

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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February 21, 2021 – First Sunday of Lent



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

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:45am & Noon

Saturday: 8:45am



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, February 22

8:45am ✠ Colleen Kilrain and **Int.** Leslie Campbell (Birthday)
 12:00pm ✠ Sylvia Flores and Eileen McGuire

Tuesday, February 23

8:45am **Int.** Rosalie Ponte and ✠ Rosemary MacKinnon
 12:00pm ✠ Phillip Caruso and Theresa Clarke

Wednesday, February 24

8:45am **Int.** Marquitos Valderrama (Birthday) and ✠ Eileen McGuire
 12:00pm **Int.** Linda Cushman (Birthday) and ✠ Demetrio & Sergio Castillo

Thursday, February 25

8:45am **Int.** Marquitos Valderrama (Birthday) and ✠ Bohden Moroz
 12:00pm ✠ Pio Richard Ieraci and Peggy Bennett

Friday, February 26

8:45am **Int.** Marquitos Valderrama (Birthday) and ✠ Lut Reyes
 12:00pm ✠ Thomas P. McMullen and Jaime Lopez

Saturday, February 27

8:45am **Int.** Bill & Betsy Banister and Marquitos Valderrama (Birthday)
 5:00pm ✠ Robert Ulliana and Giustina Tribioli

Sunday, February 28

9:00am **Int.** Ernest Frederick Guido & Family and ✠ Marie Drury
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Pio Ieraci
 12:00pm ✠ G.G. Romano and Joseph Allen
 5:00pm **Int.** Diana Kennedy (Birthday) and ✠ Christine Myers

Feb. 27 & 28	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	Mary Joe Clark	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Jim Corrigan Rose Corrigan Gigi Wiborg
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Weismann	Jack Seiler	Renata Cammarata Garnett Byrd Becky Poljak Steve Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Callan	Steve Newman	Adriana Newman Bertha Martos Kris Ahern Kari Macdonald
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Bob Bulfin	Gail Bulfin Carol Ricks Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Nicholas Reeser	Catherine Miethe Denis Merz Dave Cooney

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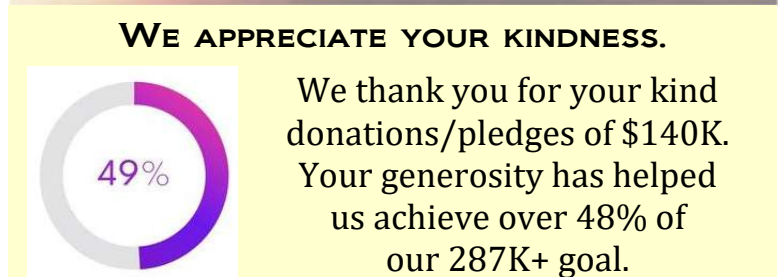
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Click "Giving" and follow the instructions to give online

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

WE APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS.

We thank you for your kind donations/pledges of \$140K. Your generosity has helped us achieve over 48% of our 287K+ goal.



BLOOD DRIVE— SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

For our last blood drive in December, we were able to supply 11 units of life-saving blood to our local hospitals, transplant centers and the hospitals they serve. That means 33 lives were saved because you said YES to donating blood! Please consider making a donation to save a life a next Sunday's blood drive.

“While We Have Opportunities”

What an opportune moment to reflect on our behavior during Lent! The Church invites us to rethink, renew and redirect our energies at this time just in case we have gotten into a routine of indolence! What if you were to consider the following areas as exciting opportunities for the future?

Attitude: How true it is that “attitude is everything!” Attitude directs our course of action, our relationships and our level of fulfillment. A good attitude to anything will bring positive vibes, while a bad attitude will forecast failure and doom. Begin with a good attitude to life's daily challenges and give yourself a chance at achieving.

Compassion: “Be compassionate as your Heavenly Father is compassionate.” God did not make perfect beings - everyone around you is faulty. Be sensitive to others' humanness and limitations and empathize with their condition of success or failure, strength or weakness, performance or lack of it. The Lord is compassionate to all of us sinners.

Service: The most attractive formula to attain eternal life is to serve the creatures of God here on earth. How can' we serve a God we cannot see if we do not serve his creatures whom we closely see. Any service to another is a gesture of appreciation to God.

Gratitude: “With gratitude in your hearts, sing Psalms, hymns and chants of praise.” We most likely do not thank God enough for all he has and is doing for us. This is our primary duty in life - to give glory to God! May we do so regularly in prayer, worship and good living. Appreciation expressed to others indicates our level of appreciation to the Lord.

Forgiveness: “Forgive and you shall be forgiven.” The basis of our relationship with a merciful God is that in being contrite he will forgive our sinfulness. In turn we must attempt to extend that level of forgiveness to others. The degree you forgive will be the barometer of forgiveness you can expect.

These five thoughtful concepts can fill our waking moments during the coming weeks. Why not highlight them on the refrigerator door and review them periodically? What an improvement!

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

Lent provides an opportunity of great grace when we highlight our personal resolve to serve the Lord through prayer, fasting and alms giving. May we foster self-discipline in whatever way we deem appropriate. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics in good health 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics in good health who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday. Our weekday masses for Lent are 8:45am and 12pm. Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent following the noon mass.



A Prayer for a Lenten Spirit

Be with me this Lent, Jesus, and deepen my spirit.

Let my every sacrifice be underscored with gratitude and humility. By giving something up, may I discover anew all I have taken for granted.

In each small effort, may I recognize my need for your strength and grace.

As I empty myself through fasting, make me mindful of those for whom scarcity is an everyday reality.

As I abstain from negativity, self-righteousness, and arrogance, replenish me with kindness, understanding, and good humor.

Be with me this Lent, Jesus, and turn my spirit towards you.

Amen.