



O.T. VI SUNDAY

Sunday bulletin- Feb 11, 2018

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Ash Wednesday observance: Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting for adults, and abstinence from meat for all. We will have two Holy Masses and blessing of the ashes on Ash Wednesday this week on Feb 14th. They are at 7-45 am, and at 7 pm for those who go for work. Way of the Cross and Fish Fry by Knights of Columbus begin on Friday, Feb 16th.

Invitation for our Lenten programs: Way of the Cross & Confession: Every Friday of the Lent we have the “Way of the Cross” devotion at 5-30 pm. Since St. John’s participate in the Light of Christ program, Fr. Tony will be available for administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) every Friday from 5 pm to 6-30 pm.

Fish Fry by Knight of Columbus: The Knight of Columbus is serving fish fry dinner every Friday, starting on Friday this week (Feb 16th) of the Lent from 5- 7 pm. Please participate in it.

Sunday School classes & Youth program: Owing to Mardi Gras, there won’t be any Sunday School classes or youth program on Feb 11th Sunday.

Catholic Charities Final appeal: We have 75% completed the Catholic Charities drive for 2018 and we would like to thank all the parishioners that participated in it for helping us to be close to our target for this year. If you forgot or postponed your contribution, please take an envelope from the table and mark your contribution and put it in the collection basket, next Sunday. God Bless your generous hearts

Archbishop's Catholic charity appeal: <https://youtu.be/MZM60LBTq2A>



Valentine Sweetheart luncheon hosted by the Golden Group for all the "young at heart" (age 50 up) of St. John's on Sunday, February 11th after the 10:00 am Mass. We will have a delicious meal featuring Beef Brisket, along with vegetables, salad and dessert.

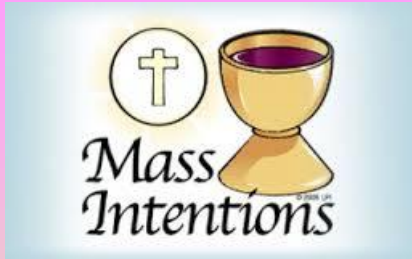
Pray for the repose of the soul of Father Fergus Prendergast, a retired archdiocesan priest who went home to the Lord on January 28, 2018.



Birthdays this week: Feb. 10th: Nicholas Switzer, 12th: Pat Marchand, 14th: Michael Courtney, Jerry Davis, Lyman Ramsay, 15th: Andrea Graham, 16th: Melissa Kerns, Robert Switzer. **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week: Nil**

Don't give up Chocolate for "Lent." Instead, take a 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself. Join our parish for Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Everyday you'll get inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories. So, are you ready to have your Best Lent Ever? Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the healing of Jimmy Marchand, Joe Gable, Sara Thornton, Terry Roberts, Virginia Gable, Tiffany Fontenot, and Dr. Reggie Stewart. Both Jimmy & Joe are admitted in the Grand Bay Convalescent Home for physical therapy.



January Feb 10-16

10th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parishioners

11th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

12th: ----- For the eternal repose of souls of deceased relatives/friends of Nina Bohl & Frank Church

13th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Joseph Kirchoff by Mary Kirchoff

14th, 15th & 16th: - For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased

ALTAR CARE- FEBRUARY

Wesley Dixon & Maria Switzer

CHURCH CLEANING – FEBRUARY 10TH

Paulette Cauley & Karen Diamond



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.

Extraordinary Minister Schedule for February 17 & 18, 2018

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> (White Cincture)	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Feb. 17, 2018, 5:00 pm	Volunteers	Rhonda Cauley Linda Graham	Colleen Gray Ann Jacks on	Volunteers
Sunday Feb. 18, 2018, 10:00 am	Volunteers	Matt Johnson Dana Baker	Carol Voss Mark Voss	Volunteers



Remember in your prayers: Keith Tippit, Joe Riddick, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Gable, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable 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: James Cauley, Werner Bidlingmaer, 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 15490 and the Ladies Auxiliary

will meet Monday, February 12th, at 6:30 for a pot luck dinner with meetings to follow at 7:00. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend, without obligation.

Second Collection next Sunday, 02-18-18, will be for the Black and Indian Missions

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.

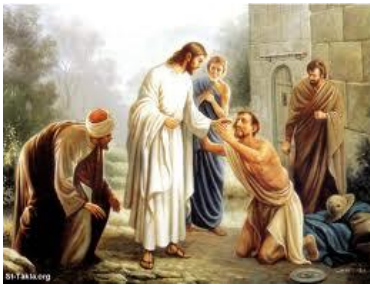
Items for Soldiers' needs: Please don't forget to bring items for soldiers' needs: Shaving cream, disposable razors, solid deodorant, bars of soap/body wash, anti-bacteria cleaner, shampoo, tooth paste, dental floss, personal handy-wipes, personal hygiene items for women, foot powder, insect repellent, 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.



