



PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

Sunday bulletin- March 25, 2018

Office bearers of St. John the Baptist Church

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	Phone: 251-865-6902
P. O. Box 417, Grand Bay, AL 3641	Fax: 251-865-1412
Email: StJohnGrandBay@gmail.com	Parish website: www.StJohnGrandBay.org
Pastor:	
Fr. Anthony Kadavil (akadavil@gmail.com)	
Secretary:	
Rev. Deacon Billy Graham	
Parish Council Chair Person: Mr. Bill Schaffer	
Parish Council: Second year: Jack Wright, Bill Schaffer, Jay Graham. Third year: David Delmas, Tom Thornton, Carol Voss	
Finance Council President:	
Mrs. Paula Dyess	

Holy Week Schedule: Parish mission: Monday thru Wednesday will be the **Parish mission** from 7-8 pm preached by Fr. Dan Good, followed by confessions on Wednesday. **Chrism Mass: In the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile, 11 am, Tuesday March 27th.** **Holy Thursday:** Washing of the feet & Holy Mass at 7 pm. **Good Friday:** Way of the Cross Devotion at 3:00 pm. and the "Passion of the Lord" Services begin at 7:00 pm. **Holy Saturday blessings & Easter Vigil Mass** (7-15 pm to 8-45 pm): Blessing of fire & water, Confirmation of the RCIA members and Easter Vigil Mass. **Easter Sunday Mass** is at 10 am.

**BAKE
SALE**

Spring Bake Sale by the Golden Group: It is after Mass on March 24th and 25th in the church hall. There will be plenty of wonderful baked items, Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Breads available for everyone to purchase and enjoy. This is our annual fundraiser to support the project needs of St. John's. A reminder that the raffle ticket drawing for the beautiful **Tulip quilt**, made and donated by Martha Delmas will take place the week end of the bake sale.

Easter Egg Hunt & Reconciliation for Sunday School kids will be on Palm Sunday, during the Sunday School class, starting at 8-45 am.

Who will win the Quilt? The drawing of the raffle ticket to decide the winner of the beautiful Tulip quilt, donated to the Golden Group by Mrs. Martha Delmas, will take place on Palm Sunday, after the 10 am Holy Mass.

Sunday School and Youth Program begin at 8:45 am. Please send all your children regularly and on time. Easter reconciliation for Sunday School students will be at 8-45 am on Palm Sunday.

Mrs. Tricia Potter and Joe Smith convey their special thanks to all our parishioners who sent condolence messages and who participated in the funeral services for Mr. Christopher Potter and Kenny Smith and those provided meals for the family members after the funeral.

Holy Week parish mission will be preached by Fr. Dan Good (the new pastor of Philip Neri & Heron Bay parishes) on Monday to Wednesday of the Holy Week from 7 to 8 pm. Please mark your calendar and make yourselves free to participate in this short Lenten renewal program.



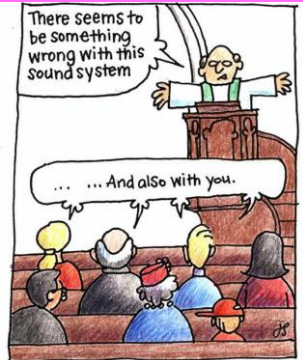
Special thanks to Mr. Jack Wright & Jimmy Holland for inaugurating the grass cutting season in the church campus, by trimming the grass, making it beautiful for the Holy Week.

Second Collection this week is for “Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe and Aid to the Church in Africa.”

Good Friday collection is exclusively meant for the support of the Catholic churches and locations of the Holy Land

Televised Mass for the Homebound and Shut-Ins: We will be filming Masses for the shut-ins on Monday, March 26th, at 9:00 am in the church. We ask anyone that is available at that time to come join us in celebrating Easter Sunday and the 2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy with the homebound of the Archdiocese of Mobile.

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 Carol Voss as soon as possible. We would like to hold the election in May



Donations from generous parishioners requested for installing a new Sound System in our church, replacing our 42-year-old speakers and mikes and amplifier by this Wednesday. The estimated cost is \$13, 164.



