

## EASTER V SUNDAY

# EASTER V Sunday bulletin- April 29, 2018

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**Pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Patrick**

**Marchand** who was called for his eternal reward Friday morning, April 27th. His funeral services will be on Tuesday, May 1st with visitation from 9 till 11 am and Mass of Christian burial at 11 am at St. John's Grand Bay. Fr. Cink and Msgr. Wall and Fr. Joji will concelebrate. Please pray also for the blessings of peace and consolation to the members of the bereaved family members. (Fr. Tony from India).

**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](mailto:kocladies@gmail.com) for reservations or questions.

**First Holy Communion:** St. John the Baptist, Parish, will celebrate First Holy Communion, next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am Mass. Please pray for the children that will be making their First Communion.

**The Golden Group meeting** will be Wednesday, May 2nd at 11:30 in the church hall. This will be our "I Remember Mama" lunch, please bring your favorite Mom story or photo and we can share our Mom stories over a cup of tea. Our entrée will be Ham, so bring your favorite dish for the food, fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone for this special lunch day.

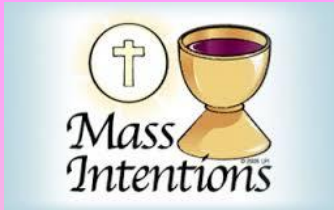
**Parish Council Nominations:** The "Parish Council" has three (3) members completing their terms and they need to be replaced. To date James Jackson, Dana Baker and Paullette Cauley have added their names to the list. We would still like to have a few more names added so that we could hold an election 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** 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, other than from the parents.



**Birthdays this week:** April 28<sup>TH</sup>: Martha Delmas, 29<sup>th</sup>: Deborah Sema, 30<sup>th</sup>: Ruth Riddick, Kyle McBride, May 1<sup>st</sup>: Reggie Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mary Driskell, Carol Tate.

**Known Wedding Anniversaries:** April 29<sup>th</sup>: Ann & Jim Jackson



**April 28- May 4**

28<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish.

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30<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Addie Thompson by The Golden Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of Ann & Jim Jackson

3<sup>rd</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Lynda & Louis Jones

4<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Addie Thompson by the Golden Group



**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.

## **STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION APRIL 15**

**Sound System Donation total \$3,470.00**

### **ALTAR CARE- MAY**

**Pat Potter & Martha Delmas**

### **CHURCH CLEANING – MAY 5**

**Bo & Gail Coleman**



**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.



**Special thanks to all our**

**parishioners** who participated in our parish Spring cleaning program, offering their time and talents for the beautification of the church campus.



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.

<b><u>Extraordinary Minister Schedule for May 5 &amp; 6, 2018</u></b>				
<b><u>Mass</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b> <b>(White Cincture)</b>	<b><u>EMCH</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Saturday May 5, 2018 5:00 pm	Volunteers	Steve Sema, Jr.  Kathie Sema	Colleen Gray  Ann Jacks on	Volunteers
Sunday	Volunteers	Bill Dixon  Wesey	Autumn Bowden	Volunteers



May 6, 2018		Dixon	Carol Voss	
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 V Sunday video homilies

1) **Bishop Barron:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/four-spiritual-lessons-from-the-life-of-paul/5759/>

2) **Fr. Bill Grimm:** <https://youtu.be/prymZTNTuag>

3) **St. Paul Media:** <https://youtu.be/ULJ96RQ0gig>

## Easter V Sunday (April 29) Homily on John 15: 1-8



### Synopsis of Easter V [B] (April 29) Homily on John 15:1-8:

**Introduction:** Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness.

**Scripture lessons:** The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. The reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return

to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles. **In today's second reading**, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united to Christ by putting our Faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love. **In the Gospel**, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent - as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like.

**Life messages:** 1) We need pruning in our Christian life. Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day, is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is to practice self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations in our neighborhood and society also enables us to prune away our selfish and prejudicial tendencies as we treat others in the society with Christian charity and openness. In addition, Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with the courage of our Christian convictions.

2) We need to abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us: The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to

abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine, drawing their life from it. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily, meditative reading of Scripture, and the loving forgiveness of others enable us to abide in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches.



**Question of the week: Who are Jehovah's Witnesses?** The

sect known today as Jehovah's Witnesses is as American as hot dogs and baseball. Objective historians trace their origin to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, about the year 1872. Its beliefs are based on Studies in the Scriptures written by a layman Charles Taze Russell. Russell was raised a Presbyterian, then joined the Congregational church, and was finally influenced by Adventist teachings. The new sect was his response to "corruption in mainstream Christianity." The Watchtower is their official publication. The second coming of Jesus, general resurrection and final judgment and Jesus' rule for a millennium are some of their doctrines. The original legal name of Russell's followers was Zion's Watchtower Tract Society. The name "Jehovah's Witnesses" was adopted in 1931 at the suggestion of Russell's successor, "Judge" J.F. Rutherford. Instead of churches they have "Kingdom Halls." Most Witnesses used to be Catholics or Protestants. According to Jehovah witnesses there is no Trinity or hell. Only Father or Jehova is God. Holy Spirit is not a person but only the force of Yahweh and Jesus was not God, but rather a holy witness to God, and our souls are not immortal. Jehovah's Witnesses will not serve in the military, salute the flag, say the Pledge of Allegiance, vote, run for

office, or serve as officials of labor unions. Here is a plan of action when you encounter Jehovah Witnesses: Don't slam the door in their faces. Instead kill them with kindness and tell them you are not interested in their religion. Don't argue or debate specific doctrines with the Witnesses because they are prepared, and you are not. Don't let the Witness get through his rehearsed presentation. Don't allow the Witnesses to bring up multiple issues and get you sidetracked. Don't go by the Witnesses' version of the Bible, the New World Translation.

**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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Website

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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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