

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23, 2018



For today a great light has come upon the earth.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 22

8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & Holy Spirit
 † Tim Gill and John A. Kelly
 5:00pm † Ed & Agnes BiMonte and
 Clement J. Ulliana

Sunday, December 23

7:30am **Int.** Eileen Borman and
 † Barbara & Roland Faria
 9:00am † William & Michelina Williams and
 Kellen O'Neil
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 Thanksgiving
 12:00pm **Int.** Huy Nguyen (Birthday) and
 † John Boniello
 5:00pm † Dr. Thomas O'Shaughnessy and
 Rose O'Shaughnessy

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

December 24, 25 & 26 (Christmas Triduum)

† Lyle Anderson † Jorge & Alejandro Nieri
 † Beatriz Arango **Int.** Diane Rau
 † Peggy Blaikie † John Rau
 † John & Marie Bonell & Family † Jean Ann Stock
 † Ace Cassidy † Bud Tight
Int. Carolyn & Wade Chio **Int.** Al Valderrama
 † Alphonse Della Donna † Cholo & Chela Valderrama
 † Joseph Doyle † Leonardo & Italina Valderrama
 † Thomas Hochler † Karen Valderrama
Int. Cindy & Crissy Iglesias † Italina Valderrama
 † Joseph & Anne Jasin **Int.** Marcos Valderrama
 † Bertha & Stephen Javor **Int.** Marky Valderrama
 † Ray Javor † Mildred & Al Valderrama
 † Veronika Juscakova **Int.** Millie Valderrama
 † Tom Kirby † Chris "Bubba" Walker
 † John E. & Jean Lindsey † James P. Warnock
 † Donna A. McFadden † Frank Weber
 † Lena Menno † William & Michelina Williams
 † Ruth Menza † Catherine Yardley
 † Kathy Moynahan † Donna Yohanen
 † Ronald & Lisa Moynahan
Int. Joanne, Rita, Linda, Therese & David Javor
 † and **Int.** of Seiler/Egan Families, Counihan/Purcell
 Families and the Day/Macdonald Families

Thursday, December 27

7:00am † Joanne Price

8:45am † Joseph Jasin and **Int.** Marky Valderrama

Friday, December 28

7:00am † Bernadette Merrigan

8:45am † Bertha Javor and **Int.** Jan Joyce & Family

Saturday, December 29

8:45am † Ann & Dick Chatellier and Jodi Esser

5:00pm † Cathy Boehmer and John Holscher

Sunday, December 30

7:30am † Thomas Braatz and Richard Stephens

9:00am † Tom Braatz and Jim Landsdale

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 † Louise Pedretti

12:00pm † John Boniello and Noreen Broderick

Dec. 29 & 30	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Jesse Bell	Patty Bell John Lindsey Rosemary Lindsey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Bowles	Gordon James	Loni James
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Callan	Linda O'Bryon	Carol Jardine Stephen Cooney Mary Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Kelly	Sarahnell Murphy	Kris Ahern Bob Read Vicci Read
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Wiesmann	Thomas Gavigan	DeeDee Stewart Anita Nasser
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Denis Merz	Mike O'Connor Sharon O'Connor

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.

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:

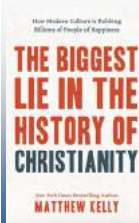
Please join us Monday-Saturday at 8:20am for the Rosary and on Mondays for our Novena and Benediction service immediately following the 8:45am Mass.

The office will be open Monday, December 24th & December 31st from 8:30am-1pm for emergencies only and closed Tuesday, December 25th & January 1st.
 Merry Christmas!



Our Gift to You for the New Year!

The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity will be available at the exit doors next weekend. Please take one copy per family as our gift to you!



“Open the Doors to Christ ”

The theme of Christmas each year is God's coming to live among us. There is a truth here that is very simple, yet can be easily overlooked: Christ comes to us because He wants to stay with us. For Him to stay with us, however, it is not enough that He comes, it is also necessary for us to have a place for Him to stay in our hearts and homes. He stands continually at the door of our hearts, as it were, waiting for us to welcome Him.

Regrettably, there were many, who for whatever reason, did not welcome Christ, such as the King and the learned men of Jerusalem. Even though they had an idea where He was to be found, they not only were un-receptive, but sought to eliminate Him through the murder of many innocent children. The innkeeper did not welcome Christ. He did not recognize that the young woman about to give birth was the Mother of God and the child she was about to give birth to was Christ. Otherwise, surely he would have given them the best room in the inn.

The shepherds welcomed Christ, as did the Magi. The saints, the martyrs, children and adults, kings and soldiers, ordinary people, ancient peoples and people living today have been among the many who have welcomed Christ. How did they welcome Him? Some, like Mary, who welcomed Christ through their tremendous desire for His presence. Still others sought Jesus in faith even though they did not know of Him. Such a desires and beliefs are essential to welcoming the Lord Jesus.

The Eucharist is the highest expression of Christ's desire to be received by us. In the form of bread He is able to come to us within our bodies as an expression of love and as a way to enter our minds and hearts. He comes in particular for the soul who is in need of the bread of life, for the soul in need of healing.

Jesus will always find a way when we are ready to welcome Him. He will come by His Spirit within us, by His word, by our faith, and by needs of charity to others. He will come to us in the events of the day, in other people, in many new and unanticipated ways. On this Christmas occasion, may we be open to the Christ-child entering into our lives and staying with us. A blessed Christmas to you!

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



The priests of St. John's extend to each of you the warmth and the love of this sacred celebration of the Savior's coming among us. May you have peace in your heart as God's promise of salvation unfolds. You will be included in our intentions as we celebrate mass during the Christmas season. Jesus came for all of us. Kindly invite a friend or neighbor to join us for this joyful celebration of Christmas. We welcome all!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve

Pre-Mass Music Preludes: 4:30pm and 11:30pm

Vigil Masses: 5pm, 7pm, 12 Midnight

Christmas Day Masses:

7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, 12 noon & 5pm

Confessions:

Saturday, Dec 22nd: 9:15-10am & 4-5pm

Sunday, Dec 23rd: 4-5pm

Monday, Dec 24th: 9:15-10am & 4-5pm



Thank you to the children & teachers for the beautiful **Children's Christmas Program**. Your creativity and enthusiasm were evident to all in attendance.

Special thanks to Catherine Myers, Louise Cole-Reeser, and Wanda Drozdovitch.



On this special occasion we invite your most generous giving to the Lord as a reflection of your appreciation of His sacrifice for our eternal salvation.

Blessed Christmas to you and your family.

Christmas celebrations are often full of sound. It would be good for us to make room for silence, to hear the voice of Love.

-Pope Francis

