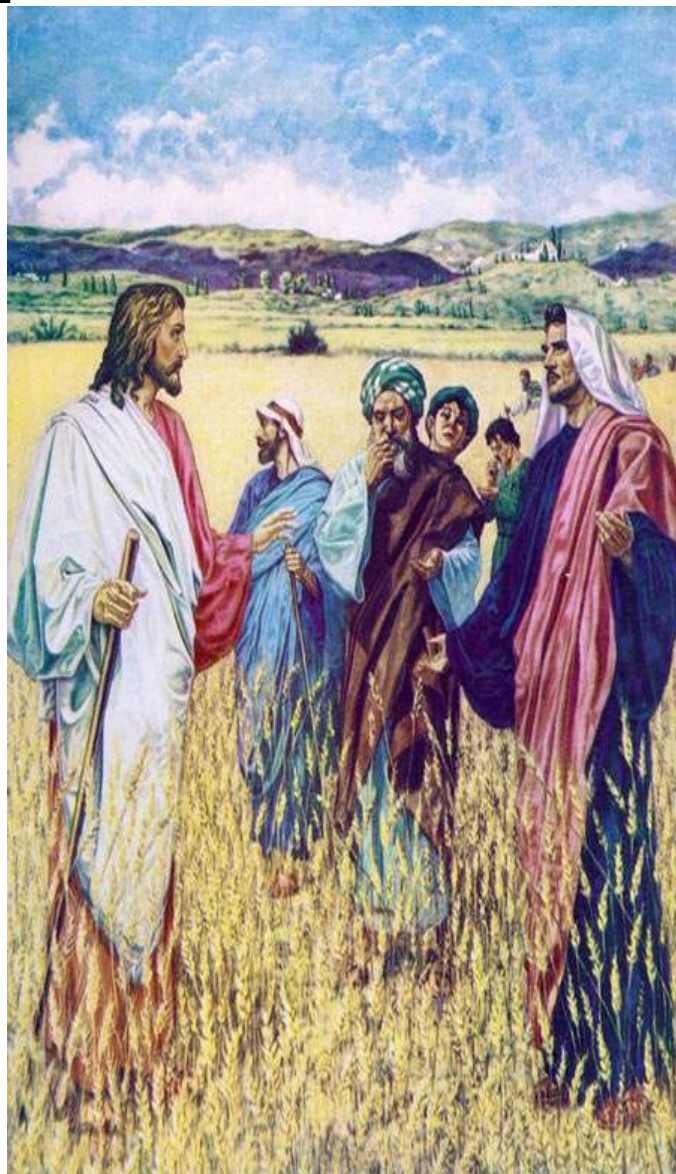


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July 23, 2017 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Your Great Name

By Natalie Grant

Lost are saved, Find their way
All condemned, feel no shame
Every fear has no place
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb
that was slain for us
Son of God and Man
You are high and lifted up,
That all the world
will praise Your great name

All the weak, find their strength
Hungry souls receive grace
The fatherless, they find their rest
Sick are healed, and the dead are raised

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are my King

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



To hear "Your Great Name"
By Natalie Grant
Scan with your QR Reader App

† Mass Schedule †

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:45am



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John the Baptist Parish is to nurture a community of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. By means of worship, study, service, and community, each individual is invited to participate in the life of the parish family. Every person has a benefit to receive and gifts to share for the overall good of souls in this location of the Kingdom of God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 22

8:45am ✠ Rosetta Bruculeri and Carmela
5:00pm ✠ Lawrence Posey and Jane DePadro

Sunday, July 23

7:30am **Int.** Toby Murphy Family and Gene Lussier
9:00am ✠ Edward Moran and Paul Dubreuil
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Deacon Jack Thesing
12:00pm ✠ Mauro Manfredi and Matthew "Tom" Bulfin
5:00pm ✠ Rev. Gerald McGrath and George George

Monday, July 24

8:45am ✠ Lois Harris and St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, July 25

8:45am ✠ Marie & Carolyn Policastro and Patricia McGrath

Wednesday, July 26

8:45am ✠ Robert McMann and Michael Bienes

Thursday, July 27

8:45am ✠ Joan Lescher and **Int.** Helene Miethe

Friday, July 28

8:45am ✠ Gunarti Hapsoro and Edward Meehan (of Pennsylvania)

Saturday, July 29

8:45am ✠ Joan Lescher and Daniel McGee
5:00pm ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis and Evelyn Boynton