- 1) **Bishop Barron on O. T. VI:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/the-leper-and-evangelization/5699/>
- 2) **Fr. Bill Grimm on O. T. VI:** <https://youtu.be/sMuVVwq7vsI>
- 3) **St. Paul Media homily on O. T. VI:** https://youtu.be/GbRRd_toZjQ



SYNOPSIS: OT VI [B] (Feb 11) HOMILY on Mk 1: 40-45

Introduction: All three readings today teach us that we are called to become pure and holy. But we don't become holy by some ritual observances. We become holy by confessing our sins to God and offering our lives for God's glory and by sharing God's love with everyone around us without discriminating against anyone on the basis of color, race, culture, religion, life style or social status.

Scripture lessons: The word Vayikra (the Hebrew name of the Book of Leviticus) means that God called Moses and His chosen people to holiness and purity. That is why the first reading teaches the theme of freedom from bodily and ritual impurity as a sign of internal holiness. This freedom is symbolized by the precautions against contracting

leprosy given in the first reading and the healing of the leper described in the Gospel. **The first reading** shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and gives the rules for the segregation of lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper. **In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32)**, the psalmist says: "I confessed my faults to the LORD, and You took away my guilt." He teaches us that we become holy by confessing our sins and being reconciled with God every day. The psalm serves as a mini-treatise on reconciliation, covering the meaning of the spiritual leprosy of sin and showing how we are forgiven by a sacramental encounter with God. "I turn to You, Lord, in times of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation." **In today's second reading**, St. Paul exhorts us to become holy by doing "everything for the glory of God" and by showing sensitivity toward others who are different from us, rather than passing judgment on them. **Today's Gospel** describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected.

Life messages: 1) We need to trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins are forgiven and that we are clean. We are forgiven and made spiritually clean from the spiritual leprosy of sins when we repent of our sins because God is a God of love Who waits patiently for us. The only condition required of us is that we ask for forgiveness with a repentant heart. We are sure to hear His words of absolution, "Very well-- your sins are forgiven, and you are clean," echoed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 2) We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationship. Jesus calls every one of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the

untouchables of society. These include homosexuals, AIDS victims, alcoholics, drug addicts and marginalized groups - the divorced, the unmarried-single mothers, migrant workers and the mentally ill. God's loving hand must reach out to them through us. Jesus wants us to touch their lives. Let us re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society.



Question of the week: Why do we observe Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday (dies cinerum), is the Church's Yom Kippur or the "Day of Atonement." Its very name comes from the Jewish practice of doing penance wearing "sackcloth and ashes." The Old Testament tells us how the people of Nineveh, the Syrian King, Ben Hadad, and Queen Esther fasted wearing sackcloth and ashes. The priest dipping his thumb into ashes marks the forehead of each with the sign of the cross, saying the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." The ashen cross gives us a firm conviction that a) we are mortal beings, b) our life-span is very brief and unpredictable. It also gives us a strong warning that we will be eternally punished if we do not repent of our sins and do penance. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we need to purify and renew our lives during the period of Lent by repentance, which means expressing sorrow for sins by turning away from occasions of sins and going straight to God. We need to express our repentance by getting reconciled with God daily, by asking for forgiveness from those whom we have offended and by giving

unconditional forgiveness to our neighbors who have offended us. It also challenges us to do prayerful fasting and little acts of penance for our sins, following the example of Jesus before his public ministry.

Pope Francis tweets: “Christians are called to keep alive the memory of how much God has done through them. We cannot remain silent before the suffering of millions of people whose dignity has been wounded. Let us welcome victims of human trafficking, and all those fleeing from war and hunger, with a compassionate heart. As we grow in our spiritual lives, we realize how Grace comes to us and to others and must be shared with everyone. All of us are called to commit ourselves to protecting minors in the digital world. One who is aware of his own wretchedness and lowers his gaze with humility feels God’s merciful gaze set upon him. Jesus wants to be found by those who look for Him. But to look for Him we have to get up and go out. A life of faith means wanting to be with the Lord, and that means constantly searching for Him wherever He is. May every person come to Christ, the Light of Truth, and may the world advance along the path of justice and peace. A faith that does not trouble us is a troubled faith. A faith that does not make us grow is a faith that needs to grow. A faith that does not trouble us is a troubled faith. A faith that does not make us grow is a faith that needs to grow. Jesus is our mediator, who reconciles us not only with the Father but also with each other. Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day. Through prayer we can enter into a stable relationship with God, the source of true joy. I pray for those who suffer from Hansen’s Disease and I encourage those who are committed to their care and reintegration into society. Here we are, Lord, ashamed of what humanity, made in your image and likeness, is capable of doing. Remember us in your mercy. Christian joy cannot be bought. It comes from faith and from meeting Jesus Christ, who is the reason for our happiness.

