

EASTER III SUNDAY

EASTER III Sunday bulletin- April 15, 2018

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Mrs. Paula Dyess	



Parish "Clean-up" day is scheduled for April 28th with a second attempt, if necessary, scheduled for May 5th. We need everyone to set aside those dates so that we can groom the grounds and buildings for another year.

Confirmation Class is Wednesday, April 18th, from 7 to 9 pm. Bring your work assignments for section 9 to turn in and be prepared to cover section 10. If you have not turned in the assignment for section 7 please do so.



Special thanks to Mr. John Ramsay for arranging Harris Tree Service to trim the two Oak trees behind the church building and at the front corner of the rectory building.

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting an afternoon of fun and friendship for all ladies of the community. On Sunday, April 29, at 1 pm we will be playing Bunco. This is a non-gambling game. It is very easy to learn, and we can quickly teach you if you do not know how to play. The afternoon will begin with lunch and in addition to playing Bunco, it will include a silent auction and door prizes for only \$15, at Friendship Hall of St. John Church, 12450 Hwy. 188 East, Grand Bay. Reservations are required. Tickets are available after Mass. Please call Carol, 251 902-4709 or email kocladies@gmail.com for reservations or questions.

Parish Council Nominations: The “Parish Council” has three (3) members completing their terms and they need to be replaced. To date James Jackson, Dana Baker and Paullette Cauley have added their names to the list. We would still like to have a few more names added so that we could hold an election the weekend of May. Anyone interested in serving the parish as, a council member, should give their name to Carol Voss or Deacon Graham as soon as possible.

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



Addie Thompson’s family members thank all our parishioners who participated in the funeral Mass for Mrs. Addie on Friday, April 13th and all those who continue to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Attachments to this bulletin: Kindly check the attachments on financial status of the parish, Spring cleaning schedule.



Birthdays this week: April 15th: Cynthia Driskell, 19th: Abbi Stringfellow, 20th: Jay Ramsay, Katherine Poiroux, Jason Poiroux, Colleen Gray, **Known Wedding Anniversaries:** nil



April 14-20

14th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish.

15th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

16th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of Mildred & Joe Smith & family

17th, 18th, 19th & 20th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Doris Sema



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 APRIL 8

Sound System Donations to date \$2,260.00

ALTAR CARE- APRIL

Ruth Pigorsch

CHURCH CLEANING – APRIL 21

Rhonda & Steve Cauley



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 21 & 22, 2018</u>				
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>
Saturday April 21, 2018 7:15 pm	Saturday April 21, 2018 7:15 pm	Saturday April 21, 2018 7:15 pm	Saturday April 21, 2018 7:15 pm	Saturday April 21, 2018 7:15 pm
Sunday April 22, 2018 10:00 am	Sunday April 22, 2018 10:00 am	Sunday April 22, 2018 10:00 am	Sunday April 22, 2018 10:00 am	Sunday April 22, 2018 10:00 am

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: Easter III Sunday video homilies

1) **Bishop Barron:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/the-basics-of-christian-proclamation/5751/>

2) **Fr. Bill Grimm:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3rNqqmvofg>

3) **St. Paul Media:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqOFFk-FqOE

4) **Norma Woodstock:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUjsNvjXgZc&t=41s>

Easter III Sunday (April 15) Homily on Luke 24: 35-48



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 the Catholic Bible has seven books more than the Protestant Bible?

The Bible at the time of Jesus was called the Hebrew Bible. It consisted of only Old Testament books. The original was in Hebrew language. When the majority of the Jews living outside Palestine started speaking Greek, a group of seventy experts were sent to Alexandria to translate the Hebrew Bible into Greek, as requested by the emperor. The Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible was called the Septuagint Bible. But it contained 46 books. The seven additional books were 1) Judith, 2) Baruch, 3) Sirach (Ecclesiastes), 4) Wisdom, 5) Tobit, and 6) Maccabees I & 7) Maccabees II. Besides, there were some additions to Esther (Vulgate Esther 10:4-16:24) and additions to Daniel: (Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three Holy Children, Bel and the Dragon). Since Jesus and the apostles used the Septuagint Bible, the Pharisees who finalized the official list (canon) of the Hebrew Bible books in AD 90, called the additional books in the Septuagint Bible “apocrypha” meaning not-inspired or Deuterocanonical books. But the recent discovery of fragments of three Deuterocanonical books among the Dead Sea scrolls found at Qumran proves that they were part of the ancient Hebrew Bible. Since the early Church spread mostly among Greek speaking Jews and gentiles, it accepted Septuagint as its Bible. That is why out of the approximately 340 New Testament references to the Old Testament 300 are from the Septuagint. At the Council of Rome in 382 AD, the Church finalized a canon of 46 Old Testament books (including the Deuterocanonical books) and 27 in the New Testament. This decision was ratified and confirmed by the councils at Hippo (393), Carthage (397, 419), II Nicea (787), Florence (1442), and Trent (1546). All Christians believed the 46 books of the Old Testament as inspired books until Martin Luther in

the 16th century discarded the Deuterocanonical books as uninspired because they were not found in the Hebrew Bible finalized in the first century AD by the anti-Christian Jews. But they were retained at the end of the protestant bibles (King James Version) until the Edinburgh Committee of the British Foreign Bible Society excised them in 1825. The Catholic Church considers them inspired and integral part of the Bible.

Pope Francis tweets: “The holiness to which the Lord calls you grows through small gestures in everyday life. Saints are distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God. There is no holiness without prayer. Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church. The word "happy" or "blessed" becomes a synonym for "holy", because those faithful to God, by their self-giving, gain true happiness. Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love, sowing peace all around us, accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness. Being poor of heart, reacting with meekness and humility, knowing how to mourn with others, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. 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!

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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