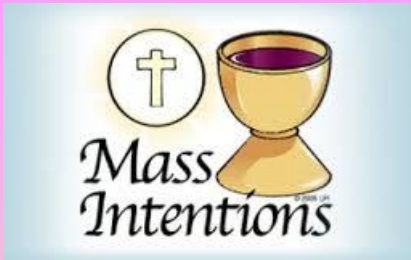
Remember in your prayers: Addie Thompson, Patrick Marchand, Joe Ecker, Bill Schaffer, Keith Tippit, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Gable, Virginia Gable, Barbara Lepre, Willie Thompson, Barbara Lepre, Isabel Rel, Cindy Smith, Holly Raymond, Bo Roderick, Glenn Boney, Charlena Hetrick, Chris Brown, Aubreigh Nichols, 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, Joe Gable, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Rick Joseph, Harrand Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, 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: 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.



Birthdays this week: March 24th: Paul Delmas Jr., Johnnie Tate, 25th: Maribeth Thompson, Tiffany Fonteot, David Schmierer, 29th: Joe Smith, 30th: Matt Cauley **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** Nil



March 17-23

26th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Norieta Busby by Eugene Poiroux

27th: ----- for the eternal repose of the souls of John Stein & James Cauley by the Golden Group

28th: ----- For the repose of the soul of Marian Poirier by Maria Switzer

29th: Holy Thursday: For the parishioners

30th: Good Friday

31st: Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil: For the parishioners

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the healing of Patrick Marchand, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Gable, Sara Thornton, Terry Roberts, Virginia Gable, Tiffany Fontenot, and Dr. Reggie Stewart.

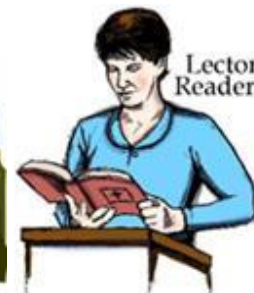
ALTAR CARE- MARCH

Ruth Pigorsch

CHURCH CLEANING – MARCH 31ST

Marie Murray & Betty Jean Pierce

**ushers
&
greeters**



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 March 31 & April 1, 2018</u>				
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>
Saturday Mar. 31, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 31, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 31, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 31, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 31, 2018, 5:00 pm
Sunday April 1, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday April 1, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday April 1, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday April 1, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday April 1, 2018, 10:00 am

Pray for the deceased dear ones 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: Palm Sunday video homilies

- 1) **Bishop Barron:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/the-return-of-the-king/958/>
- 2) **Fr. Bill Grimm:** <https://youtu.be/hDfT487i2Tk>
- 3) **St. Paul Media:** <https://youtu.be/NFbS8d-txUY>
- 4) **Bishop Sheen on Kenosis:** <https://youtu.be/DKjDZXxCRug>

Palm Sunday procession: 1) https://youtu.be/rdyJO-_aAv8

2) <https://youtu.be/SoujG6h7UGI>

Palm Sunday (March 25) Homily on Mk 11:1-10; Mk 14:1--15:47

Introduction: The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments of glory and suffering – the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers and the unjust drama of his trial culminating in his crucifixion. Holy Week challenges us to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation, to appreciate gratefully the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to return God's love for us (expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus), by loving others. The meditation on these Paschal mysteries should enable us to do our own dying to sin and rising with Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Scripture lessons: Today's **first reading**, found in the prophecy of Isaiah, is called the third Servant Song. Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in the Servant Songs. **The second reading**, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. **The first part of today's Gospel** describes the royal reception which Jesus received from his admirers. They paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. **In the second part of today's Gospel**, we listen to the Passion of Christ according to Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus,

Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience and condemned Jesus to death on the cross, Herod who ridiculed Jesus and the leaders of the people who preserved their positions by getting rid of Jesus.

Life messages: Let us try to answer five questions today: **1)** Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? **2)** Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness? **3)** Will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither does Jesus approve of my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God. **4)** Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? The palms should remind us that Christ is our King and the true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in life. **5)** Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus? Let us carry and radiate Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service to our families, and communities.

