

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent



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 and 8:45am

Saturday: 8:45am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 1

8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother and
✠ All Brothers & Sisters

5:00pm ✠ Betsy Russo and Anna Pino

Sunday, December 2

7:30am **Int.** Nyzio Family and Eileen Borman

9:00am ✠ Donna Yohanan and
Katherine, Bruce, Frances & Roger Jones

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
✠ Anna D'Eramo & Gloria Ferrara

12:00pm ✠ Gjergj (George) Markaj and

Int. The Pritchard Family

5:00pm ✠ Rev. Gerald McGrath and Rose Doran

Monday, December 3

7:00am **Int.** Carol Bergen

8:45am ✠ Claudette Gelinis and Jodi Esser

Tuesday, December 4

7:00am ✠ Gavina Viridis

8:45am ✠ William J. Bauman and Eugene O'Neill

Wednesday, December 5

7:00am **Int.** Zack Zielinski

8:45am ✠ Linda Schultze and Billy Ethridge

Thursday, December 6

7:00am ✠ Elvira & Juan Jose Converse and
Magdalena Marta

8:45am **Int.** John Forsythe and ✠ Tom Braatz

Friday, December 7

7:00am **Int.** Scott Mooney

8:45am ✠ Butler/Haran Family and

Int. Therese Centorbi (Birthday)

5pm **Int.** Patrick O'Dea and ✠ Phil Steinert

Saturday, December 8

7:30am ✠ Mary Katherine McCormack and
Jerrie Asbury

8:45am ✠ Susan Kanelidis and
John & Rose Ruvo McDermott

12:00pm ✠ Giuseppe Viridis and Barbara D'Amico

5:00pm ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis and
Charles L. Winningham

Sunday, December 9

7:30am ✠ Bob Krycki and Skip Campbell

9:00am ✠ Isabel Ventura and Helen White

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
✠ Joseph Doyle

12:00pm ✠ Bette Schwantes and Ersica Gianna

5:00pm ✠ Calogero Brucculeri and
Int. Eileen Borman

Dec. 8 & 9	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Mary Joe Clark	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Wiesmann	Mike Duval	Rose Bonell Nancy Seiler
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Naughton	David Crane	Susan Crane Elena Catana Maria Kamboureli
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Kelly	Joanne Jasin	Karen Niles Kris Ahern Stephen Johnson
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Paul Loree	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Louise McDonough	Mike O'Connor Sharon O'Connor

St. Coleman School Open House



will be Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 6:30pm-8pm. The school will begin accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year for students in PreK-3 through 8th grade beginning December 14, 2018.

Ushers Needed for Weekend Masses

We are in need of men and women volunteers to serve as ushers who welcome all attending and accept their offering during mass. Please call Holly at the rectory if you are interested in being an usher.



SCHEDULE CHANGE
The December food drive is next weekend, Sunday, December 9th.

Welcome Weekend

As part of its 60th anniversary celebration, the Archdiocese of Miami will be hosting a Welcome Weekend at all the parishes Dec. 8 and 9. We encourage all our parishioners to personally invite people they know to "come and see" the Catholic Church for themselves. These guests may be family members, friends, or neighbors.



“Five Seconds for a Hail Mary”

As autumn turns to winter, Americans become more engaged in the rankings and standings of their football teams. We are nearing the end of the college football season and the pros are entrenched in theirs. Over the course of the season in American football, we witness many exciting games that came “down to the wire”, in fact to the last play. Trying to catch up, the offensive team used a well-rehearsed play in which the quarterback tosses the ball into the end zone hoping that, in the scramble, his teammates will catch the ball. It is a rather desperation attempt, but many times it succeeds.

Some years ago a coach or player, with obvious faith, devised this play and because of its lengthy air-journey and uncertainty, he invoked the Blessed Mother’s help with a “Hail Mary” prayer. Thus this exceptionally exciting play received a lasting name.

As we approach the Saturday’s Holyday, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, consider where are you in your trust in the power of prayer? Do you rely on yourself alone and only in desperation cases plead for God’s help or the intercession of Mary? Life should teach us that we have human limits and cannot do everything or even many things without Divine intervention.

How impractical it is to wait for the desperation phase to arrive before we are brought to our knees and realize that we need help from “on high.” The time for cultivation of a prayer-habit is in youth and in times of calm rather than waiting for turbulent moments to occur.

As He was dying on the Cross, Jesus gave us his mother, Mary, as our mother. She can be our mediator at all times not only in times of desperation, but in normal times. Let’s not wait for the five seconds remaining in the game of life before we invoke her help. “Hail Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.”

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration begins after the 8:45am Mass and concludes at 5pm. Men’s Club breakfast follows the 8:45 mass in the parish hall. Confessions are Thursday, November 30th from 4-5pm.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018,
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



- Friday, December 7th
Vigil mass at 5pm.
- Saturday, December 8th
Masses at 7:30am,
8:45am, and 12 noon.

Confessions for will be on Thursday, December 6th and Saturday, December 8th at 4pm.



The Annual Toy Drive sponsored by the Men’s Club will take place on the weekend of December 8th and 9th between 8am and 6pm. Please consider bringing a new toy to the Parish Hall to assist in this worthwhile community effort.

2nd Collection Next Weekend, December 8th and 9th:

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime.



The Women’s Guild hosts its **Members Only**

Annual Christ Child Tea at 9:30am on Wednesday,

December 12th in the Playa Del Mar Party Room. Our hostess is Mary Gerage. Members please RSVP by December 7th to Pat Burke at (954) 776-1339 or rburke1339@comcast.net. Donations for Respect Life will be accepted.

