



Sunday bulletin- August 28, 2016

Ordinary Time XXII Sunday

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Sunday school classes (CRE) and Youth program: Children's Religious Education (CRE) & Youth classes for the 2016-2017 school year will start on Sunday, September 11th, after the Labor Day holiday, from 8:45-9:45 in the Education bldg. Registration forms and calendars will be sent by mail to returning students. New students can pick up registration forms on glass table in Church Hall and bring them the first day of class. Please contact Tiffany Teofilo @[251-583-8381](tel:251-583-8381) if you would like to volunteer with the youth program of Saint John's or have any questions about CRE.

Clarification about Rick Marchand memorial: In 2013, the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was blessed and installed in our church in memory of Rick Marchand. It was the relatives and friends of Rick who contributed \$ 820 for the statue. Pat and Louise Marchand paid the remaining part of the cost. No money was paid from the church or its building fund for the statue. But the church included it in its annual balance sheet because checks for the memorial were sent to the church and the church returned the money to the family for the statue. This caused confusion to some of the parishioners and misinterpretation that the church paid the money when the church actually did not pay anything for the statue. We regret the misunderstanding caused when the church followed the correct accounting procedure.

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of Bill Dixon, Joe Penton, Tom Thornton, Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Louis Poiroux, Terry Roberts, Richard Boswell, and Tiffany Fontteot.

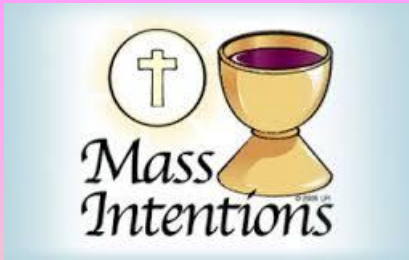
Minister of the Mass Schedule for September is on the glass table. Please take a copy if you are on it.

Retired parishioners invited for weekday Holy Masses: We are experiencing an acute shortage of participants for the weekday Masses in the rectory chapel. So the retired parishioners are requested to come and pray for their family members and for our parish community. Please participate especially in the half hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7.30 am on Wednesdays.



Birthdays this week: Aug: 27th: Zora Oliver, Paula Rials, 28th: Matt Johnson, Pat Potter, 30th: James Poiroux,

Wedding Anniversaries: Adele & Toby Logan, 30th: Pat & Christopher Potter, 31st: Sarah & Tom Thornton



August 27- September 2

27th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish members

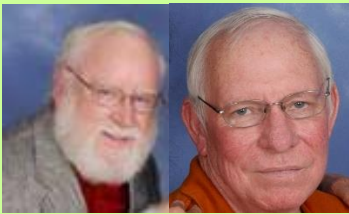
28th: - ----- For the Parish Community

29th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Ronny McDonald by The Golden Group

30th & 31st & 1st & 2nd: --- For the eternal repose of the soul of Junior Uaine Deermar by Mila & Harold Vaughn

Aid to Louisiana -- Although Archbishop Rodi has already announced that we will be accepting donations and taking up second collections for aid to the flood victims in Louisiana, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has also announced a **national second collection on the weekend of September 18, 2016** to provide financial assistance. Attached is the letter from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the USCCB, announcing the national collection. Pastors are encouraged to take up a second collection for flood victims on any weekend that is convenient between now and September 18. We ask that all proceeds of these collections be forwarded to the Archdiocesan Accounts Receivable Office, Attn: Alicia Simms, P.O. Box 230, Mobile, AL 36601, by Friday, September 23. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

K&C Food Drive to help "Christ-N-Us" ministry: Knights of Columbus Council #15490 of St. John's has received a request and agreed to support the "Christ-N-Us" ministry, located at the corner Potter Tract and Sager Rd. They house and feed up to twelve souls each night and they are in need to any food donations we can provide. Please donate items which can be cooked and served and show appreciation for the blessings that God has given you by helping to feed the hungry.



Special thanks to Mr. Jack Wright for single handedly trimming the grass in the entire church campus this week and Mr. Avis Garrett for grinding the stumps of the cut hedge plants.



Volunteers

TITHING CONTRIBUTIONS (AUG 21): \$.3374-00, Catholic home missions 225-00

ALTAR CARE- SEPTEMBER

Lynda & Louis Jones

CHURCH CLEANING - SEPTEMBER 3

Peggy & David Delmas



Extraordinary Minister Schedule for September 3 & 4, 2016

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(Green Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Sept 3, 2016 5:00 pm	Jay Graham James Graham	Rhonda Cauley Linda Graham	Jackie Price Colleen Gray	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley James Price, Chuck Pierce
Sunday Sept 4, 2016 10:00 am	Paul Delmas Ty Teofilo	Daryl Kirchoff Reggie Stewart	Peggy Delmas Autumn Bowden	Tom Thornton, Mike Marchand Avis Garrett, Ruth Riddick

If you cannot serve, it is NECESSARY that you arrange for a substitute. 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.