Question of the week: What are the 8 simple Holy Week Observances to prepare your soul for Easter: **1.** Observe Palm Sunday by participating in the Palm Sunday liturgy and listening to the reading of Christ's suffering and death. **2)** Listen to Holy Week Music. **3.** Read your way through Holy Week: The online Revised Common

Lectionary has appointed readings for each day of Holy Week. **4.** Participate in the parish mission and attend the church liturgy on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The Holy Thursday commemorates Christ's Last Supper with the apostles, Good Friday marks His crucifixion and death, and the Easter Vigil, traditionally beginning at sundown on Holy Saturday, provides a bridge between Lent and Easter by moving from dark and quiet reverence to bells, alleluias, and joyful celebration of the Resurrection. **5.** Do a Mini-Lenten Observance: Maybe you thought about participating in a Lenten discipline but didn't quite get around to doing so. Beginning Palm Sunday and carrying through to Easter Sunday, consider engaging in an act of sacrifice or devotion. Since the Book of Psalms is also known as the Bible's prayer book, you could choose a psalm to read at each prayer time. **6.** Take Part in a Mini-Fast: Consider a full or modified fast starting from the conclusion of Good Friday worship through sundown on Saturday by avoiding gossiping, judging and criticizing. **7.** Unplug for the Week: Turn off the TV, shut down the computer and cell phone, and sign off social media. **8.** Use Social Media Posts to Direct attention to Holy Week: If you decide to stay plugged in, use your social media to proclaim the events of the week by posting Bible passages and links to what Jesus did to save us.

Pope Francis tweets: "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? If we dedicate more time to prayer, our hearts will reveal the lies with which we deceive ourselves, and we will find true consolation in God. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we find our way back to the Lord and rediscover the meaning of life. With so much to do, we often neglect what is really important: our spiritual lives, and our relationship with God. So, let's stop and take time to pray! I thank all women who every day strive to build more humane and welcoming societies. If sometimes the flame of charity seems to die in our hearts, it never dies in the heart of God! Let us learn to recognize that which leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, knowing that it comes from God. God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, still uses you and me to help our brothers and sisters. When you meet other people in the Lord, you can be sure God's surprises will follow. Almsgiving helps us to recognize our neighbor as our brother or sister, and to acknowledge that what we possess is never our's alone. Fasting makes us more alert and attentive to God and our neighbor and reminds us that He alone can satisfy our hunger. God in His providence offers us the season of Lent each year as a chance to return to Him with all our hearts and in every aspect of our lives. We can support one another and face every kind of challenge with courage and hope, when we draw our strength from Jesus. We are all called to live the joy that comes from the encounter with Jesus, to overcome our selfishness, and to move beyond our comfort zone. If we want a future of prosperity for all, we need to keep our compass pointing toward "true North", in the

direction of authentic values. Let us invoke the gift of peace for the whole world, especially for those people who are suffering most because of ongoing conflicts. We offer a gift pleasing to Jesus when we spend time with a person who has difficulties, or we help someone for the sake of helping. Our Heavenly Father always listens to His children when they cry out to Him in their pain. Today let us offer the Lord a Day of prayer and fasting for peace. I wish you all a fruitful Lenten journey, and I ask you to pray for me and my collaborators as we begin our week of Spiritual Exercises. Only those able to acknowledge their mistakes and ask pardon receive understanding and forgiveness from others. The message of Jesus is troubling and disturbs us because it challenges worldly religious power and stirs consciences. In our daily lives we experience the tenderness of God who lovingly saves us from our sins, fears and anxieties. When we confess our sins with humility and sincerity, we receive forgiveness and are reunited with God and our brothers and sisters. We need the Holy Spirit to transmit the faith. We cannot do it alone. I feel deep pain for the many children torn from their families and forced to become child soldiers. This is a tragedy!

Pope's March prayer intention: Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Visit Our
Website

<http://stjohngrandbay.org/> for [Sunday Homilies, 195](#) -

[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.



