

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

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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 (livestreamed),
10:30am, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am

Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday, December 12

8:45am **Int.** Edward & Mary-Ellen Batcho, their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren
 5:00pm **Int./†** John H. Winningham Family and
 † Clement J. Ulliana

Sunday, December 13

9:00am † Jean Ann Stock, Vera & John Kreidich, Constance & Vito Tursi and Mary Norton
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 † Rudy Frei
 12:00pm **Int.** St. Lucy and † Peggy Bennett
 5:00pm † David Zajkowski and Val Steele

Monday, December 14

8:45am † Bob Blaikie and Jude Abrums

Tuesday, December 15

8:45am † Bob Blaikie and Ellie Conway

Wednesday, December 16

8:45am **Int.** Madelyn Magistro and † Dr. Rudy Frei

Thursday, December 17

8:45am **Int./†** Counihan & Purcell Families and
 † Robert B. Blaikie

Friday, December 18

8:45am † Diane Jordan and Bob Blaikie

Saturday, December 19

8:45am † Joseph Gill and Nino Tejada
 5:00pm **Int./†** Counihan/Purcell Families and
 † Dr. Robert Dublis

Sunday, December 20

9:00am † William & Michelina Williams, Mary Norton and Joe Ferguson
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist, Mildred Valderrama Jr. and
 † Giustina Tribioli
 12:00pm † James Battaglino and Bob Hanke
 5:00pm † Dr. Thomas & Rose O'Shaughnessy and Mary Alice Glavin

Dec. 19 & 20	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	Jo-Ann Tabry	Jane Conti Mary Joe Clark Jim Corrigan Rose Corrigan
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Callan	Jack Seiler	Janalyn Reeder Garnett Byrd Becky Poljak Sharon O'Connor
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Kelly	Sarahnell Murphy	Lisa Ieraci Adriana Newman Steve Newman Berta Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Paul Loree	Gail Bulfin Jody Williams Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Weismann	Catherine Miethe	Denis Merz Louise Cole-Reeser Dave Cooney

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If you have any questions regarding online or text giving, please call the rectory office at (954) 771-8950.



We extend special thanks to **Baird Case Funeral Home** for sponsoring our annual calendar. Please take one home!



The Annual Toy Drive sponsored by the Men's Club took place last weekend. Thank you to all who assisted in this community effort. You have received the true gift of giving and have helped to make many children happy. God bless you!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S GUILD

is offering a new *Holiday Fundraiser!*
 Order fresh evergreen wreaths and centerpieces online 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.stjohncc.org, Women's Guild tab for more details.

The Last day of the fundraiser is December 13.

“Make straight the way of the Lord”

One of the major icons of the Advent Season is John the Baptist, that unpredictable figure who served as the advance man for Jesus - calling upon people to repent and prepare for the one “whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” In response to John’s message, the crowd asked, “What then should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” What a timely message for us during this Advent Season as we prepare for Christ's coming, both his immediate coming in the Christmas feast and his final coming in power and glory, given the excessive commercialism that has become so associated with our observance of Christmas.

In his 1991 magnificent encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, Pope John Paul II expressed sadness over such consumerism which he described as exhausting. He pointed out that we in the West, in particular, are shaped and conditioned from cradle to grave to live and act as consumers. This trend has continued, and perhaps, even increased. We are bombarded incessantly with high-powered advertising techniques that seek to define and create more and greater need: the superfluous becomes the convenient, the convenient becomes the necessary, and the necessary becomes the indispensable. Moreover, these high-powered advertising techniques seek not only to create and define more and greater needs, but to shape the attitude and the viewpoint of the consumer as well. The self becomes the center of the universe; other people become things to serve one's needs; the norm is efficiency; the means will be whatever works; unethical business practices, adultery, euthanasia or whatever else suits one's convenience.

That is why we need to break away from the lifestyle of high consumption, of the wasteful depletion of resources, and of the excessive use of service and leisure that exist within our society. Then we can truly listen to what the Gospel values have to say: Gospel values that tell us that we are all God's children and that with respect to the goods of this world we are stewards not masters; Gospel values that say how blessed are the poor in spirit; Gospel values that tell us that we should be essentially content to be fed and to be clothed. We must be ready to take the steps to translate these recommendations of the Gospel into realities.

As we approach the Christmas feast, there are all kinds of alternatives to the consumerism so associated with this season. For example, making our own gifts or holiday food, donating a percentage of what we intend to spend on presents to church or to a charity that serves the needy, spending time with family celebrating Christmas traditions, attending Mass together at the feast or discussing the meaning of Christ's coming in our own day. John the Baptist continues to cry out today, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” Curbing the exorbitant spending on Christmas gifts and parties is a concrete way for us to respond to this exhortation.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

On this special occasion we invite your most generous giving to the Lord as a reflection of your appreciation of your opportunity of salvation. Blessed Christmas to you and your family.



CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Vigil: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm
Christmas Day: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12pm & 5pm

All Masses will be livestreamed.
Entry permitted 30 minutes prior to Mass.
Limited occupancy due to social distancing.

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday, December 23rd:
9:15-10am, 4-5pm & 7-8pm
Thursday, December 24th:
9:15-10am



CHRISTMAS FLOWER REMEMBRANCE envelopes, located on the tables by the doors, are a thoughtful way to remember your deceased loved ones. Envelopes remain on the altar throughout the Christmas season.



Next weekend: December 19th & 20th



Our monthly community food drive takes place next weekend. Please help keep the pantries full by bringing a non-perishable item to mass and leaving it in the Bayview entrance of the church.

No Religious Ed. Classes: December 20th, 27th or January 3rd. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 10th.