

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

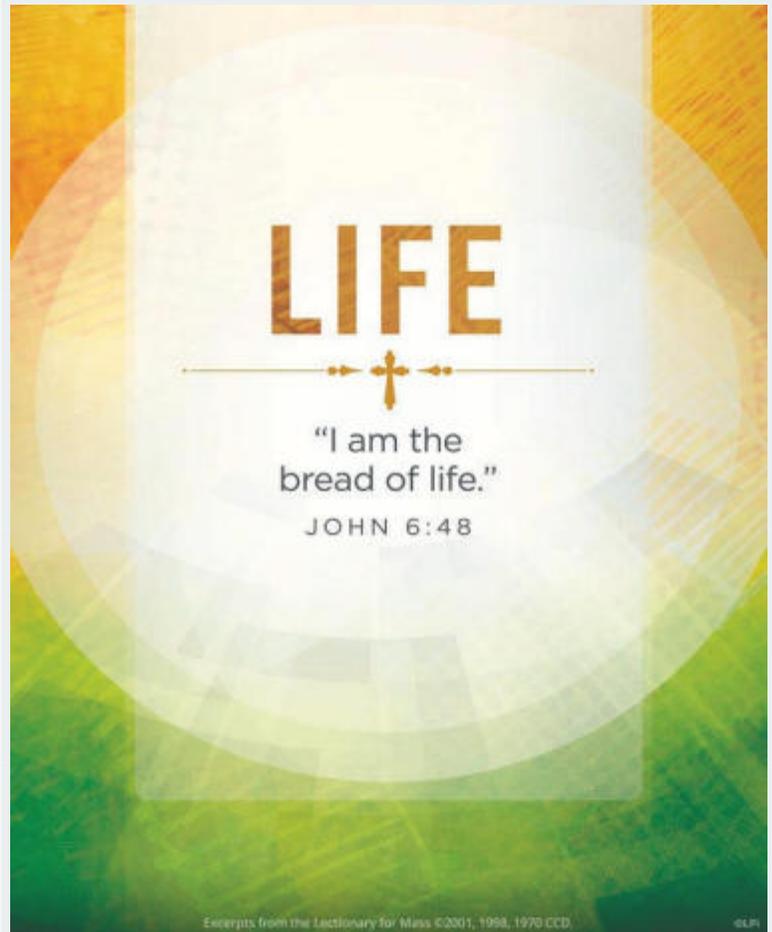
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 8/7-8/15

Sat./Sun., 8/7-8/8 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners

9:00 a.m. Theresa DeMasi by Bill & Jeanne Bourdon

11:00 a.m. Louise Gauthier by Ron, Rosemary, Ashley,
& Molly Lindsey

Monday, 8/9 – Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

No Mass

Tuesday, 8/10 – Saint Lawrence

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, 8/11 – Saint Clare

No Mass

Thursday, 8/12 – Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

9:00 a.m. Laura Meehan (birthday remembrance)
by a friend

Friday, 8/13 – Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 8/14-8/15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners

9:00 a.m. Father Michael DeMasi and other deceased
members of the K of C Council #307

11:00 a.m. Janusz Bielawski by the Family



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world.”
- Jn 6:51

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn
12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf.
20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-
6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and
24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11
[cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-
27/Lk 1:39-56

Gospel Reflection

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives comes from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God’s generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God’s story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God’s love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God’s primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

Sunday Summary

1 Kings 19:4-8 Elijah is ready to abandon his mission, but an angel revives him for the long road ahead.

Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 God’s goodness is palpable enough to survive the taste test.

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 To be church, we must live in love and remove all malice from our hearts.

John 6:41-51 Jesus’ own flesh is the living bread offered for the life of the world.

“As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word
of kindness to every person we encounter,
for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us.”

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Training will be provided. Scheduling is done at your convenience. If you are able to assist with this Ministry, please contact Diane Granger at 518-366-8642 or email at dianeg1229@gmail.com.

Lectors Needed

We are in need of Lectors to read at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. 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.

Volunteer Needed

We are looking for someone with an embroidery sewing machine willing to help with the making of baptism bibs. Please call Nicole at the Parish Office: 447-7504.

 Thank You 



Dear Friends,

It is said that time flies when you are having fun. My two months of summer assignment in Bennington and North Bennington flies so fast. It is not only because I am having lots of fun, but also, I have a lot of joy, love, and peace.

I would like to say thank you to everyone for your love, care, support, and especially your prayers. It has been a blessing for me to be here with all of you this summer. Please continue to pray for me as I am continuing my journey of following Jesus Christ. You are all in my prayers as well.

May God bless you all!

In Christ,

Luan Tran



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Pick of the Week for August 8:

Watch: *Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*

This is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord. Deeply influenced by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she joined the Carmelites, took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and was put to death in Auschwitz in 1942. In honor of Teresa Benedicta's feast day, enjoy this film.

Learn: *FORMED Now: Martyrs and Monastics*

We celebrate many martyrs and monastics during this rich week in the liturgical calendar. But how did the Church become a place of heroic martyrdom and steadfast monasticism? In this video, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss these themes and their history in the early Church.

Listen: *15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering by Jeff Cavins*

In addition to St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, the Church also celebrates the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this week. Kolbe, a Polish Catholic priest, fearlessly suffered the horrors of Auschwitz, where he was eventually martyred because of his faith. The life of this Saint reminds us that suffering is a mystery we all face at many points in our lives. In this talk, internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares his insights on this difficult topic and shows us how our suffering can become redemptive.

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading: The prophet Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?

Second Reading: Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?

Gospel: We hear today John's account of Jesus' rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as "the living bread that came down from heaven." What are some of Jesus' words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?

Administrative Assistant Position Available

After 6 years of service to the Catholic Community Judy Pembroke will be retiring at the end of September. We are looking for someone to take over Judy's responsibilities as the Administrative Assistant for Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church.

The ideal candidate would possess positive/welcoming attitude to greet people who walk in the office or call in by phone. Have computer experience – fluent in Word and Publisher (Excel a plus). Be able to work with deadlines (ie: weekly bulletin and weekend work). Know how to prioritize and integrate other projects/responsibilities into weekly routine. Be able to remain calm under pressure. Have the ability to work with staff and volunteers.

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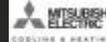
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