



O. T. VII SUNDAY

Sunday bulletin- February 19, 2017

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Catholic Charities: Last weekend was the official end of the Catholic Charities Drive. So, 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 its ability, giving what they can. We ask that you be the light of Christ for those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

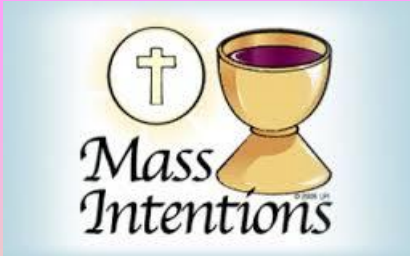
The Golden Group would like to thank everyone who participated in the "Sweetheart Dinner" last Sunday. We had great food and fellowship and thanks to your generosity we received enough donations to make \$86.00 after cost.

Golden Jubilee Celebration: Parishioners are requested to mark the number of members from their families participating in the concelebrated Jubilee Mass on March 12th, 2017 and the reception in the Senior Center so that the organizers may provide enough food for the participants. A sheet of paper with your family names is placed on the glass table for your sign up. We also request our senior Sunday School students, and especially, confirmation students, to volunteer to assist at the celebration. Please sign-up on the sheet that is on the glass table. Adults who volunteered are being contacted. Thank you. (The Golden Jubilee Committee).

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.

Women's Morning of Reflection - A Lenten Journey for Women will be held at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Mon Luis Island in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 25th (NO COST). Sponsored by the St. Rose of Lima Parish Council of Catholic Women. See the flyer on the glass table for more information.

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the healing of Joe Penton, Micky Porier, Tiffany Fonteot, 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 18-24

18th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish

19th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th: -- For the eternal repose of the soul of Carolyn Bidlingmaier by Warner Bidlingmaier



Birthdays this week: February 18th: James Cauley, 19th: Addy Stringfellow, Mary Switzer, 22nd: Gary Day, 23rd: Mila Vaughn. **Known**
Wedding Anniversaries this week: 18th: Gloria & Charles Krause, 21st: La Shea & Adolph Payne

Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- FEBRUARY

Wesley Dixon & Maria Switzer

CHURCH CLEANING – FEBRUARY 25

Amanda, Mary, Zora & Rebecca Oliver

Videos of the week:

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

How to participate more fully in the Mass: <http://www.kcgolddome.org/page.php?ID=194>

Inspirational: Never say "I Cant" <https://youtu.be/QA8zBhT8AFU>

Melodious duet by children: <https://youtu.be/HeUJ4Y-XOeY>



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 February 25 & 26, 2017</u>				
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(Green Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Feb. 25, 2017 5:00 pm	Loren Price Daryl Kirchoff	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Jackie Price Colleen Gray	Wayne Jackson, Paul Pigorsch Eugene Poiroux, Al Hurd
Sunday Feb. 26, 2017 10:00 am	Landon Teofilo Hayden Teofilo Rebecca Oliver	Wesey Dixon Billy Dixon	Aaron Poiroux Tiffany Teofilo	Reggie Stewart, Mike Courtney Ruth Riddick, Avis Garrett



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 Biddingmaer, 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/be-holy-be-perfect-be-a-temple/5388/>

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



Synopsis: OT VII [A] Sunday (Feb 19) Homily on Mt 5: 38-48)

Introduction: Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus.

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: *"Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy."* It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: *"Love your neighbor as yourself."* The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is holy by becoming kind and merciful and forgiving.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us. **In the Gospel** passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy. 1) The first method is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation (*Lex Talionis*, "tit-for-tat"): *"an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth,"* rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In

place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character and strengthening by God's grace.

2) The second method of becoming holy as God is holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "*turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it, and walking the extra mile.*" Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve this treatment. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with *agápe* love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us.

3) The third method of sharing in God's holiness is by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and willfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.

4) The fourth method of becoming holy as God is holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus, today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving and blessing others as our Holy God does.

Question of the week: Who are the Methodists? Who are Methodists? Methodism is a Protestant denomination of Christianity represented by a number of sub denominations and organizations.

Methodists claim approximately seventy million adherents worldwide. The great revival preacher in Anglicanism, John Wesley is the originator of this movement within the Church of England. George Whitefield was another significant leader. Both Whitefield and the Wesley greatly valued the Anglican liturgy and tradition, and the Methodist worship in The Book of Offices was based on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Methodism affirms the traditional Christian belief in a Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as well as the orthodox understanding of the consubstantial humanity and divinity of Jesus. Methodists recognize only two Sacraments as being instituted by Christ, namely, Baptism and Confirmation. They make use of tradition, drawing primarily from the teachings of the Church fathers, as a source of authority. Although not infallible like the Bible, tradition may serve as a lens through which Scripture is interpreted. Methodism insists that personal salvation always implies Christian mission and service to the world. Scriptural holiness is more than personal piety. Methodist Church is known for its missionary work and its establishment of hospitals, universities, orphanages, soup kitchens, and schools to follow the command of Jesus to spread the Good News and serve all people. Love of God is always linked with love of neighbors and a passion for justice and renewal in the life of the world. Most Methodist churches annually follow the call of John Wesley for a renewal of their covenant with God by Covenant Services. Instead of bishops British Methodists have a strong central organization called Connexion. It is composed of Districts which is composed of Circuits which appoints ministers. But in the U. S. they have bishops who assign pastors to congregations.

