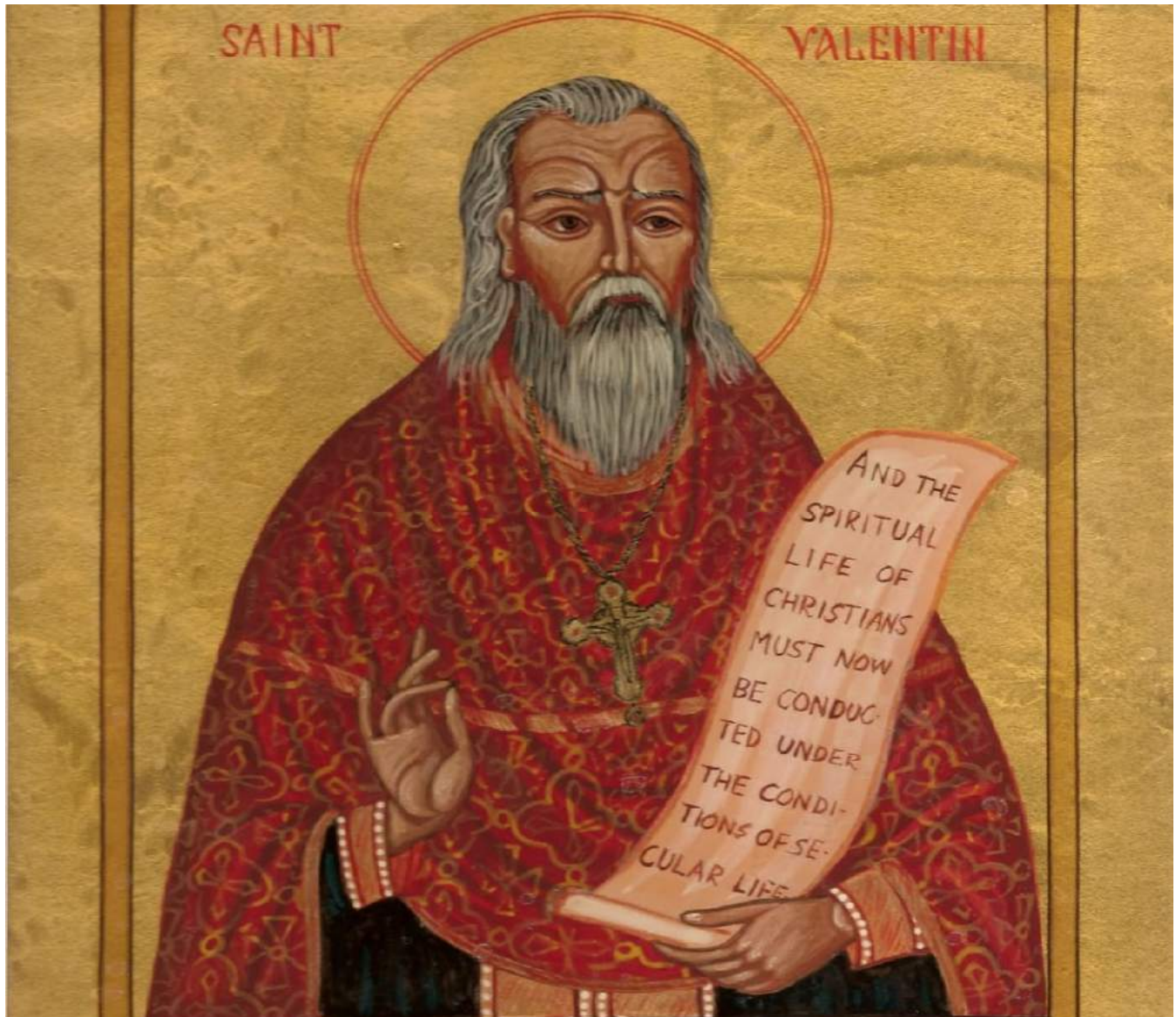


# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## February 14, 2021—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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



Feb. 20 & 21	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Bob Conti	Jane Conti Rosina LoTempio Michele Menno Martha Bruno
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Ed Krzykwa	Carol Jardine Nancy Seiler Daria Pekic Bill Rotella
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Jenna McManus	Andy Passomato Tom McCracken Cesar Coral Veronica Coral
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Dean McGrady	Jody Williams Pete Manfredi Joanne DeMartini
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Weismann	Denis Merz	Catherine Miethe Louise Cole-Reeser Dave Cooney

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, February 13**

8:45am ✝ Colleen Kilrain and Pio Ieraci  
5:00pm **Int.**/✝ Counihan/Purcell Families and  
✝ Dr. Robert Dublis

