

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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January 7, 2018 - The Epiphany of the Lord



Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor

Reverend William H. Bowles

Reverend John Callan, Sch.P.

Office Hours: Monday 12pm – 4:00pm,

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

Confession: Saturdays from 4-5pm

† Mass Schedule †

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 7:00, 8:45am

Saturday: 8:45am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 6

8:45am **Int.** Blessed Mother and † Joseph Bordaz
 5:00pm † Betsy Russo and John Smallwood

Sunday, January 7

7:30am † Veronica Maus and Catherine Gilmartin
 9:00am † William & Michelina Williams, Mary Corda and Alvin J. Tight
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and † Deacon Jack Thesing
 12:00pm † Hyman Indowsky and José Sanchez
 5:00pm † Rose Doran and Marlene Reynolds

Monday, January 8

7:30am † Joan Byrne
 8:45am † Dr. Edward Merrigan

Tuesday, January 9

7:00am † Fr. Brendan Dalton
 8:45am † Catherine Manthey

Wednesday, January 10

7:00am **Int.** Bruce Boynton
 8:45am † Catherine Murray

Thursday, January 11

7:00am **Int.** Susan Hogan
 8:45am † Mary & Stan Marko

Friday, January 12

7:00am † Souls in Purgatory
 8:45am † Donald Zurn

Saturday, January 13

8:45am † Marguerite Lecurieux Belfond
 5:00pm † Joan & Brad Winningham and Dr. Robert Dublis

Sunday, January 14

7:30am **Int.** Rose Poponi and Jack O'Connell Family
 9:00am † Salvatore Bertuna and **Int.** Nora Purcell
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and † Rosemary Peterson
 12:00pm † Chris "Bubba" Walker and Pasqualina Zanghi
 5:00pm † Michael Bienes and James Maloney

Jan. 13 & 14	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Charles Russo	Eileen Borman Gigi Wiborg Claire Brown
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	George Esser	Jodi Esser Mary Blouin
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Bill Rotella	Rebecca Poljak Courtney O'Loughlin Maria O'Neill
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Pio Ieraci	Lisa Ieraci Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Estella Moriarty	Katherine Privateer Pam Jabbour
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Denis Merz	Cathleen Mascarenhas

Baptism: Registered parishioners please contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month after the 12pm Mass.

Marriage: Arrangements are made for previously registered and participating parishioners with six months of preparation.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held Oct - May, 2nd Wed. at 9:30am. Boutique workshops are Wed. at 9:30am

Men's Club: Meetings on the 4th Tuesday, Sept - May. Breakfast is hosted after First Friday 8:45am Mass.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6- 9pm and Saturday from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday, 1-3pm.

Our Novena and Benediction Service and Rosary:

Please join us Monday-Saturday at 8:20am for the Rosary and on Mondays for our Novena and Benediction service immediately following the 8:45am Mass.



Wedding Anniversary Mass 2018

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2018 are invited to come to a Mass on February 3rd at St. Mary Cathedral to receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4pm with Mass starting at 5:30pm.

St. Mary Cathedral
 7525 NW 2nd Avenue
 Miami, FL 33150

To register:
<http://conta.cc/2zWWFMs>

“Want to Join Us?”

The birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem was the most powerful event in human history. On this occasion the Son of the eternal God became one of us. Even though this event had been foretold for centuries, most people missed the moment they could truly celebrate.

One group however did await, prepare and celebrate. They were the Magi, the Three Kings (the Wise Men) who had this inner desire to come and see for themselves the event that was foretold for centuries. They appear to be kings of some small areas, but they had all the material things one would want in life. Yet they were not satisfied. So they set out to find the Christ, the Redeemer. He was their hope for a life beyond what they now had.

Assembling their team, they set out for a long journey with attendants, supplies and instruments to study the stars which were the signposts of their day. Their caravan encountered many difficulties, sicknesses, distractions, robbers, corruption, weather and so on. But nothing deterred them. Their reward was that they found the Christ-child. With their spiritual magnet, that yearning of the heart, they found the Savior.

Want to join the Magi caravan in search of the Christ-child? You already have. You joined it many years ago in your journey to “search” for meaning and purpose in your life. You have within you that “honing device” in which you search for the happiness, peace and security. The only one who can provide this assurance long-term is the Savior, Jesus.

Along the journey you likely have and will experience success, failure, distractions, illness, corruption and fatigue. You must journey on because it is all relative to the unbelievable goal you can achieve, i.e. the discovery of the Lord Jesus, the Redeemer.

Quite a story and it is yours! Your search for the Lord is really the only goal worth living for. The gift you can bring now is your love. No one else can bring that love. May each of us continue on that journey of “search” until we eventually discover and bond completely with the Savior.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

Women’s Guild Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be Ferial Youakim who will be discussing her book *Beyond Beauty- a Refugee’s Journey in Pursuit of Happiness*. Please join us to hear Ferial’s inspirational life story.



Bible Study resumes this week, **Thursday, January 11th**.

The book this session is *The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians!*

Classes are Thursdays at 9:30am and 7:00pm.

Classes resume next weekend, January 14th! We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday with their families.



Save the date!

*We are most appreciative of all who volunteer for the caring operation of our parish. The annual reception to express our gratitude will be held on **January 19th from 5:30 to 7:30pm**. Further information and date confirmation will be available soon. Thank you for your continued support!*



The donation letters for the 2017 tax year will be mailed prior to January 31, 2018. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year!

Archbishop’s Charities & Development Drive for 2018 is about to begin!

Please be generous in your support as our parish works to reach its annual quota! Thank you for your support.



Envelopes are being mailed to your homes by the Archdiocese and will be available on the tables. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket. We will process them in the rectory and submit them to the Archdiocese for proper accounting to the parish.