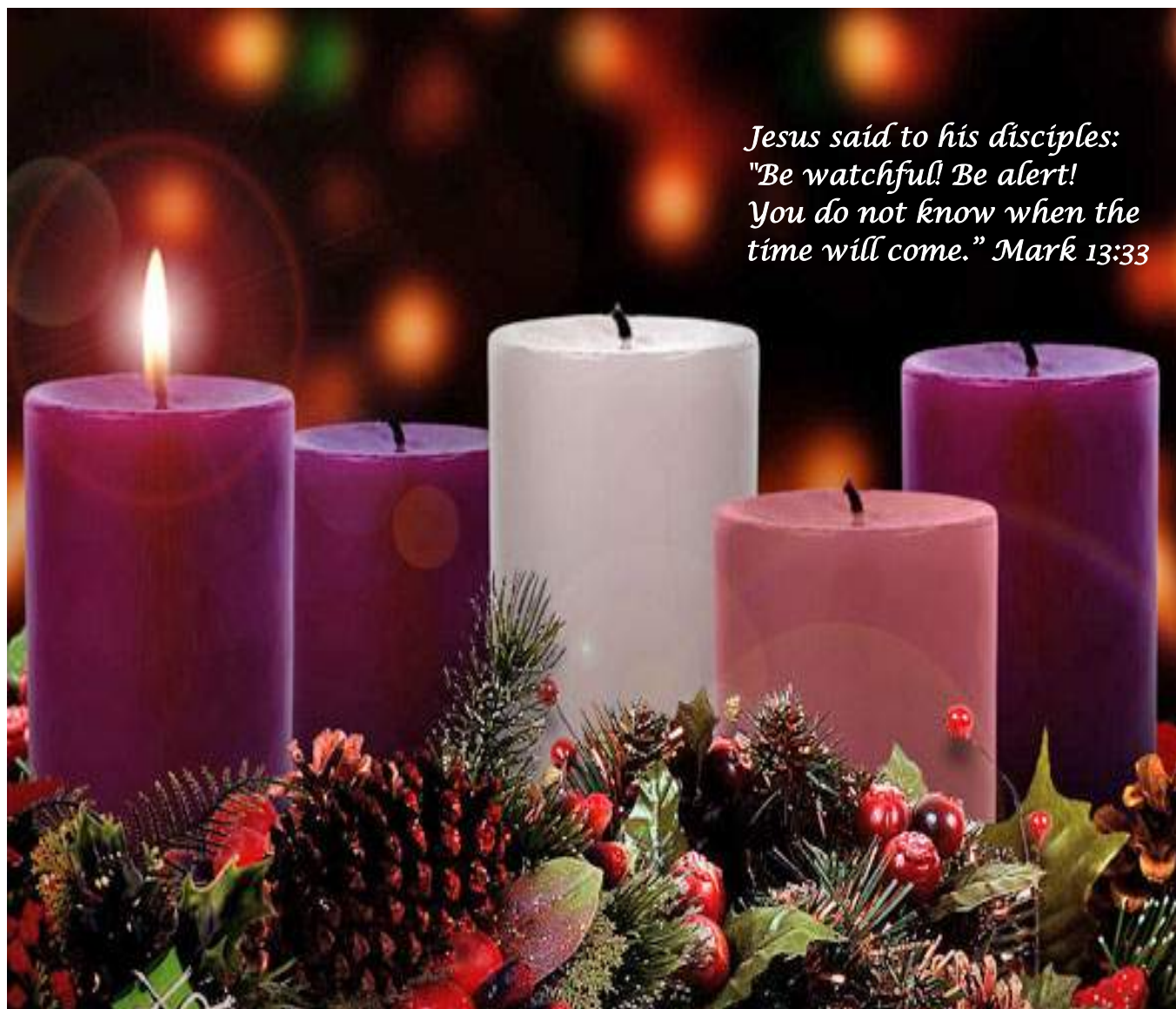


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December 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent



*Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come." Mark 13:33*

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 2

8:45am ✠ All souls in Purgatory
 5:00pm **Int./✠** Counihan/Purcell Families and
 ✠ Betsy Russo

Sunday, December 3

7:30am ✠ Marie, Carolyn, & Frank Policastro and
 Joe Ferguson
 9:00am ✠ Vito & Constance Tursi and
 Vera & John Kreidich
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 and ✠ Dr. Peter J. Romano II
 12:00pm ✠ Esther Smith and F. Jay Huber, Jr.
 5:00pm ✠ Jody & Stephen Langsenkamp and
 Matt Yerger

