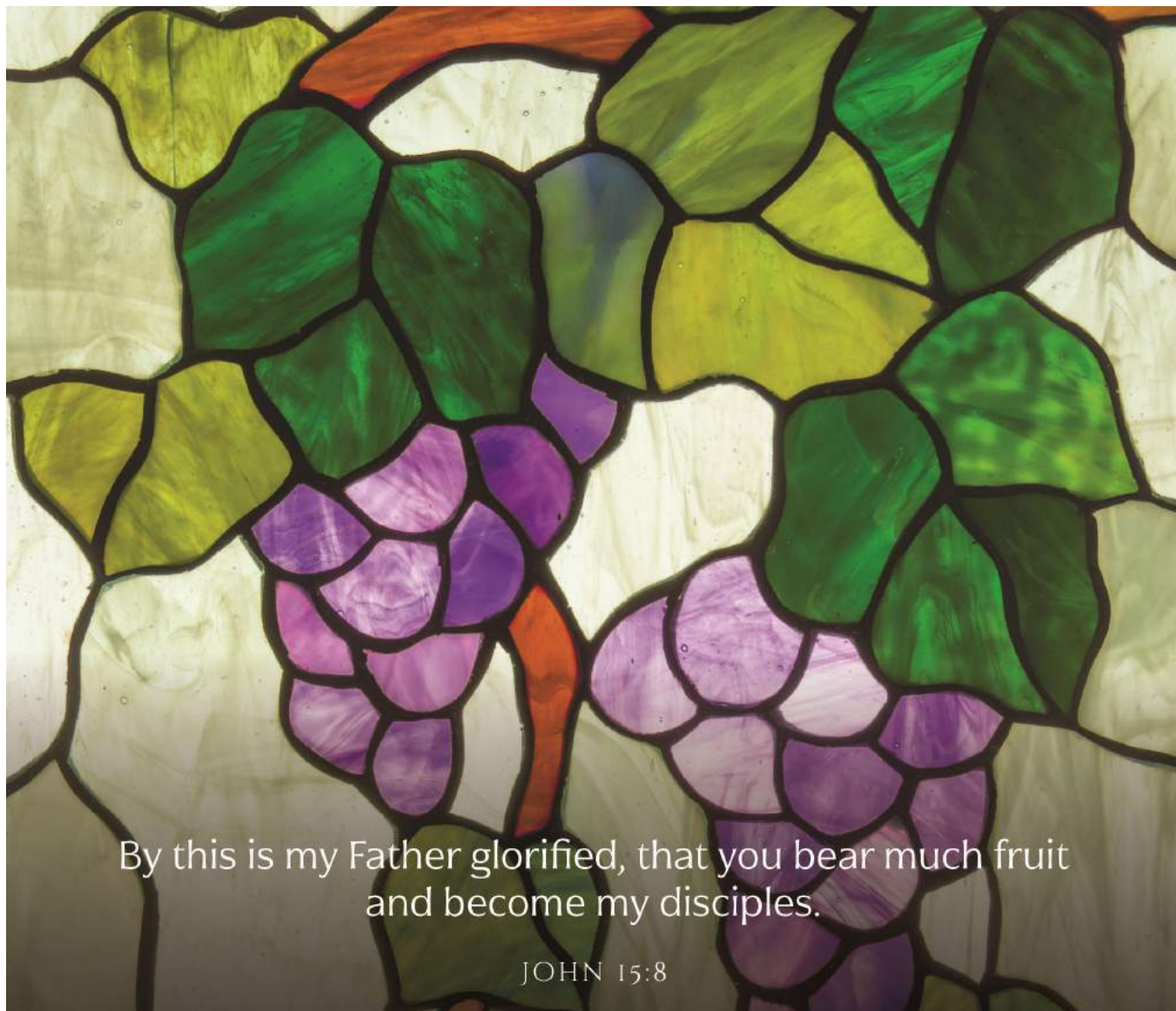


# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter



By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

### 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-Saturday: 8:45am

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida**



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, May 1**

8:45am **Int.** Blessed Mother, Robert Capobianco,  
✠ Mary Murphy and Al Valderrama, Sr.  
5:00pm ✠ Betsy Russo and Ray & Elizabeth Sais

**Sunday, May 2**

9:00am ✠ Pat & Jerry Plunkett and Monique Hotte  
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and  
✠ Al Valderrama, Sr.  
12:00pm ✠ Walter, Helen & Walter, Jr. Peterson and  
**Int.** Nora Purcell  
5:00pm ✠ Steve & Jody Langsenkamp and  
Jeff DePadro

**Monday, May 3**

8:45am ✠ Al Valderrama, Sr., Bill Banister,  
Michaela Mali and Leopoldo Totera

**Tuesday, May 4**

8:45am ✠ Al Valderrama, Sr., Kathy Butler Manthey,  
**Int.** Millie Valderrama and  
Jeremy Klein (Birthday)

**Wednesday, May 5**

8:45am ✠ Ann Chatellier, Italina & Al Valderrama, Sr.,  
**Int.** Jan Joyce & family and Mary Joe Clark

**Thursday, May 6**

8:45am **Int.** Nathan Urban, ✠ Al Valderrama, Sr.,  
Dan Gill and Filumena Lisotta

**Friday, May 7**

8:45am **Int.** Nancy Wertz, Julia Malcolm,  
✠ Butler/Horan Family and Al Valderrama, Sr.

