



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday bulletin- April 8, 2018

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Special Welcome to the McCall Family, Kristen, Jaxson & Bailee, who were welcomed into the church in Baptism on Sunday, March 4, 2018 and Kristen was welcomed by Confirmation into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil, March 31, 2018.



Special Thanks to Mr. Robert Brown for pushing down and cutting the branches of the huge and dry pecan tree in the church corn field. Mr. Jack Wright supported Roby in his strenuous job.

Televised Mass for the Homebound and Shut-Ins: We will be filming Masses for the shut-ins on Tuesday, April 10th, at 9:00 am in the church. We ask anyone that is available at that time to come join us in celebrating the 5th Sunday of Lent and "Palm Sunday" with the homebound of the Archdiocese of Mobile. (More pics attached).

The Golden Group meeting is Wednesday, April 11th, we will take a road trip to tour the Titanic Honor & Glory exhibit at the Museum of Mobile on Royal Street, Downtown. Titanic Honor & Glory contains the largest collection of Titanic and White Star Line artifacts in Scotland, which have been collected over the last twenty years. The exhibition has available for public display a diverse range of stunning and very rare artifacts from the Titanic, her sister ships and the White Star Line. In addition to original artifacts, it also has magnificent movie props and costumes from the recent 1997 James Cameron movie, Titanic. The cost for a group tour (10 or more) is \$8.00, and we should be there by 10:00 am. After the tour we will have lunch at Moe's Bar Be Que, Downtown on Dauphin Street. We will car pool from the church, if you are interested in joining us please be at the Church by 9:15. If you are interested in seeing the exhibit, please call Ann Jackson @ 610-3692.

Parish Council Nominations: The "Parish Council" has three (3) members completing their terms and they need to be replaced. Anyone interested in serving the parish as, a council member, should give their names to Fr. Tony or Carol Voss as soon as possible. We would like to hold the election in May

Birthdays this week: April 7th: Michael Kirchoff, 9th: Brandon Cauley, 10th: Avery Schmierer, 11th: Kristen McCall, Mary Holland, 13th: Frank Church,
Known Wedding Anniversaries: April 7th: Mildred & Joe Smith, Julia & David Schmierer

Sunday School and Youth Program will restart at 8:45 am on April 15th



April 10-13

7th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish.

8th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

9th: ----- For the eternal repose of the Soul of Evelyn Robison by
Kathy & Steve Sema, Jr.

10th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of relatives/friends of
Mildred & Joe Smith & family

11th & 12th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of
Mary K. Brannan

13th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of
Mildred & Joe Smith & family



Remember in your prayers: Patrick Marchand, Joe Ecker, Keith Tippit, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Gable, Virginia Gable, Harrand Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Barbara Lepre, Willie Thompson, Isabel Rel, Cindy Smith, Holly Raymond, Bo Roderick, Glenn Boney, Charlena Hetrick, Chris Brown, Aubreigh Nichols, Stacy Moore, Ann Vick, Catherine Kostyk, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Phillip Scott, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Rick Joseph, Bob Echement, Pat Bourne, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Johnnie Tate, Carol Tate, Roger Young, Leyah White.



Pray for the eternal repose of the deceased members of the parish: Addie Thompson, Christopher Potter, Kenneth Smith, James Cauley, Werner Bidlingmaier, Joe Penton, Richard Boswell, Mickey Poirier, Louis Poiroux, Louise Marchand, Carolyn Bidlingmaer, Kenny Kirchoff, Voncille Hulcher, Mary Nicholas Rambo, Paul Delmas, Cody Driskell, Evelyn Robison, Jean Mitchell, Veretta Tulos, Jim Kimble, Lynn Poirier, Phillip Marchand, Sue Kirchoff, Mary Sanders, Margaret Jackson, Catherine Schnadelbach, Darlene Alexander, Rick Marchand, Steve Sema, Sr., Mary Marchand and Sis Marchand.

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION

Regular: \$4,066.00 / Maintenance Fund: \$279.00 / Easter Flowers: \$195.00 / Good Friday: \$322.00

ALTAR CARE- APRIL

Ruth Pigorsch

CHURCH CLEANING – APRIL 14

Mila Vauhn & Tammy Fontenot



Please take your responsibility seriously. If you are interested in serving as an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, and Lector or as an Usher, please let Fr. Tony or the Office know of your willingness to serve. We especially need Usher/Greeters for the Saturday Mass.

