



EASTER IV SUNDAY

EASTER IV Sunday bulletin- April 22, 2018

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Parish Council: Second year: Jack Wright, Bill Schaffer, Jay Graham. Third year: David Delmas, Tom Thornton, Carol Voss	
Finance Council President:	
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.

Fr. Tony on vacation: Fr. Tony will be going home for three weeks from April 23rd to May 9th, prior to his new assignment as the chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor in the last week of June. Fr. Joji will be in charge of the parish for three weeks, before he is appointed in another parish as Associate pastor. Please pray for the safe travel of Fr. Tony.

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.

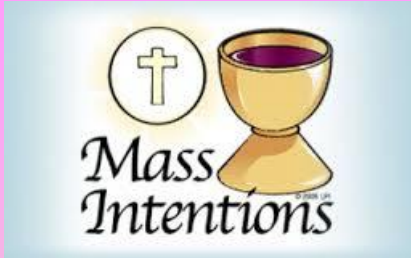
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Sunday School and Youth Program start at 8:45 am. Please send your children regularly and on time for both these programs. Remember that they are the only source of Catholic teaching most of your children get.

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Birthdays this week: April 23rd: Michael Bray, 24th: Caroline Moser, 25th: Bailee McCall, 26th: Cameron Schilling, Deacon Graham, 27th: Gennie Garrett, **Known Wedding Anniversaries:** April 23rd: Kathy & Steve Sema, Jr. **Known Wedding Anniversaries:** Kathy & Steve Sema, Jr.



April 21-27

21st: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish.

22nd: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

23rd & 24th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Sylvia & Colleen Gray

25th: ----- Healing Mass for Frank Church by Nina Bohl

26th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Linda & Deacon Graham

27th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Shirley & Tommy Rasmussen



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

Regular: \$... / Sound System Donations to date \$2,260.00

ALTAR CARE- APRIL

Ruth Pigorsch

CHURCH CLEANING – APRIL 28

Ruth Pigorsch



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 28 & 29, 2018</u>				
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> (White Cincture)	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday April 28, 2018 7:15 pm	Volunteers	Daryl Kirchoff Rhonda Cauley	Andrea Grah am Jay Grah am	Volunteers
Sunday April 29, 2018 10:00 am	Volunteers	Elsa McBride John McBride	Aaron Poiroux Peggy Delmas	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: Easter IV Sunday video homilies

- 1) **Bishop Barron:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/getting-st-peters-sermon-right/5758/>
- 2) **Fr. Bill Grimm:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=radzlc0hsFI>
- 3) **St. Paul Media:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhSq8-pp07w>

Easter IV Sunday (April 22) Homily on John 10: 11-18



Introduction: On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, called *Good Shepherd Sunday*, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because pastor means shepherd of Christ's sheep. As a shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep in the parish. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

Scripture lessons: In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd, the one the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preach and heal. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. In the Gospel passage, Jesus introduces himself as the "*Good Shepherd*." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much that he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting Good News is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is for us to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care and *good sheep* in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Life messages: Let us become good shepherds and good sheep.

1) Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds. Since shepherding a diocese, a parish, a civil community or a family is very demanding, the shepherds need dedication, commitment, sacrifice and vigilance every day. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

2) Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the bishops are the successors of the apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. We become good sheep of our parish **a)** By hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice. **b)** By taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs and missions. **c)** By cooperating with our pastors giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence, by praise and thanks for all they are doing for us, and occasionally by offering them constructive suggestions for changes. **d)** By cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations.

3) Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community. Christian

thinking on vocation has been summarized in one profound saying: *"All are priests, some are priests, but only one is the Priest."* Christ Jesus is *the Priest* in the full sense because He is the *one* mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of *all* believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.



Question of the week: Why do Catholics honor and venerate saints? We honor or venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus and saints. We don't worship them because adoration and worship are given only to God. We venerate saints for four reasons. **1-** The saints put their trust in Christ and lived heroic lives of faith. St. Paul asks us to serve and honor such noble souls. **2-** The saints are our role-models. They teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of love, mercy, and unconditional forgiveness can be lived by ordinary people of all walks of life and at all times. **3 -** The saints are our heavenly mediators who intercede for us before Jesus, the only mediator between God and us. (James: 5/16-18, Exodus: 32/13, Jer. 15:1, Revel. 8:3-4,) **4-** The saints are the instruments that God uses to work miracles at present, just as He used the rod of Moses (Exodus), the bones of the dead prophet, Elisha (II Kings 13/21), the towel of Paul (Acts: 19/12) and the shadow of Peter (Acts 5/15) to work miracles in earlier times. On the feast of All

Saints (November 1st) the church invites us and challenges us to walk the walk of the saints and not just talk the talk: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). St. Augustine challenges us: "If he and she can become saints, why can't I?"

Pope Francis tweets: "When we are full of self-importance, we leave no space for God. So let us ask the Lord for a conversion of heart. All it takes to encounter God is to acknowledge that we are needy. And the key to that encounter lies in humbling ourselves. Today we recall the words of Don Tonino Bello: "Works of charity are not enough, unless those works are done with charity". Mercy opens the doors of the heart because it makes us feel like we are all children of one Father. The Christian vocation means being a brother or sister to everyone, especially if they are poor, and even if they are an enemy. God asks us little and gives us a lot. He asks us to open our hearts and to welcome Him and the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Those who protect children are on God's side and triumph over those who oppress them. Let us free every child from every form of exploitation. While I continue to pray unceasingly for peace and invite all people of good will to do the same, I renew my appeal to all those with political responsibilities to ensure that justice and peace prevail. The Church is young because the Gospel is its lifeblood and regenerates it constantly. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do. 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!"

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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