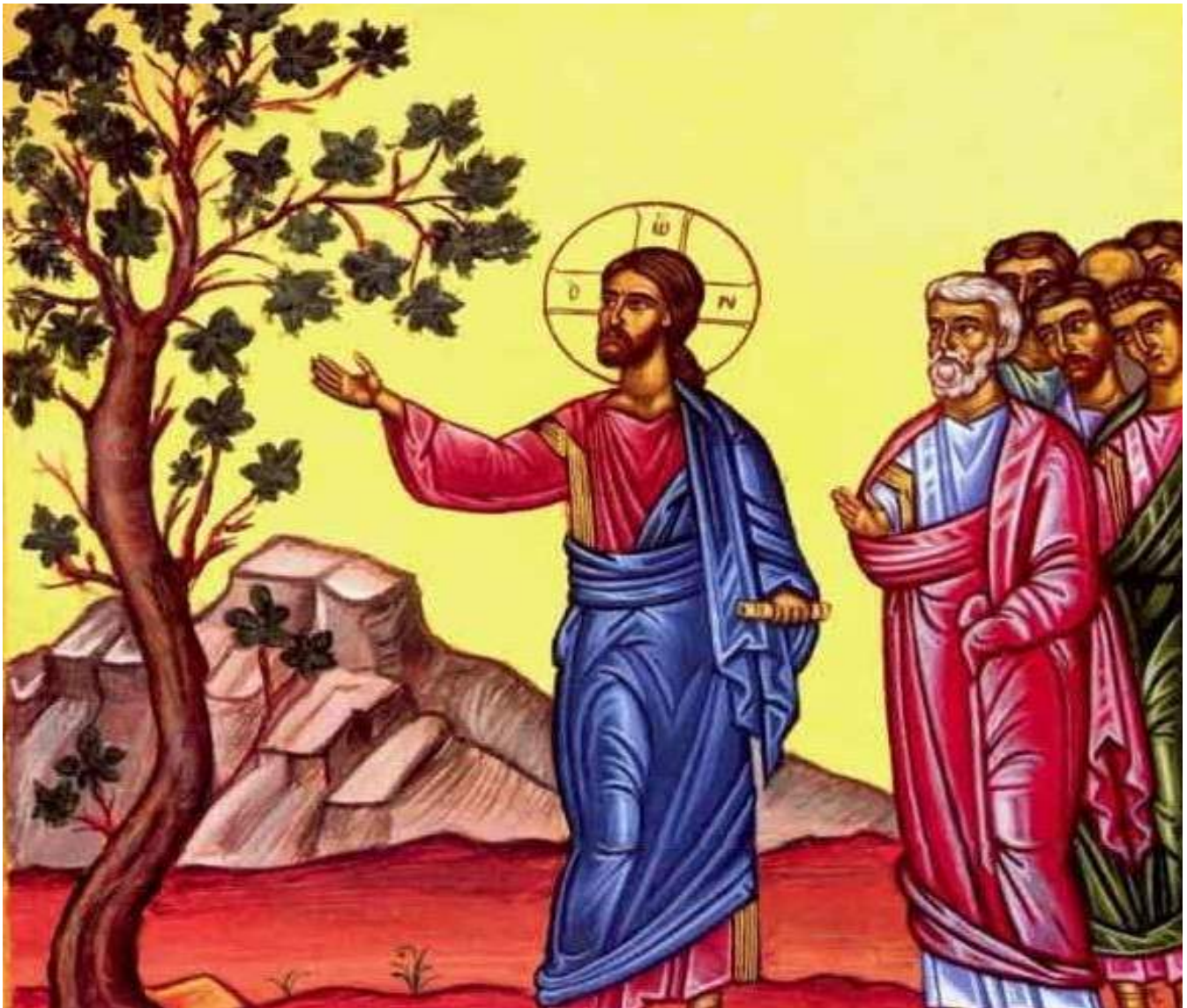


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March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent



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: 7am, 8:45am & Noon
Saturday: 8:45am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 23

8:45am ✚ George Malcolm and Skip Allen
 5:00pm ✚ Mary Biancardi and Joseph Petrillo

Sunday, March 24

7:30am ✚ Barbara & Roland Faria and
Int. Louis Cervone Family
 9:00am ✚ Betsy Russo and Bernadette Merrigan
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✚ Ruvo & Federici Families
 12:00pm **Int.** Jim DeMars (Birthday) and
 ✚ Harrison Smith
 5:00pm ✚ Dennis & Julia Sorantino and
 Jeanne Theresa Connelly