Remember the sick brothers and sisters in

your prayers:



Joe Penton, Tiffany Fontenot, Tom Thornton, Ronnie Cauley, Willie Thompson Joe Gable, Virginia Gable, Gwanita Gable, Mark Voss, Terry Roberts, Isabel Rel, Richard Boswell, Gennie Garret, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Amanda Young, Sister Stephanie Sema, Mark Voss, Rick Joseph, Ernest Johnson, Victoria Porter, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Carol Sevier, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Pat Bourne, Deacon Jim Bullock, Lilly Breaux, John Stein, Billy Dixon, James Wink, Sarah Thornton, Mike Wilson, Johnnie Tate, Carol Tate, Roger Young, Mickey Poirier, Leyah White, Joe Smith, Brennan Griffin, , Mary Helen Allen, Mike Middleton, James Cauley, Susas Halliday, Peggy Hock, Carla Felps Kyser, Tina Rascoe, Mary Thornton, Coraif Brasell, Addie Thompson; Carolyn Willard, Wendi Guidry, Gabby DeGeer, Dana Ferrell, Nonie Crow Reed, Charlee May Knowles, Nina Bohl, Fritz Porter, Linda Graham, Michelle Cook, James Albritton, Gloria White, Kayla Perry, Victoria Fontenot, Mary Lou Ledford, Gavin Middleton, Laurie Middleton, Jerry Wayne Davis, Ida Clark, Joyce Rudberg, Jennifer Patronas, Connie Stringfellow, Josh Ellis, Beth Gibson, Father Russell Biven,

Cheryl Humphrey Thompson, Jay Stallone, Emma Barber, Ali Ray, Caryn Sutoff, Gerald Brannan, Hanner Gassaway, Rylyn Kuntz, Joe Ecker, Avery Collier, Julia Raleigh, Steven Butler, Sarah Butler, Chris Sassano, Tammy Asch, Delaine Pigorsch, Joel Rivera, Alice Bedwell, Susan Taylor, Wayne Seymour, Miss Pink Pridgen, Kim Pridgen, Clyde Shores, Glen Haab, Haley Holder, Lakeshia Johnson, Gary Sherman, Elizabeth Schmidt, John Atchison, Johnny Hill, Jared Hoken, Diana Abrams, Hinleigh Hall, Ryan Keith Malone, Dave Matern, Andrew Taylor, Diane Watts, Daniel Dorriety, Harrand Broussard, Katie Nielsen, Richard Arnold, Louis Poiroux, Homer Campbell, Jimmy Marchand, Arlene Wissman, Sally Thompson, Peggie Huber, Dale Thompson, Jane Thompson, Andy Thompson, Callie Massey, Angela Heardon, Rita George, Edgar Broussard, Robert Broussard, Jerry Blair, Michael Stairs, Ray Bribsey, Dorothy Barnes.

Pray for the deceased dear ones of the parish: Pray for the eternal repose of the deceased members of the parish: 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, Patrick Marchand, Steve Sema, Sr., Mary Marchand and Sis Marchand. Close relatives of our parishioners: 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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in December because December 8th, 2015 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. That council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church's history. Pope Francis quotes Saint John XXIII in declaring the Church's preference for "the medicine of mercy," and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship. Pope Francis adds that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel," and that mercy "must penetrate the heart and mind" of every disciple (MV, 12).

Pro-life Mass at St. Mary's Home: Please join us for Mass at St. Mary's Home, 4350 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618, at 10 am every Friday, beginning Friday, September 25th, to pray for our pro-life activities, to pray for our children at St. Mary's Home, and to pray in thanksgiving for St. Mary's Home in our Mobile Archdiocese. After Mass, approximately at 11am, at the abortion mill, Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop West, the Holy Rosary will be prayed together for an end to abortion and for the increased awareness of the dignity of every human life. For more info: Mae and Chris Rehm, 251-554-2032. The Holy Rosary is also prayed together at Planned Parenthood on Saturdays at 9am for an end to abortion and for the increased awareness of the dignity of every human life. Please join us.

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.



