

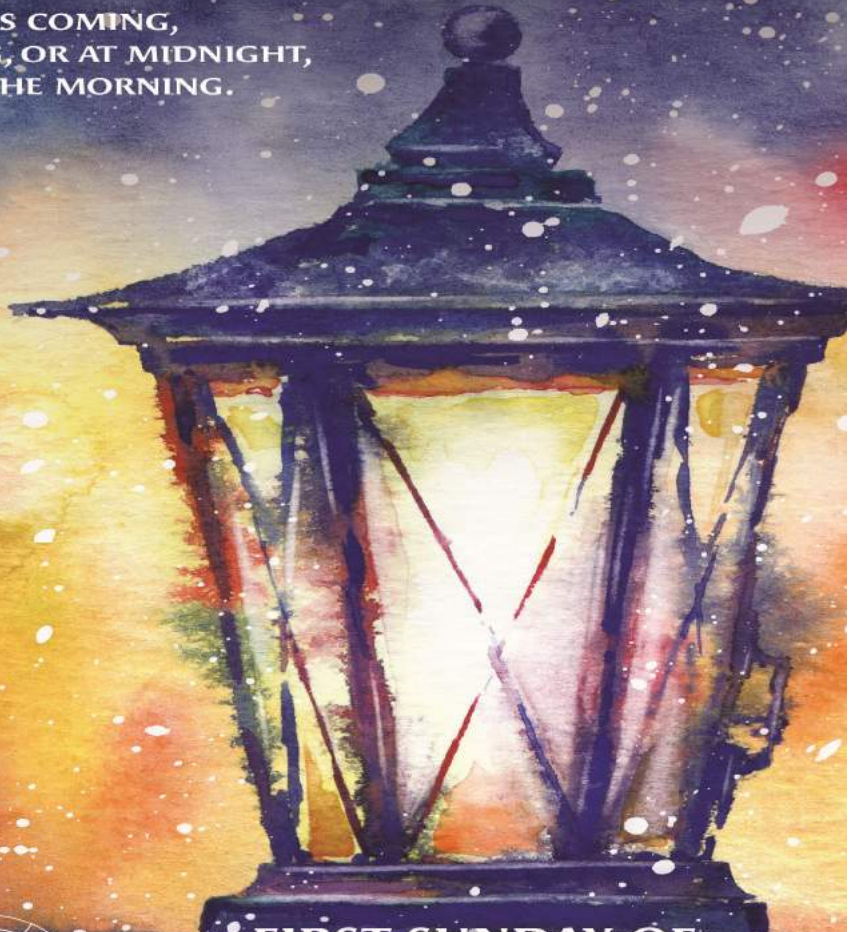
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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WATCH THEREFORE;
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,
WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT,
OR AT COCKCROW, OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday, November 28

8:45am ✝ Jean Lindsey and Claudette Thifault
5:00pm ✝ Betsy Russo, Bill Andrews and Agustin Chan

Sunday, November 29

9:00am ✝ Mary Norton and Gloria LaMonica
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
✝ Robert Hanke, Gavin Reherman and Harry and Marie-Louise Klein
12:00pm ✝ Giuseppa Brucculeri and Claudette Thifault
5:00pm **Int.** John De Conga (Birthday) and
✝ Mary Norton

Monday, November 30

8:45am ✝ James Albert Heuser and Myrajean Koster

Tuesday, December 1

8:45am ✝ Bill Banister and Antonio Di Leo

Wednesday, December 2

8:45am ✝ Leopoldo Francesco Toteria and Oscar Rojas

Thursday, December 3

8:45am **Int./✝** Counihan/Purcell Families and
✝ Lino Jose De Sousa

Friday, December 4

8:45am ✝ Butler/Horan Family, Eugene O'Neill, William J. Bauman and Gavina Tavera - Viridis

Saturday, December 5

8:45am **Int.** Blessed Mother and
✝ Nick A. Landolina
5:00pm ✝ Charles L. & Mary Ellen Winningham and Betsy Russo

Sunday, December 6

9:00am ✝ Mary Norton and Val Steele
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
✝ Joe Ferguson, Mary Norton and Bob Blaikie
12:00pm ✝ John & Rose Ruvo McDermott and
Int./✝ Gerard Lionetti & Family
5:00pm ✝ Steve & Jody Langsenkamp and

