

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord



Prayer for the Baptism of the Lord

Open the heavens, almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered in prayer. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds. Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son our hope of inheriting eternal life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor

Reverend Patrick Naughton

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: 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 9

8:45am ✠ Donald Hatch and Eugene Merz
 5:00pm **Int.**/✠ Counihan/Purcell Families and
 ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis

Sunday, January 10

9:00am ✠ Doris Johnson and Vincent Apuzzo
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ Salvatore Romagnolo
 12:00pm **Int.** Madelyn Magistro and
 ✠ Margaret Merz
 5:00pm ✠ Mafalda & Renato LaMarca and
Int. Bruce Boyton (Birthday)

Monday, January 11

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and Patricia Merz

Tuesday, January 12

8:45am ✠ Vincent Merz and John Herbert

Wednesday, January 13

8:45am ✠ Bob Blaikie, Arturo Cerna and
 Jackie, Dodo and Paul

Thursday, January 14

8:45am ✠ Michael Bienes and Bill Banister

Friday, January 15

8:45am ✠ Rosemary Peterson and Bob Blaikie

Saturday, January 16

8:45am ✠ Rose M. Goodman, Ernest Guido and
 Elvira Aguilera
 5:00pm ✠ Joe Ferrara, Philip Ulliana and
 Bill Banister

Sunday, January 17

9:00am ✠ Alvaro Visbal and Karen Werchowsky
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ Rose Marie Siefert
 12:00pm ✠ Salvatore Manfredi and Jack McCarthy
 5:00pm ✠ Martha McGill and Winifred Kiernan

Jan. 16 & 17	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Bob Conti	Jane Conti Mary Joe Clark Gigi Wiborg Martha Bruno
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Naughton	Ed Krzykwa	Carol Jardine Maria O'Neill Sharon O'Connor Bill Rotella
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Weismann	Carol Frei	Kris Ahern Adriana Newman Steve Newman Kari Macdonald
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Paul Loree	Gail Bulfin Jody Williams Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Catherine Miethe	Denis Merz Louise Cole-Reeser Dave Cooney


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IN PERSON
 Drop your gift into the offering basket during mass

BY MAIL
 Mail your gift to: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
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ONLINE
 Go online to:
www.stjohncc.org
 Click "Giving" and follow the instructions to give online

BY TEXT
 Text "Give" to (954) 466-8950 to get started



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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

“Called to Holiness”

At the beginning of the third millennium, the Holy Father published a special letter. It looks back to the blessings God has poured on His Church over the centuries, singling out for special mention the Second Vatican Council, described as “the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century.” It also looks to the future, trying to identify where the Holy Spirit may be leading us in the 21st century. The Pope suggests that ever since the Council, a vital truth has been maturing in the Church. “All the faithful, of whatever state or rank, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity.”

Clearly, it isn't simply priests and nuns, or monks and hermits, who are called to holiness; nor is there some special kind of holiness reserved for them. There is one holiness and to that one holiness all the People of God are called. But most of the People of God are married lay people, and therefore married life is the way to holiness for the overwhelming majority of the faithful. The Pope says that one reason why he has canonized so many people during his pontificate is to show that holiness is to be found everywhere; and he speaks of the “many lay people who have attained holiness in the ordinary circumstances of life.”

None of this should surprise us. Through Baptism, God has made us into His very sons and daughters. We are destined to “see Him as He is” and then we shall “be like Him.” The fundamental calling of the Christian is the one received at Baptism, the calling to live out our lives as the children of God, as followers of Christ.

Today, the challenge to each of us is to recognize that we are very special persons, loved by God and invited to live in closeness to Him. Whatever our occupation, age, health, talents, achievements or lack of them, we are uniquely called to live close to the Lord. With a daily prayer, bonding ourselves to God and dedicating all we do throughout the day to His honor and glory, we can live the life of holiness to which we were called. Regardless of what others may do or not do, we are the special representatives of the Lord in many sequences. Our challenge is to do our best in prayerful service at all times.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

The Women’s Guild will host a speaker after mass on Wednesday, January 13 at 9:15 a.m. in church. Joe Miele, EMT and 9/11 First Responder, will lead a Defibrillator and Emergency Response Presentation. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.



Archbishop’s Charities & Development Drive for 2021 is about to begin!

Please be generous in your support as our parish works to reach its annual quota! Thank you for your support.



The donation letters for the 2020 tax year will be mailed prior to January 31, 2021. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year!



The Archdiocese of Miami will be mailing envelopes to your homes. Envelopes with our address label will be available on the tables. Please place them in the collection basket and we will process them in the rectory and submit them to the Archdiocese for proper accounting to the parish.

Monthly Food Drive: Next Sunday, January 17th! Please help stock the community food pantry!



First Reconciliation for our Communicants is January 19th at 6:15pm. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey.



OUR PARISH GIFT TO EACH FAMILY IN TIME FOR YOUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION!

Please accept our gift to you, *I Heard God Laugh*, one per family. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. *I Heard God Laugh* will help you to do just that, and so much more.