Video homily by Fr. Bill Grimm: <https://youtu.be/SYZ6ogo33Z4>

O. T. XXII Sunday (August 28) Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



Synopsis of OT XXII Sunday homily (August 28) on Lk 14: 1-7

Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is the need for true humility which leads to a generous blessed sharing with the needy. The readings also warn us against all forms of pride and self-glorification. They present humility not only as a virtue but also as a means of opening our hearts, our minds and our hands to the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged and the marginalized people in our society – a personal responsibility for every authentic Christian.

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us. The second reading, taken from Hebrews, gives another reason for us to be humble. Jesus was humble, so his followers are expected to be humble, trying to imitate his humility. Paul reminds us that Jesus was lowly, particularly in his suffering and death for our salvation (Heb 2:5-18), so we should be like him in order to be exalted with him at the resurrection of the righteous. Paul also

seems to imply that we need to follow Christ's example of humility in our relationships with the less fortunate members of our society. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. Jesus advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve. Jesus' words concerning the seating of guests at a wedding banquet should prompt us to honor those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord's blessings.

Life Message: We need to practice humility in personal and social life: Humility is based on the psychological awareness that everything I have is a gift from God and, therefore, I have no reason to elevate myself above others. On the contrary, I must use these God-given gifts to help others. True humility requires us neither to overestimate nor to underestimate our worth. We must admit the truths that we are sinners, that we do not know everything and that we do not always act properly. Nevertheless, we must also recognize that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and that we are called to help build the kingdom of God with our God-given gifts. We are of value, not because of those gifts, but because we are loved by God as His children, redeemed by the precious blood of His son Jesus. The quality of humility that Jesus is talking about also has a sociological dimension. For Jesus is inviting us to associate with the so-called "lower classes" of the society -- even the outcasts. Jesus invites us to change our social patterns in such a way that we connect with and serve the homeless, the handicapped, the elderly, and the impoverished -- the "street people" of the world with *agápe* love.

. (Visit our parish website: <http://stjohngrandbay.org/> for the full text of the homily).

What is the difference between the Jewish and Christian idea of the Messiah: The idea of *mashiach* (messiah) is an ancient one in Judaism. Belief in the eventual coming of the *mashiach* is a basic and fundamental part of traditional Judaism. It is part of Rambam's *13 Principles of Faith*, the minimum requirements of Jewish Belief. In the *Shemoneh Esrei* prayer, recited three times daily, we pray for all of the elements of the coming of the *mashiach*. The Jewish idea of *mashiach* is a great human leader like King David, not a savior. There is much speculation about when the *mashiach* will come. The Hebrew Bible identifies several tasks that the *mashiach* will accomplish. Before the time of the *mashiach*, there shall be war and suffering (Ezekiel 38:16). The *mashiach* will bring about the political and spiritual redemption of the Jewish people by bringing us back to Israel and restoring Jerusalem (Isaiah 11:11-12; Jeremiah 23:8; 30:3; Hosea 3:4-5). He will establish a government in Israel that will be the center of all world government, both for Jews and gentiles (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:10; 42:1). He will rebuild the Temple and re-establish its worship (Jeremiah 33:18). He will restore the religious court system of Israel and establish Jewish law as the law of the land (Jeremiah 33:15). Jews do not believe in Jesus as the messiah because he did not accomplish these tasks. Modern scholars suggest that the messianic concept was introduced later in the history of Judaism, during the age of the prophets. According to Christian belief Jesus is God incarnated to save mankind from sin by his suffering, death and resurrection. So Jesus is the Savior Messiah. (<http://www.jewfaq.org/mashiach.htm>).



The Pope's Intentions for August, 2016: Universal: Sports:

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world. **Evangelization: Living the Gospel:** That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

Pope Francis' prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy:

Pope Francis has composed a special prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will run from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016. In the prayer, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

Below, we publish the text of Pope Francis' prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us

with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



Pope Francis tweets: “Consoling those who suffer we are able to help build a better world. New forms of slavery such as human and organ trafficking, forced labour, and prostitution are true crimes against humanity. Mercy does not just mean being a “good person” nor is it mere sentimentality. It is the measure of our authenticity as disciples of Jesus. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness. Never abandon prayer, even when it seems pointless to pray. Through the cross we can touch God’s mercy and be touched by that mercy! I entrust you to the maternal care of our Mother who lives in the glory of God and is always by our side on our life’s journey. May people see the Gospel in our lives: in our generous and faithful love for Christ and our brothers and sisters. In Confession we encounter the merciful embrace of the Father. His love always forgives. A society made up of different cultures must seek unity in respect. We ask for respect for indigenous peoples whose very identity and existence are threatened. When there is dialogue in the family, tensions are easily resolved. We oppose hatred and destruction with goodness. We live in societies of different cultures and religions, but we are brothers and sisters. Good luck to the athletes at #Rio2016! May you always be messengers of goodwill and true sporting spirit. The secret to joy: never suppress positive curiosity; get involved, because life is meant to be lived. A

huge “thank you”, dear young people! St John Paul II rejoiced in Heaven, and will help you bring the joy of the Gospel wherever you go. Jesus speaks to you every day. Let His Gospel become yours and let Him be your “navigator” on life’s journey! God counts on you for who you are, not for what you have. You are valuable in His eyes and your value is priceless

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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.