<u>Extraordinary Minister Schedule for April 14 & 15, 2018</u>				
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> (White Cincture)	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday April 14, 2018 7:15 pm	Volunteers	Linda Graham Christy Brown	Ann Jackson Colleen Gray	Volunteers
Sunday April 15, 2018 10:00 am	Volunteers	Matt Johnson Jason Poiroux	John McBride Tiffany Teofilo	Volunteers

Pray for the deceased dear on es of the parish: **Close relatives of our parishioners:** John Stein, Judy Courtney, Regina La Force, Ronnie Moran. Russell Gray, Gerald John Brannan, Emilee Voss, **Former pastors:** Rev. Monsignor Hugh Maguire and Fr. Strejeski. **Other priests and deacons and Sisters:** Rev. Msg. Joseph Jennings, Rev. Andrew J. Stauter, Rev. Walter Menig, Rev. William Gorman, Deacon John Cretaro, Deacon Holscomb Pryor, Deacon Marvin Johns, Sr. Maria Bernarda Kadavil and other deceased relatives and friends. **Pray for our former parishioners serving in the Armed Forces:** Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey, Khaila Graham, and Athena Ladnier who undergoing training in the U. S. Navy.

Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

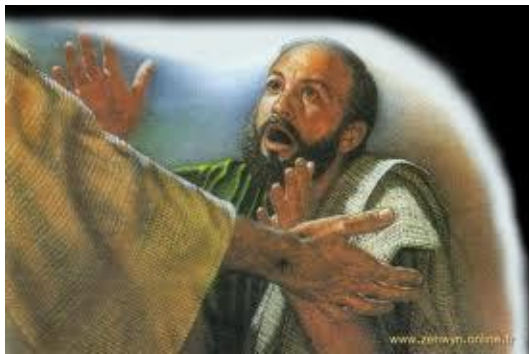
To schedule a meeting or event using parish facilities you must check the calendar or contact the office to be sure the date and room is available. You must have approval from the office for any scheduled events.

Items for Soldiers' needs: Please don't forget to bring items for soldiers' needs: Shaving cream, disposable razors, solid deodorant, bars of soap/body wash, anti-bacteria cleaner, shampoo, tooth paste, dental floss, personal handy-wipes, personal hygiene items for women, foot powder, insect repellent, flea collars (they put them around their ankles), chopstick, athlete's foot powder/spray, sun block lotion, sun shades, protective safety dust masks, socks, sweat headbands, batteries (AAA, AA, C), DVD movies, cards, writing tablets, paper, pens, envelopes, reading materials, snacks: cookies, gum, crest, life-savers, mints, pudding, crackers, sardines, chicken, tuna, salmon, jerky, peppermints, kool-aid, gatorade, tea/coffee. Put items in the designated box in the Parish Hall



Help us to keep flowers at the altar: The slotted wooden box on the glass table in the Parish Hall will

receive donations for flowers. If you wish to give flowers for a specific remembrance or thanksgiving, there is a sign-up flower chart on the wall to the left of the front doors.



Videos of the week: Divine Mercy Sunday video homilies

1) **Bishop Barron:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/divine-mercy/4722/>

2) **Fr. Bill Grimm:** https://www.youtube.com/watchv=_xAYMFY8qZg

3) **St. Paul Media:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7tQK2PN0PM>

4) **Jeff Cavins:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAbbUHQ8EhA>

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8) Homily on John 20: 19-31

Introduction: The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting

Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only-begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us.

Scripture lessons: **The first reading** stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started persecuting them. Practicing the sharing love, compassion and the mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, "the Breaking of the Bread" and the apostles' teaching read at the worship service. **The second reading:** After focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, John reminds us that we practice spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's commandments given in the Old Testament and especially Jesus' commandment of loving others as He loves us with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves us also demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion. **Today's Gospel** (John 20:19-31) vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Life messages: **1)** We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates

God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. **2)** Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: **a)** First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. **b)** Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. **c)** Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

Question of the week: Why we do observe Easter II Sunday as "Divine Mercy Sunday"? **1)** Jesus demonstrated the divine mercy of God his Heavenly Father by his preaching and healing ministry. **2)** He instructed his apostles and followers to love others as he loved by sharing mercy, compassion and sacrificial love. **3)** Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the sacrament expressing God's mercy for repentant sinners by offering them pardon and forgiveness. **4)** For centuries in liturgy the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of

