

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## September 19, 2021 — Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor  
Reverend Patrick Naughton

**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

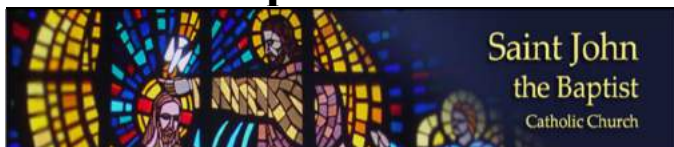
Sunday: 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

#### **Daily Masses:**

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am

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**Fort Lauderdale, Florida**



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 18**

8:45am ✠ Al Valderrama, Sr. and Frances J. Keisel  
 5:00pm ✠ Robert Biancardi and Dennis Glaub

**Sunday, September 19**

9:00am ✠ Rose Goodman and Bruce Campbell, Jr.  
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Peggy Blaikie  
 12:00pm **Int.** Diana & Madelyn Magistro and ✠ Jim Fahy  
 5:00pm ✠ Dolores Hudak and Joseph H. Smith

**Monday, September 20**

8:45am ✠ Matthew Dragow, John Smith, Christine Myers, and William, Mary & Donna McFadden

**Tuesday, September 21**

8:45am ✠ Peggy Bennet, Al Valderrama, Sr., Gabriel Cillo Senior and Carmen Tardillo

**Wednesday, September 22**

8:45am ✠ Ernest, Giuseppe & Carmela Guido, Al Valderrama Sr., and Wayne Lotoza

**Thursday, September 23**

8:45am **Int.** Jean-Philippe & Chloe Rossy, Robert Banister (birthday), ✠ Al Valderrama, Sr. and Joanne Byrne Weakley

**Friday, September 24**

8:45am ✠ Carmen Tardillo, Al Valderrama, Sr., Robert Furianetto, and Antonio Poyares & Son

**Saturday, September 25**

8:45am ✠ Souls in Purgatory, Bill Banister, James Collins, and Walter Zapoluch  
 5:00pm ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis and Thomas Biancardi

**Sunday, September 26**

9:00am **Int.** Ken & Mary Pat (Bailey) Burke and Bruce Campbell, Jr.  
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Rosanne Polyachyk  
 12:00pm ✠ Marge Klein and **Int.** Theresa Peterson  
 5:00pm ✠ Richard Hull and Dolores Hudak

Sept. 25 & 26	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Richard Spinogatti	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Gigi Wiborg Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Naughton	Rebecca Poljak	Daria Pekic Janalyn Reeder Nancy Seiler Judy Tight
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Lleo	Steve Newman	Adriana Newman Tom McCracken Kris Ahern Kari Macdonald
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Kelly	Paul Loree	Danielle Manfredi Pete Manfredi Carol Ricks
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Morris	Louise Cole-Reeser	Catherine Miethe Helen Allen Dave Cooney

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## The Key

Living our faith is the key to eternal life. It is a privileged gift we can enjoy now. This faith, however, is not just for us living in the now! It is our challenge to assure it is available to others in the future. Kindly consider how you might assure the availability of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church ethos in the years ahead. God Bless.



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The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

**“How are you, God?”**

Our society nurtures indulgence and consumerism as a barometer of success. The more we consume, the happier we are supposed to become. This culture tends to foster a “me-first” instinct. What do I want? What do I need? Subsequently, selfishness may result. This instinct to consider our own selfish desires first needs restraint.

Compounding the issue is our national interest to increase the consumer appetite. This will eventually translate into more jobs and more profits. On the other hand, less consumption by individuals, by promoting self-discipline, will result in a diminished economy. Balance is the eventual solution.

Each one of us needs to refocus on what our needs are and not what our desires are. The current downturn or correction is suggesting that all of us reconsider our priorities. What is absolutely important, moderately so, and what is dispensable?

In a recent celebration of life of a wonderful man called home by the Lord, with family and friends present, a reflection by the man’s son about his father was most touching. On one occasion when the father was asked to say grace before dinner, he paused and said, “And how are you Lord? We always ask for ourselves, but I hope you’re okay?”

Can we think of God first in all things as we begin our day and praise Him at night? Why not praise Him before every request and then ask for help if such a result would comply with His wishes. Why not surrender our lives in love and service to our God and then help Him build his kingdom on earth? Now we can be a part of the Lord’s plan, His eternal design. We then will come to accept His will in all things.

An occasion of reflection will come to each of us, whether in a joyful moment or a sad one. This is the opportune time to refocus and direct our efforts at pleasing God by all we do. And how are you, God?

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly

**God’s Gifts to Us**

*Please reflect for a moment on some of God’s gifts to us. The gift of hearing is a precious gift. But it is only with the heart that we can hear rightly. The cry of a needy person may reach our ears, but unless it reaches our heart, we will not feel the person’s pain, and it is unlikely that we will respond. And the gift of speech is a precious gift. But again, it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly. For our words to ring true, they must come from the heart. If they come only from the lips, they will have a hollow sound and will have little effect. They will be like a wind that ruffles the surface of the water but leaves the depths untouched. But words that come from the heart, enter the heart.*

**Welcome to All!**

All are welcome in God’s house. What a happy invitation in the hymn we sing so frequently. The Lord invites us to visit him especially in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Why not invite a friend or neighbor next time you come to visit the Lord?



**Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. We are grateful to the volunteers who have chosen to answer God’s calling in their heart to guide our children in their faith formation. Please help us pray for them.**

**A prayer for a Catechist’s soul:**

*Gracious God, open the door to my soul and bring me peace and perspective. May I learn to be at home with myself, and to extend a hospitable welcome to your indwelling Spirit. Open the door to my heart and grace me with compassion and understanding. May I see with the eyes of Christ all of those I am called to catechize. Open the door to my mind and soften my thoughts. May I make room for both ideas and imagination, ever aware that knowledge is a gift of your Spirit. Give me a joyful soul, heart, and mind so that I share with others the great news of salvation and redemption.*

*Through your Son, Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.*



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)**



If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation, we

warmly invite you to enter the RCIA process. We are privileged to have Ellen Henehan as our RCIA Coordinator this year.

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