



O. T. VI SUNDAY

Sunday bulletin- Febuary 12, 2017

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Catholic Charities: If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so. The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you be the light of Christ for those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please help St. John the Baptist Parish meet our goal and obtain a 100% participation.

The Golden Group will be hosting a Valentine Sweetheart luncheon: Don't forget that the Sweetheart Luncheon is this weekend after the 10:00 am. Mass.

Knights of Columbus 15490 and Ladies Auxiliary general meetings will be on Monday, February 13th, at 7:00 pm

Golden Jubilee invitations: Parishioner invitations to the celebration of Father Tony's 50th anniversary as a priest are on the glass table in the church hall. Please pick up your invitation so that you may come and help us to make this a very special, happy and holy day for Father Tony.

Don't give up chocolate for Lent: Join Dynamic Catholic for your "Best Lent" ever. A free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Sign up at BestLentEver.com and experience something life changing.

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the healing of Joe Penton, Micky Porier, Tiffany Fontet, Terry Roberts, Gennie Garrett, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Louis Poiroux, Andrea Graham and Richard Boswell.



Feb 11-17

11th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish

12th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

13th, 14th, 15th & 16th: --- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased family/friends of Glenda Poiroux

17th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of Emily Voss & Robert Vick by Carol & Mark Voss



Birthdays this week: February 12th: Pat Marchand, 14th: Mike Courtney, Lyman Ramsay, 15th: Andrea Graham, 16th: Melissa Kerns, Robert Switzer, 17th: Mary Brannan: **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** Nil

Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- FEBRUARY

Wesley Dixon & Maria Switzer

CHURCH CLEANING - FEBRUARY 11

Paulette Cauley & Karen Diamond

Videos of the week:

Bishop Barron's online videos: <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/video/>

BISHOP BARRON ON SATELLITES AND PRAYING TO THE SAINTS: <https://youtu.be/GWDJRnvnIBY>

Fun videos: Stealing animals: https://youtu.be/N_oJ7AaTIH4

Kids in the zoo; <https://youtu.be/zWmG9vTAtbc> <https://youtu.be/7rfGEtALHYs>



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 18 & 19, 2017

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(Green Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Feb. 18, 2017 5:00	Jay Graham James Graham	Maria Switzer Jason Poiroux	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley James Price, Chuck Pierce

pm				
Sunday Feb. 19, 2017 10:00 am	Anna Claire Bowden Kassi Reynolds Mary Oliver	Reggie Stewart Matt Johnson	Carol Voss Mark Voss	Mike Marchand, Daryl Kirchoff Mike Courtney, Ruth Riddick



Remember the sick brothers and sisters in

your prayers:



Phillip Scott, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Joe Penton, Tiffany Fontenot, Tom Thornton, Terry Roberts, Mary Thornton, Gennie Garret, Ida Clarke, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Terry Roberts, Bruce Dyess, Nancy Burden, Joe Gable, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Amanda Young, Richard Boswell, Willie Thompson, Sister Stephanie Sema, Mark Voss, Rick Joseph, Ernest Johnson, Virginia Gable, Isabel Rel, Victoria Porter, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Carol Sevier, Richard Boswell, Gennie Garret, 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, , James Cauley, Susas Halliday, Peggy Hock, Coraif Brasell, Addie Thompson, Carolyn Willard, Wendi Guidry, Gabby DeGeer, Dana Ferrell, Nonie Crow Reed, Charlee May Knowles, Linda Graham, James Albritton, Gloria White, Kayla Perry, Victoria Fontenot, Tiffany Fontenot.

Pray for the deceased dear ones of the parish: **Pray for the eternal repose of the deceased members of the parish:** 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, 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.

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.



Bishop Barron's Sunday homily for O. T. VI Sunday

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/choosing-the-way-of-love/5387/>

Fr. William Grimm's homily: <https://youtu.be/4IRKwKUhwRw>



Synopsis: OT V [A] Sunday (Feb 12) Homily on Mt 5:17-37:

Introduction: Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws but the instruction or *teaching* intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God, for the people with whom had He made His covenant.

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *“If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you.”* In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God’s saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today’s Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery and false oaths.

Life messages: 1) We need to obey God’s Law, appreciating its basic principles: In obeying God’s law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments, we are asked to reverence God, reverence His holy Name, reverence His holy day and reverence our father and mother. The next set of commandments instructs us to respect life, one’s personal integrity and good name, the legal system, another’s property and another's spouse. Our obedience to these laws must be prompted by love of God and gratitude to God for His blessings.

2) We need to forgive, forget and move toward reconciliation as soon as possible. St. Paul advises us *“Be angry (righteous anger) but do not sin”* (Eph 4:26). When we keep anger in our spirit, we are inviting physical illnesses like hypertension and mental illnesses like depression. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before acting on our anger, give it time to detoxify and cool off, pray

for God's strength for self-control, and give the Holy Spirit time to help us to see the event through Jesus' eyes instead of through anger's eyes.