Monday, December 4

7:00am ✠ Warren Meretsky and Gene O'Neill
 8:45am ✠ William H. Klein and William Bauman

Tuesday, December 5

7:00am **Int.** Mary Burke (sister of Fr. Jim Daly) and
 ✠ Romeo Joseph Rodrigues
 8:45am ✠ Karen O'Reilly and Gavina Virdis

Wednesday, December 6

7:00am ✠ Rose Mennella
 8:45am ✠ Rose Marie Reinsch

Thursday, December 7

7:00am **Int.** Nora Purcell
 8:45am ✠ Anthony Rowek
 5:00pm ✠ Peter & Anna Pino

Friday, December 8

7:00am ✠ Stephen C. Finney, Jr. and Joan Schmitt
 8:45am ✠ John & Rose Ruvo McDermott and
 Mary Katherine McCormack
 12:00pm **Int.** Jim & Skip DeMars and
 ✠ Jerrie Asbury
 5:00pm ✠ Liz Ziegler and Giuseppe Virdis

Saturday, December 9

8:45am ✠ Florence M. Klein
 5:00pm ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis and
 Charles L. Winningham

Sunday, December 10

7:30am ✠ Angelo Diana and Mary Lou Hamilton
 9:00am ✠ Lois McCarthy and Joseph Ragusa
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
 and ✠ Chris "Bubba" Walker
 12:00pm ✠ Joseph Doyle and José & Esther Sanchez
 5:00pm ✠ Mary O. McFadden and William L. Lenzner

LIKE A CHILD, One who aspires to the grace of God
 must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.
 ~ ST. NICHOLAS

Dec. 9 & 10	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Jesse Bell	Nora Purcell Helen Schaffhauser Peg Butler
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Bowles	Gordon James	Loni James Virginia Guadagno
Sun. 9:00am	Msgr. Sheahan	David Crane	Susan Crane Janalyn Reeder Jane Czubay
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Weismann	Dave Corey	Cesar Coral Veronica Coral Bertha Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Kelly	Thomas Gavigan	Jody Williams Jan Mianowski
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Bill Lank	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.

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.



Join us for our next
Bible Study session,
The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians!

We are the Body of Christ, but how often do we consider exactly what that means? What sets us apart from the rest of the world as members of Christ's own body?

- Starting mid-January for 10 weeks
- Books are \$22, due December 8th
- Please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist, notating "Bible Study Morning" or "Bible Study Evening" in the memo.

“All Things are Possible with God”

An essential ingredient of any planning process is vision - looking at the possibilities. Whether it be national policy, business operations or family interests, experience teaches us that we must broaden our scope to anticipate even the unknown. For certain, the unknown will come upon us and it will be in our interests to consider widespread options.

The prophet Isaiah frequently refers to the vision and the dream for the people of God in the Old Testament. "On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, where all tears will be wiped away." In the gospels, we see Jesus laying hands on the people and their suffering is taken away. He feeds the crowds as he nourishes body and soul.

Advent calls all of us to the vision, to a belief that all is possible: peace can overcome violence, love will win out over hate, poverty will be eradicated by the sharing of resources, hostility can be conquered through reconciliation. We do live in a society where seemingly, the negative forces are stronger than the forces of good. Yet we are a people who have been saved and ultimate achievement is possible in all things.


This vision is possible for us because of Jesus who came among us. As we accept our baptismal call to live as children of God, we will do the things that make a difference in the world. Jesus was able to heal, to reconcile, to feed the hungry, to bring life to others because he realized the source of power was to be found in his relationship with God. In the same way, each of us is graced with the power and the ability to make a difference. We are called, in community with others, to hold up the vision and carry out the mission of justice and peace with Jesus as our source of life. Advent challenges us to keep our eye on the vision. "All things are possible with God."

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

The Women's Guild hosts its **Members Only Annual Christ Child Tea** at 9:30am on Wednesday, December 13th at the home of Ferial Youakim. Members, please RSVP by December 8th to Pat Burke at (954) 776-1339 or rburke1339@comcast.net. Donations for Respect Life will be accepted.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017. A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



- **Thursday, December 7th**
Confessions from 4-5pm
Vigil mass at 5pm.
- **Friday, December 8th**
Masses at 7am, 8.45am,
12 noon and 5pm.



SCHEDULE CHANGE
The December food drive is next weekend, Sunday, December 10th.

Sponsored by the Men's Club
St. John the Baptist Annual Toy Drive takes place the weekend of December 9th and 10th between 8am and 6pm. Please consider bringing a new unwrapped toy to the Parish Hall to assist in this worthwhile community effort.



2nd Collection Next Weekend, Dec. 10th.
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 .



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