

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent



Transfiguration Prayer

On the mountain you
were
transfigured,
O Christ God,
and your disciples
beheld your glory as
far as they were able
so that when they
would behold You
crucified,
they would
understand that Your
suffering was
voluntary,
and would proclaim
to the world,
that You are truly the
radiance of the
Father.

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 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

Monday, March 1

8:45am ✠ Pio Ieraci and Itala Pizarro
 12:00pm **Int./✠** Counihan/Purcell Families and Lee & Gavin Reheman

Tuesday, March 2

8:45am ✠ Evelyn & Ted Terragni and Suzanne Bordaz
 12:00pm ✠ Eileen McGuire and José Clarencio Silva

Wednesday, March 3

8:45am ✠ Eileen McGuire and Terry Bresnahan
 12:00pm ✠ Thomas P. McMullen and Joseph D'Ottavio

Thursday, March 4

8:45am ✠ Gary Rotella and Leonardo Valderrama, Sr.
 12:00pm **Int.** Maxwell Reese and John Koons

Friday, March 5

8:45am ✠ Butler/Horan Family and Ann Smouse
 12:00pm **Int.** Stephen Moroz and ✠ Kathleen Curry

Saturday, March 6

8:45am **Int.** Blessed Mother and Victor DeBianchi, Sr.
 5:00pm ✠ Betsy Russo and Martha Mracek

Sunday, March 7

9:00am ✠ Monique Hotte and Karen Werchowsky
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Jeanne Todd
 12:00pm ✠ Maria Mercedes Quesada and Maria Mercedes Balverde
 5:00pm ✠ Steve & Jody Langsenkamp and Robert Schulte

| March 6 & 7 | Celebrant | Lector | Extra-ordinary Ministers |
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| Sat. 5:00pm | Msgr. Sheahan | Charlie Russo | Jane Conti Martha Bruno Rosina LoTempio Michele Menno |
| Sun. 9:00am | Fr. Callan | Ed Merrigan | Jane Czubay Felipe Echarte Patty Echarte Lucille Gavin |
| Sun. 10:30am | Fr. Kelly | Tom McCracken | Andy Passomato Bertha Martos Cesar Coral Veronica Coral |
| Sun. 12 Noon | Fr. Weismann | Tom Gavigan | Carol Ricks Jody Williams Pete Manfredi |
| Sun. 5:00pm | Fr. Naughton | Helen Allen | Catherine Miethe Louise Cole-Reeser Dave Cooney |

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment 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.



*While the world changes,
 the cross stands firm.
 -St. Bruno*



“Lent: Springtime of the Spirit”

Each year the Church calls on us to reflect on our need for self-discipline in our lives. During the “Forty Days of Lent” the traditions of the past are recalled although much adjusted to our present day culture. The practice of “Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving” has been exceptionally beneficial to persons in the twenty centuries of Christianity as it placed in perspective the need to keep our human appetites in check. In our day of intense self-indulgence we realistically have a need to exercise self-control.

The motivation for our special efforts during Lent is not simply for social or selfish reasons as much as demonstrating to God the responsible capacity we have to exercise free will. Self-destruction by our over-indulging in any extreme mode of life is not in our interest since that was not the purpose for which God gave us our freedom. Responsible living habits on a daily basis will give us the human protection to survive but will demonstrate to a loving God our desire to be good stewards of life.

Borrowing a thought from Flor McCarthy about Lent being a springtime of the spirit:

“Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.
First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.
Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again.
But this happens only because in autumn they let go of their old leaves,
and in between endured a period of nakedness.
Lent is in the springtime of the spirit.
Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits,
and to face our spiritual poverty,
in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter
we will feel young again in our discipleship.”

May your Lenten experience be one of personal renewal.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, First Friday, March 5th

- Adoration begins after the 8:45am Mass and will conclude prior to the 12 noon mass.
- Confessions will take place on Thursday, March 4th from 4-5pm.

THE WOMEN’S GUILD

will host a speaker after mass on Wednesday, March 10th at 9:15am. Please join us for *A Lent of Opportunity: 2021* presented by Father Stephen LaCanne. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.



Our Senior Confirmation students will be attending their virtual Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 13, from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Please keep our students in your prayers as they journey toward their Sacrament of Confirmation.



Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Second Collection: Next Sunday, March 6th & 7th

Next Sunday we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift to the Collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please support the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean and be generous in today’s Collection.

The annual celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be rescheduled to a later date in view of the continuing Coronavirus Pandemic. Our parishioners who are sick and unable to attend Mass continue to be united with us in the worship of the Lord each Sunday.

Thank you for your consideration.

