this and many other training programs for parish leaders. To learn more or to make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org. Brochures and pledge cards are available at the front entrance of the church.

Lectors Needed

We are in serious need of lectors to read at the 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Training is provided. Scheduling is done at your convenience. A Lectors' Workbook is provided to help you prepare the readings. Please call Margy Boulet at 442-3434 or e-mail margyb46@yahoo.com.

Family Night

Tri-City ValleyCats Baseball Game Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus Council 307 invites you to Family Night at the Tri-City ValleyCats Baseball Game in Troy, NY on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for some good fun, food, and fellowship. K of C subsidized tickets are \$10.00 each. Please contact Bob Kobelia at 442-4749.



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Pick of the Week for July 11:

Watch: *The Augustine Institute Show*

In this episode Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss what salvation means, and how faith and works aid us in our journey.

Listen: *Truth to Inspire: St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” became our first Native American Saint in 2012. Enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri's journey to Our Lord within the context of her native tribe.

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