Dec. 5 & 6	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Richard Spinogatti	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey Mary Joe Clark
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Naughton	Richard Zaden	Janalyn Reeder Garnett Byrd Becky Poljak Maria Kamboureliis
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Pio Ieraci	Lisa Ieraci Adriana Newman Steve Newman Berta Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Bob Bulfin	Gail Bulfin Carol Ricks Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Weismann	Nicholas Reeser	Catherine Miethe Louise Cole-Reeser Dave Cooney



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**Entrance Exam for Eighth Graders
for Catholic High Schools**

Cardinal Gibbons High School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School will be administering the 2021-22 High School Placement Test on **Saturday, December 5, 2020.**

Cardinal Gibbons High School information:

8:00 am, applications online at www.cgshsfl.org/admissions/

St. Thomas Aquinas High School information:

7:00 am, register online at <https://stars.aquinas-sta.org/hspt/>



“Begin the Begin!”

Today begins what is considered the “church year” with the First Sunday of Advent. This beginning differs from our regular calendar year by about four to five weeks even though our global calendar was developed by Pope Gregory XIII correcting the ‘leap year’ in the Julian calendar.

The church year revolves around two major events of Christianity and each has its own preparation (1) the birth of Christ with a four week Advent preparation, and (2) the Resurrection of Jesus, preceded by the forty days of Lent.

To keep proper perspective of such times it is appropriate to review the overall history of the church. Established by Jesus for the purpose of assisting the journey of people in their quest for eternal happiness, the church has endured through 2,000 years of spiritualizing, service, challenge and renewal. The primary focus has been and is today the nurturing of faith in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior. Everything the church does should have some bearing on the cultivation of faith.

Issues have arisen from time to time because of the human structure and these have occupied the attention and energies of all. Events, be they heresies, scandals, political involvement and mismanagement needed serious reflection and resolution. All such events must be kept in proper context and must come back to the litmus test: do they foster or hinder faith? Built on humans with much imperfection, the likelihood exists of the faults and failings of the leadership and membership surfacing quite frequently. However, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a renewal of emphasis and direction will always prevail in time.

It is appropriate to keep in mind the tremendous good work being done by the members of the church in every country particularly our own. Think of prayerfulness, holiness and goodness that is being nurtured in young and old. Consider the care, service, counseling, housing, feeding, hospitals, nursing homes and other human services provided in every area. Reflect on the dignity of life (unborn and aged), respect for the person, importance of family, need for just social structures or resolution of issues. Recall the unequalled contribution of the church in education whether in suburban or inner-city, whether at elementary, secondary or college level. The list is endless and the good is boundless while quietly provided. This may be the best kept secret in America and it is being done because of our faith.

During Advent, we ought to keep focus that Christ is the object of our Christmas preparation. Thus as we prepare during the coming weeks we seek to bond more and more with the Lord. Our practices and symbols ought to reflect our belief. Please make Advent meaningful – in order to be prepared to celebrate Christ’s birth appropriately.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

**FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Adoration begins after the 8:45am Mass and concludes at 1pm. Please wear a face mask and be mindful of social distancing. Confessions are Thursday, December 3rd from 4-5pm.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WOMEN’S GUILD
There is still time to order your fresh Christmas wreaths and centerpieces! Order online through December 13 and the Guild will receive 15% of the sale. Go to: www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/242720 to begin shopping. Please see the flyers at the exits or visit www.stjohnncc.org, Women’s Guild tab for more details.



The Annual Toy Drive sponsored by the Men’s Club will take place the weekend of December 5th and 6th between 8am and 5pm. Please consider bringing a new unwrapped toy to the Parish Hall to assist in this worthwhile community effort.

Holy Day

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday, December 8th. Masses are at 8:45am, 12noon and 5pm.



***Women’s Guild
Christmas Carolers Performance***

The Women’s Guild invites you to join us for a holiday performance by the Yuletide Carolers following morning mass on Wednesday, December 9 at 9:15 a.m. in church. Yuletide Carolers are a quartet of a cappella singers dressed in beautiful Victorian costumes. All members of the church are welcome. Monetary donations for Respect Life will be accepted.