Christ. 5) The main inspiration behind the Divine Mercy devotion are the messages received by St. Faustina during her mystical visions. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.” Besides, in his 1980 encyclical on God’s mercy, *Rich in Mercy*, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. 6) The Divine Mercy Sunday is meant to strengthen our people’s trust in God’s mercy. 7) The Divine Mercy devotion fosters the virtue of trust in God’s mercy that finds its fulfillment in the liturgy of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

Pope Francis tweets: “Like the Good Samaritan, let us take care of those who are sick and suffering! The Word of God is a light in the darkness: it helps us face our difficulties without fear. Let us go forward with the joy of Jesus' Resurrection, knowing He is always by our side! It is my sincere hope that everything necessary may be done in order to continue compassionately accompanying little Alfie Evans, and that the deep suffering of his parents may be heard. I am praying for Alfie, for his family and for all who are involved. Love is the only invincible weapon, because it has the power to disarm the forces of evil. May Christ who conquered the darkness of sin and death, grant us peace in our days. As we contemplate Christ’s empty tomb, let us renew our belief that nothing is lost with Him! Today we repeat that wondrous proclamation: “The Lord is truly risen, as He said!”. A Blessed Easter to you all! Our faith is born on Easter morning: Jesus is alive! This experience is at the heart of the Christian message. Look upon Christ Crucified: our hope for eternal life is born in Him.

Through the Eucharist we enter Christ's paschal mystery, allowing us to pass from death to life with Him. Anyone who turns away from the Cross, turns away from the Resurrection. Look upon Christ Crucified: our hope for eternal life is born in Him. Christ, teach us never to be ashamed of your Cross! Through the Eucharist we enter Christ's paschal mystery, allowing us to pass from death to life with Him. Jesus changes our sins into forgiveness and our fears into trust. In His Cross our hope is reborn again and again. Please, let us fight together against the crime of human exploitation, which continues to cause unspeakable suffering. Dear young people, never get tired of being instruments of peace and joy among your peers! We enter this Holy Week with the Lord Jesus in order to celebrate Easter with hearts that are renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God invites us to connect our ears to our hearts, and our hearts to our hands, in order to do good deeds. Now is the time to be reconciled with God. Staying on the path of evil is only a source of sadness. Lent is the road that leads from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life. In order to prepare a truly human future, it is not enough to reject evil. We must build the common good together. If we encounter Jesus and our brothers and sisters every day, our hearts will not dwell in the past or the future. They will live in God's present moment, in peace with everyone. When we allow Jesus to enter our lives we discover the secret to keeping alive the flame of our spiritual life. Living the encounter with Jesus means allowing yourself to be turned inside out by Grace every day. What would happen to us if God did not always give us the chance to start over again?

Pope's April prayer intention: Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

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[Questions & Answers and 56 - Faith Formation Lessons](#), introduction to all Bible books.



As parishioners at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, we are committed to **know Christ better and make Him better known.**

To k-n-o-w, we are **committed to**

Keep connected to our parish community
Nurture the development of faith and knowledge of Christ
Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure
Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

In carrying out this mission, we will demonstrate the love that we have for God, by the community we create with each other and our response to the needs of our neighbor.

Parish prayer: Almighty Father, the Body of Christ, the Church, is made up of people who believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, and saved through His suffering, death and resurrection. Enable us to grow in faith, hope, love and service that we may build a welcoming, friendly faith community. A community that witnesses your Son's life and

mission after the life example of Mary, the Mother of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



to St. John's with open hearts, open minds and open doors.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Grand Bay celebrates God's presence, grows in God's grace, welcomes all people and reaches out with God's love. We try to be to be a vibrant community of faith where all people feel they belong.

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your past or present religious situation, No matter your personal history, age, background, race, etc., No matter what your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Grand Bay!

We come together as a parish family to draw our life from the Eucharist and other sacraments.

As believers, we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

We commit ourselves to worship, education, stewardship and service as we extend our hand to others in need and to those who wish to join the church.

By the grace of God, after the example of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to accomplish our mission within and beyond our community.



The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972




Consecration of the first St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Grand Bay on November 16, 1924

By Bishop Allen


Photos of the great pastors who guided the destiny of our parish

are given below


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church




**Grand Bay, Alabama
2010**




Rev. Msgr. G. Warren Wall
2009




Rev. John Stryjewski
1995 - 2000




Rev. Gordon Milsted
1987 - 1995




Rev. Msgr. Hugh Maguire
2000 - 2009



Rev. Russell Biven
1982 - 1987



Rev. Msgr. Charles Aucoin
1981 - 1982



Rev. Hugh Maguire
1972 - 1981

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