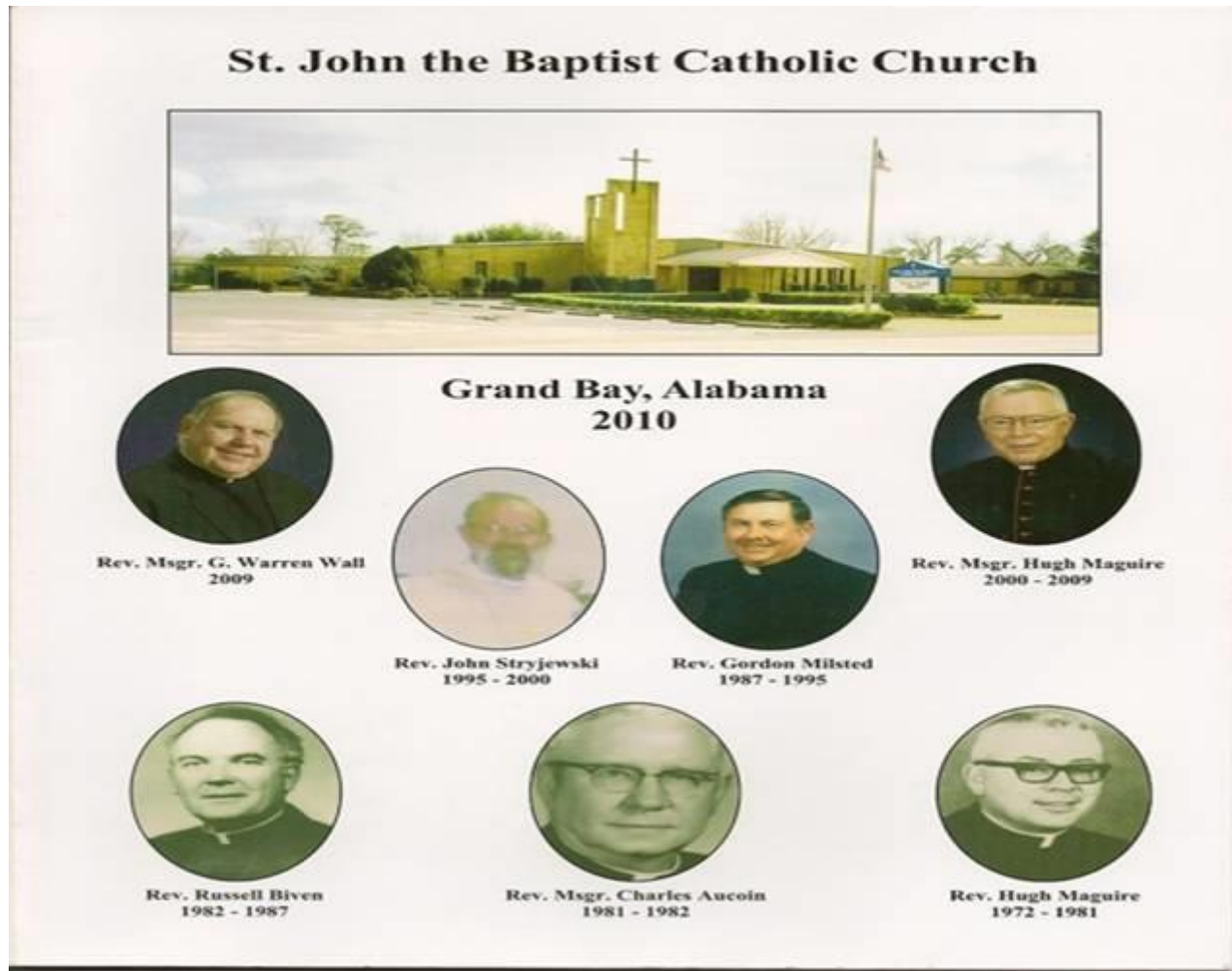
As believers we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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.



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



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