Monday, March 25

7:00am **Int.** Betsy Banister & family and
 ✚ Shane Smith
 8:45am ✚ Thomas Braatz and Gerald Michel, Sr.
 12:00pm **Int.** Thanksgiving for prayers answered and
Int./✚ Counihan & Purcell Families

Tuesday, March 26

7:00am ✚ William K. Banister and Joseph Palazzolo
 8:45am ✚ Vincent Stango and Gloria Seminara
 12:00pm ✚ Gerald Michel, Sr. and **Int.** Linda Bianco

Wednesday, March 27

7:00am **Int.** Betsy Banister & family
 8:45am ✚ Cecilia Carr and Lyndon Cronen
 12:00pm ✚ Melissa Ann Barmore

Thursday, March 28

7:00am **Int.** Ron Poskus
 8:45am ✚ John Jardine and **Int.** Eileen Borman
 12:00pm ✚ Dominick Fiore and Pat Passannanti

Friday, March 29

7:00am ✚ Thomas Braatz
 8:45am **Int.** Rosalie Ponte and Catherine Miethe
 12:00pm **Int.** Jeremy & Richard Klein and
 ✚ Aretha Cantrell

Saturday, March 30

8:45am **Int.** Jan Joyce & family and
 ✚ James M. Kennedy
 5:00pm ✚ Angelina Ulliana and Robert Free

Sunday, March 31

7:30am **Int.** John Limperis Family and
 ✚ Thomas Braatz
 9:00am ✚ James McCabe and Bernadette Merrigan
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✚ Kevin Day
 12:00pm ✚ Hebe Maria Martino and Oscar Machuca
 5:00pm ✚ Mafalda LaMarca and Lorna De La Cruz

March 30 & 31	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Jo-Ann Tabry	Nora Purcell Claire Brown Peg Butler
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Bowles	Greg Coican	Maureen Buffington Eileen Higgins
Sun. 9:00am	Msgr. Sheahan	David Crane	Susan Crane Elena Catana Maria Kamboureli
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Callan	Rudy/Carol Frei	Patty Bedley Dennis Bedley Patricia Kearney
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Kelly	Dean McGrady	Mary Dellaporta Pam Jabbour
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	David Erdman	Dave Cooney Rene Cooney

Baptism: Previously registered parishioners should contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday after the 12pm Mass.

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

Legacy Circle: Kindly remember your Parish in your will. Your goodness will continue.

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

Religious Ed Classes (PK-8): Religious education classes begin with the 9am Sunday Mass, followed by an hour of classroom instruction, August- May.

Rite of Christian Formation (RCIA): Classes will begin in September for personal instruction available on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:30pm from September - April.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held at 9:30am on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May. Boutique workshops are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am.

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

Bible Study: Classes on Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm from September through November and February through April. Please contact Jo-Ann Tabry at joanntabry@gmail.com.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm 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.

“Can Sinners Do Good?”

There often appears to be a war between good and evil. Books, movies, and fables embark on a foundational conflict of whether good will overcome 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 confusion as to who or what is good or bad. Wars have been fought, crimes committed, and 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 from the bad.

If there is objectivity in every intention, effort, or cause, we ought to 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 from their own perspective and experience. 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 we are all 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? No, God is a forgiving God who loves us unconditionally. He wants us to repent whenever we do evil, but the good we do is a measure of our overall intent.

So that we not are totally presumptuous that we are a certain percentage of good mixed with a balance of 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 prevail. Hence our good extends even in our times of weakness.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



All men of the parish are invited to the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm in the parish hall.



Join us at Olive Garden!

Friday, March 29th @ 6pm
5550 N. Federal Hwy.
Reservations and transportation call Rudy Frei (954) 943-1023

Confirmation, March 29th!

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they receive the Holy Spirit this Friday, March 29th at 7pm. Bishop Enrique Delgado will administer the Confirmation. We thank our dedicated teachers for the preparation provided to these candidates.



Next Sunday, March 31st!

Today, fewer than 4 of every 10 people in the U.S. are eligible to give blood. Fewer than 1 in 10 actually donate. Help save a life and donate blood! The blood drive bus will be in the south parking lot from 7am to 1:30pm.



Lenten Fish Fry, hosted by the Men’s Club
Friday, April 5th

Doors open at 6pm

- Advance tickets—\$15/person
- Tickets at the door—\$20/person

Advance ticket sales will be held before and after all masses on March 30th & 31st. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early!

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. 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.

