

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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March 22nd, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor

Reverend William H. Bowles

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: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:45am and Noon

Saturday: 8:45am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 21

8:45am ✝ Bill Banister and Anthony Antonelli
 5:00pm ✝/Int. Counihan & Purcell Families and
 ✝ Angelina Ulliana

Sunday, March 22

7:30am ✝ Brother Christodoro and Ellen Fahey
 9:00am ✝ Allen Kozich, Sr. and
 Demetrio & Sergio Castillo
 10:30am Int. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
 ✝ Paul Cuparo and Paula Sheahan Karlson
 12:00pm ✝ Basil Shukur and Ann La Viola
 5:00pm ✝ Rudy Frei and Angela Celie

Monday, March 23

8:45am ✝/Int. Counihan & Purcell Families,
 ✝ Bill Banister and Skip Allen
 12pm ✝ Skip Allen, Guido Rotella and George Malcolm

Tuesday, March 24

8:45am ✝ Bill Banister and "Shannon"
 12:00pm ✝ Geraldine R. Whitney and "Doug"

Wednesday, March 25

8:45am ✝ Bill Banister and Jean Bulfin
 12:00pm ✝ Edward "Ned" Merkle and
 Moiran Bury Venza

Thursday, March 26

8:45am ✝/Int. Counihan & Purcell Families and
 ✝ Bill Banister
 12:00pm ✝ Etta Shamsey and
 ✝/Int. Dorothy Lionetti Family

Friday, March 27

8:45am ✝ John Jardine and Bill Banister
 12:00pm ✝ Pat Miller and Int. Judith La Bate

Saturday, March 28

8:45am ✝ Victoria Pinto de Serrano and
 Loren Tromblee
 5:00pm ✝/Int. John H. Winningham Family,
 ✝ Bill Clark and Niza Dautant Buckley

Sunday, March 29

7:30am ✝ "Shannon" and "Doug"
 9:00am ✝ Tess Hachey and Margaret Day
 10:30am Int. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✝ Dr. Rudy Frei
 12:00pm ✝ Jeanette Harris and Rudy Frei
 5:00pm ✝ Bertram Conn and William Brown

Mar 28 & 29	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Charlie Russo	Paulette Kardos Alicia Holloway Gigi Wiborg
Sun. 7:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Kitty Rotella	Maureen Buffington Rose Bonell
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Linda O'Bryon	Judy Tight Stephen Cooney Mary Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Albert/Valerie Rode	Sue Hooley Lyn Fazioli Tom McCracken
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Dixon	Thomas Gavigan	DeeDee Stewart Anita Nasser
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Louise McDonough	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.

Legacy Circle: Kindly remember your Parish in your will. Your goodness will continue.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Religious Ed Classes (PK-8): Religious education classes begin with the 9am Sunday Mass, followed by an hour of classroom instruction, August- May.

Rite of Christian Formation (RCIA): Classes for personal instruction will be available on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:30pm from September - April.

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. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older. Weekday masses: 8:45am and 12pm. Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent following the noon mass.



“Make Lent Meaningful”

The reality of life is that we are human and thus imperfect. While many may think they are close to perfection they still have built-in limitations. Nevertheless, all have great capacity for being and doing great things beyond their wildest dreams. One of the greatest gifts we have is that of opportunity to be and do what we wish. The horizon is enormous where only we can set the limits. Now comes along one of our greatest opportunities to reflect, correct and refocus on our lives. We call this time Lent.

The theme traditionally highlighted in this sacred time of forty days, remembering the time Jesus spent in the desert in preparation for His public ministry, is Repentance. It is a scriptural call through the ages to “shape up,” “get your act together!” and “don’t fool around” with the opportunities offered us. To a degree Lent is a wake-up call to reflect on our relationship with God. While we should be doing this throughout the entire year, the Lenten experience heightens the emphasis on discipline, self-control and rediscovery.

Take time to reflect on the direction of your life. Are you doing yourself justice by whittling away the time and opportunities the Lord has given you? Should you revise, rethink or revisit many of your secure ways? Being somewhat imperfect, are you conscious of sin in your life? Sin, as a distancing from God, is the most serious obstacle to your future. Denying our human frailty and saying everything is fine, leads to a false analysis of self. This just does not do justice to the investment of your life. You must take stock of your sinfulness, repent and move on. Once you have humbly accepted that sin is a part of your human experience, you can do something about it. Coming to the Lord with a humble spirit, you can ask for forgiveness. Done voluntarily you can start refreshed by the Lord’s mercy and have a new start.

As we begin the sacred time of Lent, this opportune time for each of us to address our future in a mode of humble sorrow, we invite the Lord to be more alive in our lives. As the origin of all we are, it was never intended that we emancipate so much that we isolate Him. To do justice to our existence, the Lord ought to be an active part. Who knows, instead of being a time of deprivation, Lent can bring new understanding of ourselves where we sense great hope, joy and meaning in what we are. Make Lent a meaningful experience.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

St. John the Baptist is taking measures to ensure your safety by having the church, parish hall and rectory professionally cleaned to help reduce the risk of the spread of the Corona virus. Please continue to practice safe distancing, hand washing and other precautionary actions during this time, thank you.



“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst... ‘Repent and Believe’ Jesus tells us.” Mother Teresa

As we worship the Lord, our primary concern is to assist each other and protect each other. In the coming weeks of the Corona virus challenge you may wish to worship the Lord at home and possibly follow the Mass virtually at:

- catholicv.org/watch-live
- ewtn.com/tv/watch-live
- myspiritfm.com

The parish will continue to follow instructions as provided by the Archbishop of Miami. Thank you.

Easter Flowers



Easter Flower remembrance envelopes are on the tables by the doors. Consider offering a donation in remembrance of your deceased loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar for Easter Sunday and will remain on the altar throughout the Easter season as we pray for our loved ones.

2020 Holy Week Schedule

Monday– Wednesday, April 6th–April 8th

Masses—8:45am, and 12:00pm

Confessions on Wednesday from 4-5pm

Holy Thursday, April 9th

Mass of the Holy Eucharist—8:45am

Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Supper—

5:00pm

Confessions—9:00am and 5:45pm

Good Friday, April 10th

Solemn Commemoration of the Passion - 12 noon,

Stations of the Cross and Homily 3:00pm,

Confessions will follow both services

Collection for Maintenance of Holy Land Shrines

Holy Saturday, April 11th

Confessions—10:00-11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm

Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, April 12th

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord—

7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon, and 5:00pm