

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church


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July 26, 2020—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MATTHEW 13:45-46

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.



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

10:00, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am



**Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday, July 25**

8:45am ✠ Demetrio & Sergio Castillo and Donna Walsh

5:00pm ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis and Agnes & Edward Bimonte

Sunday, July 26

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Fr. Bowles, ✠ Michael Bienes,

Raymond Richard Bedard, Nicola Marino and Philip Ulliana

12:00pm ✠ Brenda Elisabeth Kreysig and Joe Allen

5:00pm **Int.** Jean Antoine Albern Domond & Kerlyne Florvil and ✠ Isabel Williams

Monday, July 27

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister, Hannah Naughton and **Int.** Larry Schack

Tuesday, July 28

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and Philip Ulliana

Wednesday, July 29

8:45am ✠ Evelyn Boynton and Bill Banister

Thursday, July 30

8:45am **Int./✠** Counihan/Purcell Families and ✠ Anne Bloom

Friday, July 31

8:45am ✠ Bill Clark and Olive Banister

Saturday, August 1

8:45am ✠ Gary Rotella and **Int.** Blessed Mother

5:00pm **Int./✠** John H. Winningham Family and ✠ Betsy Russo

Sunday, August 2

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ David K. Connolly, Anne Bloom

Gabriela Alessandri de Fuenzalida, Teresa Echeverria Eguigureu and Matthew Gotha

12:00pm ✠ James Rose and **Int.** Fr. Bowles

5:00pm ✠ Steve & Jody Langsenkamp and Mafalda & Renato LaMarca

August 1 & 2	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Robert Conti	Jane Conti Michelle Menno Mary Joe Clark Kathleen Kessler
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Callan	Pio Ieraci	Lisa Ieraci Judy Tight Bill Rotella Bertha Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Naughton	Paul Loree	Jody Williams Kris Ahern Bob Read Vickie Read
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Wiesmann	Louise Cole-Reeser	Catherine Miethe Louise Cole-Reeser Jody Williams



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are
in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace you and
unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me
to be separated from you.
Amen.

Join us on Social Media!

We will continue to livestream our 10am Mass each Sunday. This livestream video will be webcasted on our Facebook page and then uploaded to YouTube for later viewing.



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“Build the Kingdom”

History can identify many persons who were consumed with a desire to build empires. Contemporary behavior can also surface those who are in this same mode today and seek their place in history for what they have, are or will achieve. The sobering reality suggests that the sand castles of this earth can be whittled away with the winds of time. Seen in context such empires may have some merit in that they provide a service, security, position or memory for a limited scope. By and large history may judge them kindly or critically as to their service to mankind. Most importantly though is the analysis from the all-seeing and eternal God.

One empire that is worthy of full consideration by all is the building of the Kingdom of God. This is the only structure that will last forever. Begun on earth, it will lead to a continuance in eternity. All are invited to be members and all can even have a part in its construction. Realistically, the kingdom sets out to include all people and is intended to be the entity of salvation to the degree that it provides salvation opportunity for all.

Because of different personal circumstances and the social environment of time and place, the response of each person will vary. But all are invited and even challenged to explore their role in building their kingdom. Whether people respond or not is a very personal decision and one that should not be taken too lightly. Their eternal salvation is at stake.

Where does this day find you in regard to the empire building concept? What kingdom do you wish to construct? Is it your own human edifice or is it something beyond? Where will your kingdom be one hundred years from now? On the other hand, if your kingdom is in line with God's thinking and blends into his plans, how eternal your ideals will be!

You can participate in the Lord's kingdom now by practicing personal integrity and prayerfulness, worshipping God, providing service to others, advocating for peace & justice, and assisting Church agencies to continue the goodness you have begun. This kingdom of God, assisted by you, will last for eternity.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

Parish Burse Seminary Appeal
Next Weekend: August 1st & 2nd

We invite your generosity in next weekend's second collection, held in support of the Seminary Burse Fund. Your contributions will assist in giving our seminarians, the future priests of the Church, a good foundation. Thank you for supporting these vocations.



Importance of Daily Prayer

Praying can be one of the most important daily activities people perform and its importance cannot be understated. Praying is a source of understanding, maturation, and comfort. Many times people find that the hectic schedules they follow leave them little time for reflection. Prayer helps us build a relationship with God, and He can guide us through the daily situations here on earth. Talking with God brings comfort in people's lives.



Weekly Offering

Thank you to all those who have continued to give financially to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

If you wish to make a weekly offertory contribution, please consider calling the rectory during office hours to pay by credit card, giving by mail, or giving through the Archdiocese of Miami's Universal Parish Offertory page. We appreciate all of your support.

give.adomdevelopment.org/pages/universal-parish-offertory

“WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.” -ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. However, when we wholeheartedly place our trust in God we will never be disappointed.