**Saturday, May 8**

8:45am ✠ Jean Lindsey and **Int.** Al Valderrama, Jr.  
5:00pm ✠ Patricia & Ray Desmarais and  
**Int./✠** Counihan/Purcell Families

**Sunday, May 9**

9:00am ✠ Monique Hotte, Evelia Valdes and  
Ted Sahagian  
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,  
✠ Matilda Blaikie and Betty Wood  
12:00pm ✠ Ruvo & Federici Families and  
Geraldine & Frank Mullin  
5:00pm ✠ Mafalda & Renato LaMarca and  
Rita Gretina

May 8 & 9	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Mary Joe Clark	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Dan Toomey Susan Toomey Gigi Wiborg
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Daria Pekic	Carol Parks Nancy Seiler Ed Krzykwa Bill Rotella
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Naughton	Steve Newman	Adriana Newman Andy Passomato Kris Ahern Bertha Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Wiesmann	Tom Gavigan	Pete Manfredi Carol Ricks Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	Helen Allen	Louise Cole-Reeser Dave Cooney Catherine Miethe

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Religious Education PK—8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
2021-2022 school year**

Online registration available now at <https://parishtrack.aquinas-sta.org/ccd>

Classes begin with the 9am Family Mass, followed by an hour of classroom instruction. We are planning for our first class to be August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Early Registration fee of \$60 must be paid by **August 27<sup>th</sup>** at noon.

A late registration fee will apply after this date.

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**“Nurturing the Seedlings of Faith”**

The gift of faith as offered to us is an undeserved gift from God to lead us to our eternal salvation. Our faith, which in effect leads us to believe that Jesus is the Messiah and Savior, is not something we can arrive at by ourselves through intellectual application alone. It needs the spiritual dimension, the element of God inviting us to share his approach to life. Certainly, on our part, it takes a certain trust and acceptance to explore and direct our thoughts and actions in accord with God's wishes. Our response to the Lord's invitation exemplifies the depth of goodness within us in that we see what is truly important in life.

Faith needs daily cultivation and application in our routine. To use a comparison to nature, our germ of faith is like a seedling sown in fertile ground. It takes reasonable means to assist it to grow. Neglect, through indifference, can cause it to wither or lapse. The loss of faith is surely a void that leaves incredible emptiness.

For most of us, we were introduced to our faith through our parents' convictions and examples. We were likely schooled at home in what our family believed and practiced. God seemingly included us in the “table-of-faith” and gave us the atmosphere in which to mature. Others may have arrived at the dimension of faith in mature life, again through the influence of somebody close or impressionable. Such a mature introduction offers an even broader scope to what life is about and how to achieve eternal happiness. Regardless of the path to faith, it is likely that the Lord availed of another person to do the introductions.

How about you as a conduit to eternal life for someone? If you are a parent with young children, are you nurturing them in the beliefs and practices of the vibrant faith which God has given you? Do you lead by example in sharing with them the experience of the Catholic faith? Do you discuss with them all issues of life as related to their everlasting happiness in heaven? As an adult, are you conscious of sharing your most important gift from God, apart from life itself, with another? Each person has the potential to be a vibrant influence in the life of another by prayer, encouragement and example. May the seedlings of faith now deposited in good soil bear much fruit through your efforts.

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly



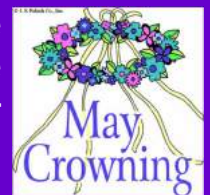
**CONFIRMATION** for our Religious Education students will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a very special time for these students and their families. Please say special prayers for all our Confirmandi.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**



Adoration begins after the 8:45am Mass and will conclude at 1pm. Please wear a face mask and be mindful of social distancing. Confessions will be Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm in the parish hall.

We invite you to join us for the Crowning of Mary, our Mother, at the 9am family mass on May 9. In honor of Mother's Day, there will be no religious education classes that day.



**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.



**St. John the Baptist Women's Guild**

**Officers Installation Mass and Breakfast**

The mass is Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 8:45am. Breakfast at the Coral Ridge Country Club will follow. **Reservations are required for the breakfast.** Please see the flyers near the exits for more details.