

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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February 18, 2018 - First Sunday of Lent



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 & 12noon (Lent)

Saturday: 8:45am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 17

8:45am ✠ William Thies
 5:00pm **Int.**/✠ Counihan & Purcell Families
 and ✠ Marge Waxman

Sunday, February 18

7:30am **Int.** Paul Luca Family and
 ✠ Roseann Misuraca
 9:00am ✠ Allie Beck and Andy DiBattista
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ Rosemary Peterson
 12:00pm ✠ Geraldine Heinz and Alice Bujalski
 5:00pm ✠ Julia Sorantino and Carmella Caira

Monday, February 19

7:30am **Int.** Victoria Banister (Birthday)
 8:45am ✠ Les Lampert
 12:00pm ✠ Isabel Carrion

Tuesday, February 20

7:00am ✠ William Thies
 8:45am ✠ Eugene Hudak
 12:00pm ✠ Kenneth Steele and **Int.** Shirley Steele

Wednesday, February 21

7:00am ✠ Richard Covone
 8:45am ✠ Elvira Aguilera and Teresa Landivar
 12:00pm ✠ Linda Schultze

Thursday, February 22

7:00am ✠ Members of SJB Women's Guild
 8:45am ✠ Colette Corish
 12:00pm ✠ St. John the Baptist Legacy Donors

Friday, February 23

7:00am ✠ Members of SJB Men's Club
 8:45am ✠ Georgina Torroella
 12:00pm ✠ Phillip A. Caruso and Arzulia de Arcos

Saturday, February 24

8:45am ✠ Randy DeMarco and Michael LoCurto
 5:00pm **Int.** Linda Cushman (Birthday)
 and ✠ Robert Ulliana

Sunday, February 25

7:30am **Int.** Michael Fearney Family and
 ✠ Roland & Barbara Faria
 9:00am ✠ Mario Nargi and Ronald Rhoads
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ Deacon Jack Thesing
 12:00pm ✠ Steven Leonardelli and Frank Mullin
 5:00pm ✠ William L. Lenzner and **Int.** John Landy

Feb. 24 & 25	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. MacDonald	Charles Russo	Eileen Borman Gigi Wiborg Claire Brown
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Kelly	George Esser	Jodi Esser Mary Blouin
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. MacDonald	Armand Rodriguez	Lisette Rodriguez Anne Meretsky Maria Friedman
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Albert Rode	Sue Hooley Lyn Fazioli Tom McCracken
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Thomas Gavigan	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	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.

Lent provides an opportunity of great grace when we highlight our personal resolve to serve the Lord through prayer, fasting and alms giving. May we foster self-discipline in whatever way we deem appropriate. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, March 30, are days of abstinence from meat for all who are 14 years and older. They are also days of fast (one full meal and two small meals, with nothing eaten between the meals) for adults from 18 to 59 years of age. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older. Weekday masses: 7am, 8:45am and 12pm. Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent following the noon mass.





Red Lobster (Don't forget it's Lent!)
 Friday, February 23rd at 6pm
 5950 N Federal Highway
 For reservations and transportation call
 Rudy Frei (954) 943-1023

“The Battle of Good Over Evil”

There always appears to be a war between good and evil. Books, movies, and fables embark on a foundational conflict of whether good will overpower evil. Obviously it depends on the author or interpreter as to whether and when good ultimately prevails as it usually does.

The difficulty arises when there is some confusion as to who or what is good and who is bad. Wars have been fought, crimes committed, lives lost, all with the intent of defeating the bad element. Who decides what is good or bad? Is it the most vociferous in self-proclamation? Society has quite frequently “muddied the waters” to make it difficult to tell the good guys from the bad.

If there was objectivity in every intention, effort or cause, we might be able to discern what is good or bad. Following God’s laws would surely be the ideal way to begin. The problem is that people interpret such objective rules to their own liking. Hence, there can be differing opinions on the same issue.

Assuming that good and evil do exist, is it possible for such good and evil to coexist in the same person? Realizing that all of us are sinners or potential sinners, we must assume that sin has or does touch our lives. Does this duality make all we do unacceptable to God? Our God is a forgiving God who loves us unconditionally. He just wants us to repent whenever we do evil. But the good we have done in the meantime is a measure of our overall intent.

So as not to be presumptuous in our assumption that we are a balance of good and evil, we must realize that all depends on the grace of God. Without this saving grace we would surely lose the battle. But, with God’s love and forgiveness, we will always prevail. We continue to fight the good fight until we join Him in eternal life.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

Theme: “Beginning Today”

FIRST NIGHT

Symbol: **BIBLE**, representing God’s communication to all people.

Topic: **SALVATION**; God’s dream for our happiness...and our response.

Goal: To deepen our acceptance of God’s tremendous love for us.
(Please bring your bible)

SECOND NIGHT

Symbol: **EASTER CANDLE**, representing the risen Jesus, who conquers sin/death.

Topic: **SIN, RECONCILIATION AND HEALING**; living the life of conversion.

Goal: To be freed of the burden of our sinfulness and of past grudges and pains.

LAST NIGHT

Symbol: **ALTAR**, representing Jesus pouring Himself out for us.

Topic: **YOUR MISSION**; our baptismal vocation and share in the work of Jesus Christ and the Church (parish).

Goal: To become more aware of how we need to go forth and proclaim the Good News.



LENTEN MISSION

Our Lenten Parish Mission will be conducted on the evenings of February 26th, 27th and 28th beginning at 7pm. The Mission will be conducted by Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist priest.

Father MacDonald will receive parishioners in the parish hall after the 8:45am mass and following the close of the mission each evening, Monday through Wednesday. All are invited.

Monday 9:15am: Looking for volunteers to host
Monday 8pm: Looking for volunteers to host
Tuesday 9:15am: Bill & Bev Green, Mary Thesing hosts
Tuesday 8pm: The Men’s Club hosts
Wednesday 9:15am: The Women’s Guild hosts
Wednesday 8pm: Looking for volunteers to host

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don’t always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program where you’ll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

To sign up, visit www.bestlentever.com



The Women’s Guild will be selling raffle tickets before and after all masses this weekend, February 18th. The winning cash prizes will be drawn at the Luau Luncheon. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