Pope Francis tweets: “A youthful heart does not tolerate injustice and cannot bow to a “throw-away culture” nor give in to the globalization of indifference. I invite you to join in the fight against poverty, both material and spiritual. Together let’s build peace and bridges of friendship. The throwaway culture is not of Jesus. The other is my brother, beyond every barrier of nationality, social extraction or religion. It is good to know the Lord takes on the burden of our fragilities and patiently gets us back on our feet with the strength to start over. Let us never place conditions on God! Entrusting ourselves to the Lord means entering into his plans without demanding anything. 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. 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.

Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. We can all be builders of peace. Today I want to remember in my heart all the victims of the Holocaust. May their sufferings and their tears never be forgotten. Hope lets new life blossom, like a plant that grows from the seed fallen on the earth.

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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.



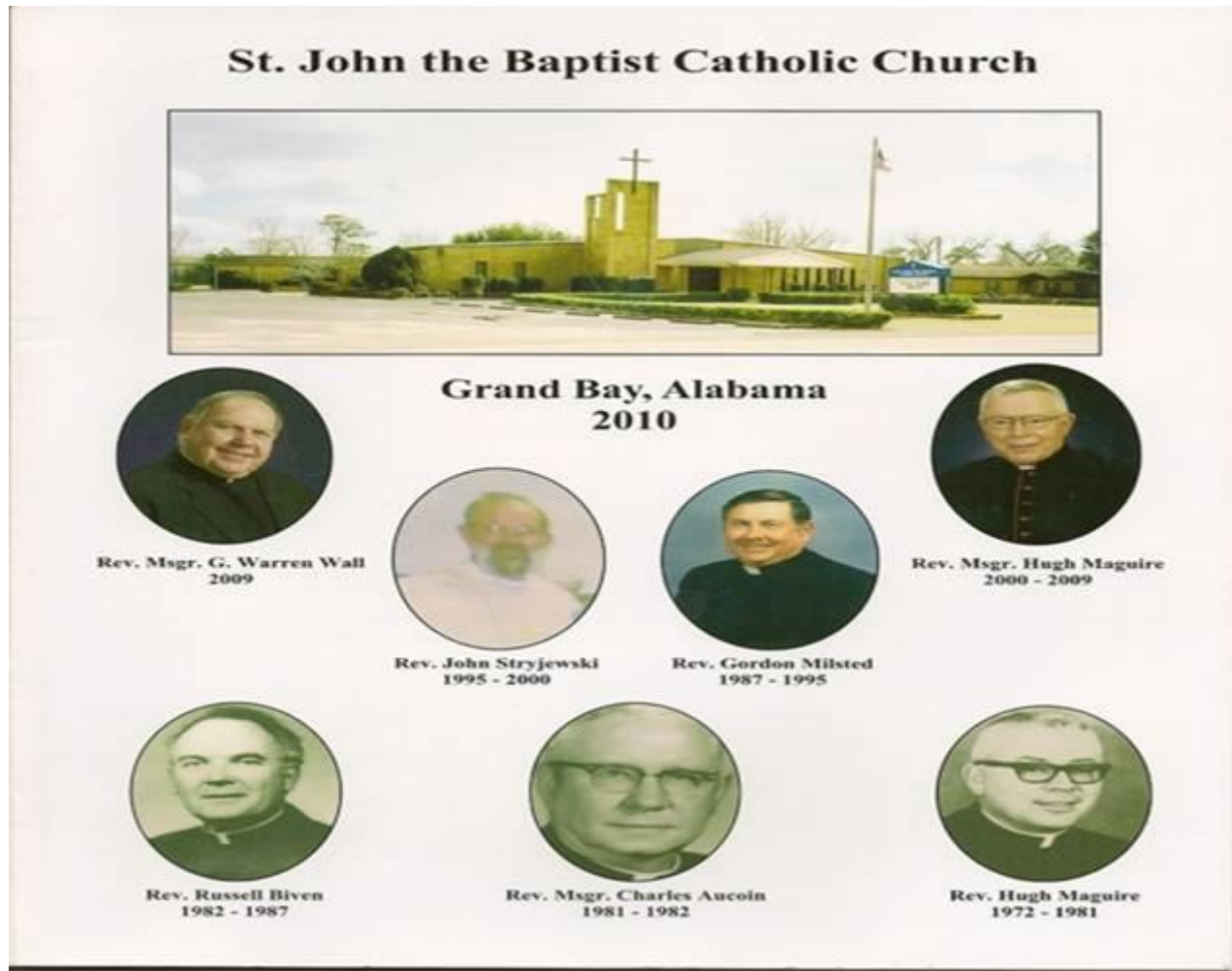
The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972



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 188 Question & Answer of the Week.