**Sunday, February 14**

9:00am ✝ Ernest Guido and Doris Johnson  
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and  
✝ Peggy Blaikie  
12:00pm ✝ Allison & Carlos Carrasquilla and  
Pio Ieraci  
5:00pm ✝ Mafalda & Renato LaMarca and  
**Int.** Natalina Russo

**Monday, February 15**

8:45am **Int.**/✝ Counihan/Purcell Families and  
✝ Carmela & Giuseppe Guido

**Tuesday, February 16**

8:45am ✝ Isabel Pessoa Pereira and  
Ernest Guido & Teresa Landivar

**Wednesday, February 17**

8:45am ✝ Ernest Guido & Elvira Aguilera and  
Carmela & Giuseppe Guido  
12:00pm ✝ May De Wouve and Rudy Frei  
5:00pm ✝ Thomas P. McMullen and Paul Pearce

**Thursday, February 18**

8:45am ✝ Judy Labate and  
Carmela & Giuseppe Guido  
12:00pm Thanksgiving of St. John the Baptist and  
✝ Bruno Gros-Louis

**Friday, February 19**

8:45am ✝ Carmela & Giuseppe Guido and  
Ernest Guido & Elvira Aguilera  
12:00pm **Int.** Victoria Banister (Birthday) and  
✝ Elisa Reyes

**Saturday, February 20**

8:45am ✝ Gennaro Di Sanza and Sylvia Flores  
5:00pm ✝ Judith Goriscak and Elvia Daniels

**Sunday, February 21**

9:00am ✝ Judy Labate and  
Elvira Aguilera & Teresa Landivar  
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and  
✝ Monique Hotte  
12:00pm ✝ Rosemary Peterson and Eileen McGuire  
5:00pm ✝ Anne DePadro Bloom and Alex Molchan

# 4 WAYS TO GIVE

**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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"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand." - *Mother Teresa*

**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.

**“Be My Valentine”**

Given the Valentine’s Day emphasis at this time, we might take the time to recall the original story which generated this fabled adaptation. St. Valentine, a Roman priest, was martyred on February 14, 270 AD for refusing to give up Christianity. Devotion began shortly after his death when young men and women sought his help in selecting the right partner for life. Eventually the custom expanded to all persons recognizing loved ones.

What was the ideal of Valentine? We do not know very much about St. Valentine except that he loved to share the love of Christ with others every day. This sharing was to be without any ostentatious display or an expectation of it being returned.

This loving spirit is instinctively found in parents and siblings. Selfless love seems to come naturally in families. The ability to give and serve for the bloodline, regardless of the cost, is often an innate feeling. It also develops in persons who genuinely attach to each other. Obviously this generosity could be abused, but life-experiences moderate the capacity of the giver and receiver.

By extension this gentle disposition of being sensitive to the needs of others is what the human heart is destined to do. Helping, caring, anticipating is the way of the Lord and it is offered to us. We could of course reject that invitation of God to share his love with others and concentrate on our own personal feelings and desires. Such a path would lead to fabricating a selfish disposition which eventually will bring much discontent and unhappiness.

Perhaps you could use this Valentine’s season to explore in your heart how you could do random acts of kindness for those in your life, knowing that these acts will often go unknown and unacknowledged. The receiver will be the privileged recipient while the giver will have some contentment now, but an everlasting appreciation by the Lord hereafter.

Sure, sending a card, giving candy, or baking a cake are all nice ideas. But to truly extend the love of Christ in your life, it may be time to move on to providing little acts of kindness and to encourage others to do likewise. Happy St. Valentine’s Day!

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly



The Holy Season of Lent begins  
**Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Masses will be celebrated at 8:45am, 12 noon and 5pm. The celebration of ashes will be offered as a general blessing at the end of all of the masses. The collection at all services on Ash Wednesday will provide food for the homeless. There will be an additional weekday mass during Lent at 12 pm. Stations of the Cross will follow the 12pm Mass on Fridays.

**Food Drive next weekend, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>:**

St. Vincent De Paul Society food bank operates out of Blessed Sacrament Church. They served 477 families, representing 1472 people, in January. Thank you for helping feed these members of God’s family.



**THANK YOU!**



Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2021 Archbishop’s Charities and Development Drive. Thanks for your great kindness as we continue to work towards our parish goal (we are at 45% as of the last ABCD collection). Your generosity will have a tremendous impact on the lives of many in our community. We invite those who are still considering a donation to send your pledge to the parish office for processing.

- Father Vincent Kelly



Embrace a deeper, more spiritually rewarding life and lose yourself in God this Lent. Visit [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com) to take the first step toward unlocking your God-given potential.