3) We need to be true to God, to ourselves and to others. Let us allow God's word of truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

Question of the week: Who are the Baptists? The Baptists are one of the largest Protestant Free Church denominations. At the turn of the 21st century, there were about 43 million Baptists worldwide with about 33 million of those in the United States and 216,000 in Britain. There are over 850,000 Baptists in South America and 230,000 in Central America and the Caribbean. In the United States, the two largest Baptist organizations are the Southern Baptist Churches (SBC) and American Baptist Churches (ABC), with the former being the more conservative branch. Notable Baptists have included Martin Luther King, Jr., Charles Spurgeon, John Bunyan and Billy Graham. Baptist beginnings have also been traced to medieval sects who protested against prevailing baptismal theory and practice. Baptist Churches were established in the American colonies from the mid-17th century. In 1905, the Baptist World Alliance was formed for the purpose of international Baptist cooperation. Its headquarters is in McLean, Virginia. Baptists accept only the Bible as the only authority of faith and its individual and literal interpretation. The Baptist theology holds that Christ died on the cross to give humans the promise of everlasting life, but that this requires that each individual accepts Christ into his life and asks for forgiveness. It believes in the "believers' baptism, the priesthood of the believer and autonomy of the local church. Believer's

baptism is an ordinance performed after a person professes Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is symbolic of the cleansing or remission of their sins. There is no infant baptism. The Baptist doctrine of justification by faith states that it is by faith alone that we receive salvation and not through any works of our own. Baptists generally believe in the literal Second Coming of Christ at which time God will sit in judgment and divide humanity between the saved and the lost. Administration, leadership and doctrine are decided democratically by the lay members of each individual church, which accounts for the variation of beliefs from one Baptist church to another. There are no hierarchical layers of priests. Many conservative Baptists like the Southern Baptists oppose gambling, alcohol, tobacco, and some prohibit dancing and movies.

Pope Francis tweets: “Let us be close to our brothers and sisters who are going through illness and also their families. Hope opens new horizons and enables us to dream of what is not even imaginable. Those who traffic human beings are ultimately accountable to God. Let us pray for the conversion of hearts. Let us hear the cry of the many children who are enslaved. No one must remain indifferent to their sorrow. Being a believer means learning how to see with eyes of faith. Let us never forget to pray for each another. Prayer is our greatest strength. Consecrated life is a great gift of God: a gift of God to the Church, a gift of God to His People. God wants us all to see one another as brothers and to live as such, forming a great human family that is harmonious in its diversity. Let us imitate the attitude of Jesus toward the sick: he takes care of everyone, He shares their suffering and opens their hearts to hope.

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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.



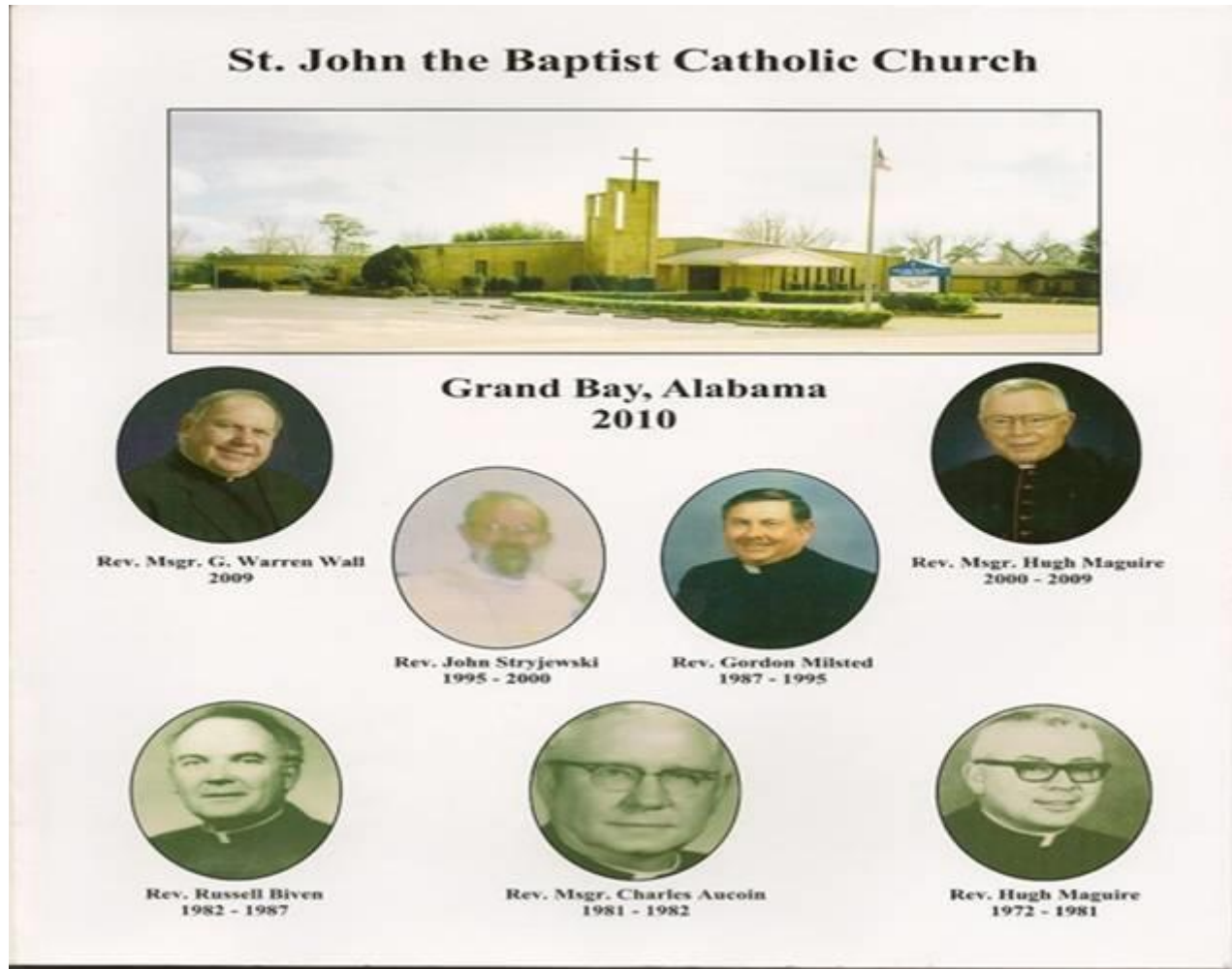
The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972



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
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