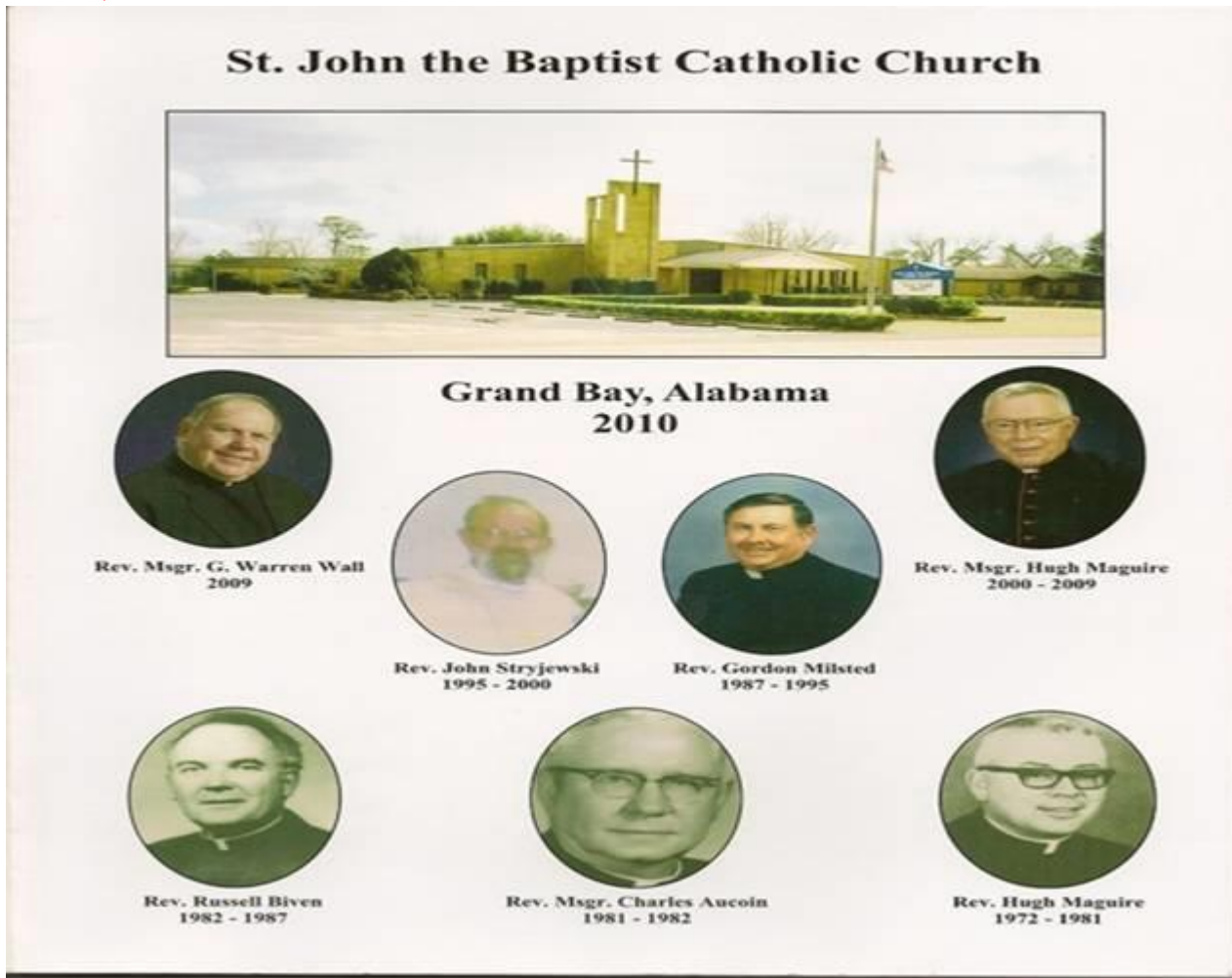
The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972



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



Please visit St. John the Baptist Catholic parish website:

<http://stjohngrandbay.org/> for the full text of the

[Sunday homilies](#), [Sunday bulletin](#), [56 Adult Faith Formation Lessons](#) & [introduction to all books of the Bible](#) and [195 Question & Answer of the Week](#).