Sunday, July 30

7:30am **Int.** Jack O'Connell Family and ✠ Roland & Barbara Faria
9:00am **Int.** Erica Lennox and ✠ Dorothy Marie Baldwin
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Veronica Afek
12:00pm ✠ Stanley Bujalski and Lanore Grossman
5:00pm ✠ Frank J. Mancini and Rosetta Bruculeri

*Talking about God isn't about imposing belief, but rather about sharing the joy of faith.
-Pope Francis*

July 29 & 30	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Jesse Bell	Patty Bell Alicia Holloway Dean McGrady
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Kelly	Dottie Raimondi	Eileen Higgins
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Pedro Lleo	Maureen McEnerney	Judy Tight Mary Cooney Thomas Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Pedro Lleo	Pio Ieraci	Lisa Ieraci Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Kelly	Michael Stewart	DeeDee Stewart Pam Jabbour
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	David Erdman	Catherine Miethe

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.

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: Religious education begins with the 9am Sunday Mass, concluding at 11am, September- May.

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

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held from Oct - May, 2nd Wednesday at 9:30am. Boutique workshops are 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: Queen of Heaven: Classes are on Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm from September through April. Please contact Jo-Ann Tabry at joanntabry@gmail.com.

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 .

“Keep the Weeds Under Control”

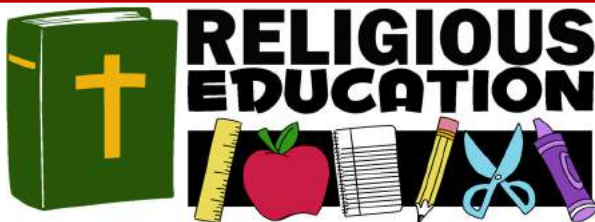
The presence of evil in the world cannot be denied; we have only to watch the nightly news or read the morning newspaper to recognize the evil in our society. Much has been said and written about the problem of evil. We wonder why God allows it; we wonder how evil could have intruded into a world that God created. Scripture tells us that evil has been present since the beginning of time and will be present until the end. Wondering about evil has no effect on its presence. Ignoring evil allows it to gather strength. Recognizing and acknowledging its presence in our lives is one way to begin to control its effects.

In the Gospel story of the sower seeding the field, Jesus explains to his disciples that the owner of the field warns his workers not to pull up the weeds lest they harm the wheat. Likewise, it is not always possible to identify the weeds in our lives. Grievous sins, such as abortion, adultery or slander, are easily recognized as harmful weeds in the field of God's kingdom. But how many of us would be surprised to discover little weeds growing right at the heart of our good intentions? For example, how many of our good deeds have at their root a desire for recognition? Does that mean that we should stop doing good deeds? Not at all. If we try to eradicate this very human and understandable weed by waiting until our intentions are pure before we do good, not much good will ever be done. Evil will have yet a larger field in which to grow. It is far better to cultivate the intention to do good deeds, while asking the Eternal Gardener to help us control the weeds that have been planted within us. If we become aware that the weeds of self-interest have become too large in our lives, perhaps spiritual redirection is needed to help us use our gifts to accomplish something good, while at the same time keeping the weeds of pride under control.

The people in the Old Testament times had allowed their own false gods to turn them away from their true calling as God's holy people. The prophet, Jeremiah, is given the terrible task of making people acknowledge the weeds that had grown up in their midst, but pride and self-interest prevented them from understanding. They refused to see themselves in the words of warning that Jeremiah was directed to speak. We, too, are capable of fashioning our own personal gods, and, whether it is pride, envy, or perhaps misguided ambition, we can lose our way to the eternal kingdom as our good deeds become choked with weeds and we become blind to our own spiritual predicament.

We all must learn to step back from our activities, no matter how good or well-intentioned, and examine our underlying objectives. Pray that we may see ourselves not only as others see us, but, more importantly, as God sees us. Listen to the prophet within and read the signs, as God gives us the grace to see them, allowing us to keep the weeds of our lives under control.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education—PK—8th Grade
Register now for 2017-2018!**

Online registration available at
<https://parishtrack.aquinas-sta.org/ccd>
Registration fee is \$60 if paid by August 25th,
\$100 after August 25th. The first session is
August 27th and begins with the 9am mass.

SUPPER CLUB

Friday, July 28th at 6:00pm
2428 E. Commercial Boulevard
Call Valerie at (954) 561-8756
for reservations and transportation
(if needed).