Pope's February prayer intention: This month's intention "**Say 'No' to Corruption,**" that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Video: <https://youtu.be/ReqlaBKnsfA>

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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

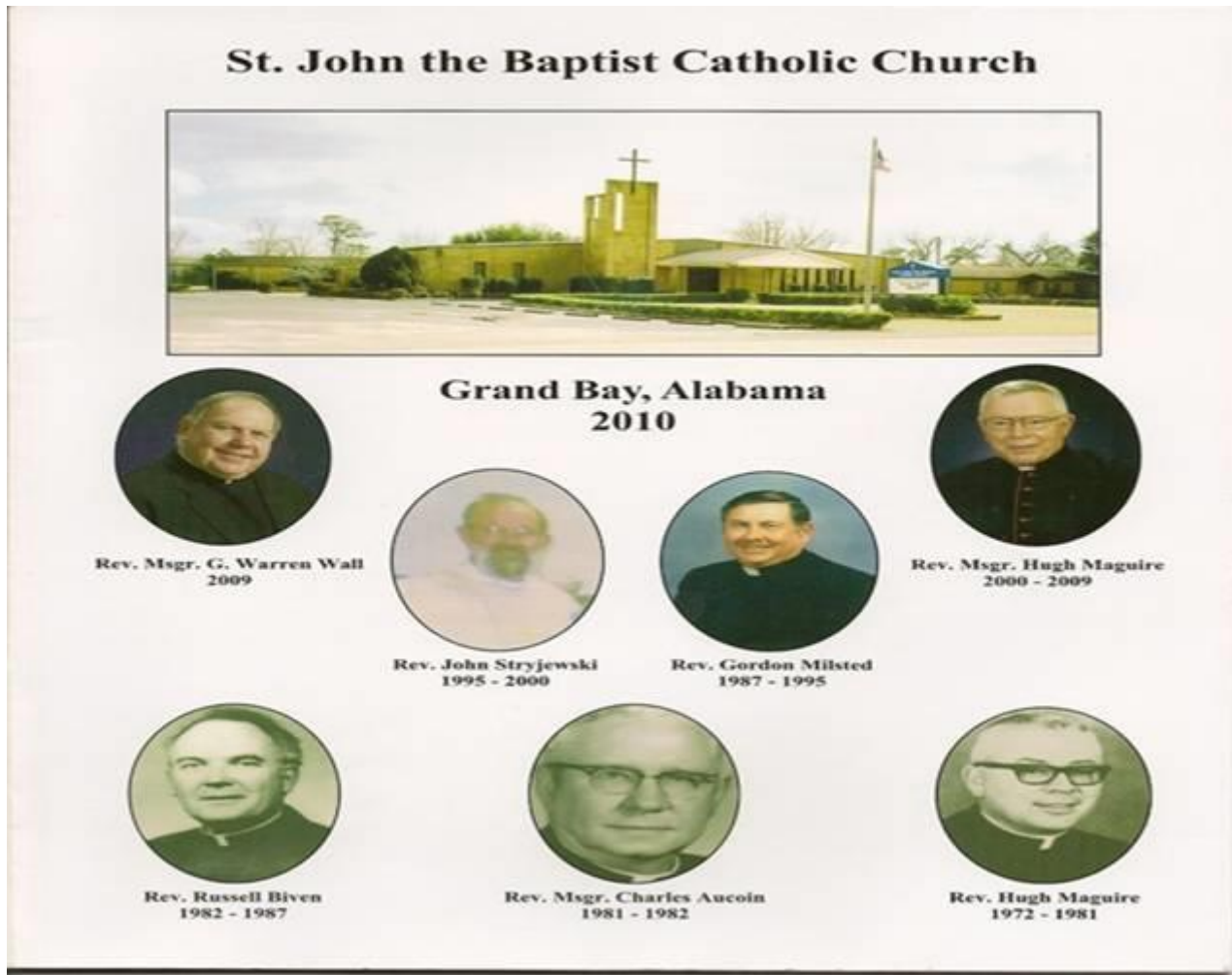


Consecration of the first St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Grand Bay on November 16, 1924

By Bishop Allen

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

are given below



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