



LENT II SUNDAY

Sunday bulletin- Feb 25, 2018

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Catholic Charities: We have completed the Catholic Charities drive for 2018 and we would like to thank all the parishioners who sacrificially participated in the program and helped our parish to reach above its target for this year. Thanks again, and God's blessings.

Sunday School and Youth Program begins at 8:45 am. Please send all your children regularly and on time.

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 of the Lent from 5- 7 pm. Please participate in it.

CRS Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls are a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. This offers opportunities for your family to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also an opportunity for us as a parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. The bowls are on the table in the church hall. Please take one and after filling it bring it back no later than Easter Sunday.



Pray for the eternal repose of the deceased members of the parish:

James Cauley, Werner Bidlingmaier, Joe Penton, Richard Boswell, Mickey Poirier, Louis Poiroux, Louise Marchand, Carolyn Bidlingmaier, 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.



Remember in your prayers:

Bill Schaffer, Keith Tippit, Joe Ecker, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Gable, Barbara Lepre, 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.



Birthdays this week: Mar. 1st: Aimee Sprinkle, Jason Poiroux,
 2nd: Jimmy Marchand. **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** Feb.
 26th: La Shea & Adolph Payne, Mar. 1st: Tiffany & Greg Teofilo

Don't give up Chocolate for "Lent." Instead, take a 40-dy 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

Please take your free Lenten Gift to be found in the church hall. It is an issue of "The Word Among Us" and it includes the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations for Lent 2018. Take a copy home and make your Lent special.

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.



February 24 - March 2

24th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parishioners

25th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

26th, 27th & 28th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of relatives/friends of Elsa McBride

1st: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Edna Lyman by Mary Kirchoff

2nd: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of Jay & Mary Margret Kirchoff by Marv Kirchoff

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION

February 18th, \$4003.00, Black & Indian Missions \$245.00

ALTAR CARE- FEBRUARY

Lynda & Louis Jones

CHURCH CLEANING – FEBRUARY 24TH

Aimee Sprinkle



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 March 3 & 4, 2018

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>
Saturday Mar. 3, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 3, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 3, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 3, 2018, 5:00 pm	Saturday Mar. 3, 2018, 5:00 pm
Sunday Mar. 4, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday Mar. 4, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday Mar. 4, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday Mar. 4, 2018, 10:00 am	Sunday Mar. 4, 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.



Video homilies 1) Bishop Barron: <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/the-mystical-transfiguration-of-christ/4676/>

2) Fr. Bill Grimm: <https://youtu.be/gS4drwmrCxA>

3) **St. Paul Media:** <https://youtu.be/i67DSolojIM>

SYNOPSIS OF LENT II (B) (Feb 25th) HOMILY on Mk 9: 2-10

Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to cooperate with the grace of God with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives, by renewing them during Lent and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

Scripture lessons: The first reading explains how his trusting faith in his God's mercy and power and his blind obedience to his God's order to sacrifice his only son of his old age, transformed the life of Abraham, making him the supreme model of Faith in God's promises and obedience to His Holy Will. That is why Paul recalls, in the second reading, that God the Father did not spare the life of His Own Son Jesus when he volunteered to die for our salvation, while He saved the life of Abraham's son Isaac. Why? Because God loves us with an everlasting love. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116) speaks of God's distress at the death of anyone. *"Too costly in the eyes of the LORD is the death of His faithful."* In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His Heavenly glory, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the

Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him. Jesus' transfiguration also strengthens us in the face of our afflictions.

Life messages: (1) The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are changed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others. (2) A message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our future transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "*This is my beloved son.*" Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to him in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross and finally may share the glory of his second "transfiguration," namely, his Resurrection.



Question of the week: What are the Catholic observances during Lent? 1) **Holy Mass:** Making more frequent participation in the Holy Mass during the week is an excellent Lenten observance because the Eucharistic celebration is the most sublime of Christian prayers. 2) **Lectio Divina:** It is the practice of slow, prayerful, meditative reading of the selected passages of the Sacred Scripture. It is a major part of our Lenten prayer life which enables us to listen to

God talking to us. According to Pope Benedict XV it is “the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart” (cf. *Dei Verbum*, n. 25). 3) **Fast and abstinence**: Fasting is taking only one major meal per day and abstinence is avoiding meat. Lent is traditionally a time of fast and abstinence. Evidently, the obligations surrounding this have been much relaxed in the West in the past few decades, but the relaxing of the obligation does not mean there is not value in still opting to pursue these practices. Indeed, there is nothing (outside of health and age) to prevent one from taking up the practice of devotional fasts and abstinence. 4) **Decide on Lenten sacrifices** appropriate to the age of each child in the family, reminding them that our souls need this spiritual exercise to gain strength for living as Christians, just as our bodies need exercise to remain healthy. Our sacrifices are like a gift offered to God, and all real gifts "cost" the giver something. 5) **Sacrament of reconciliation**: Lent is a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we may put things right with God and others. 6) **Acts of charity**: Find out some one in need of our prayer, help, support or encouragement in our neighborhood and do with utmost sincerity what we can. 7) **Participation in the “Way of the cross”** devotion in the parish church to meditate on the suffering and death of Jesus for us sinners and to cultivate a holy fear of sin and its seriousness.

Pope Francis tweets: “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! To serve human life is to serve God and life at every stage: from the womb of the mother, to the suffering and sickness of old age. 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! To serve human life is to serve God and life at every stage: from the womb of the mother, to the suffering and sickness of old age. May the sick always be shown love in their fragility and respected in their inviolable dignity. The Lord is present in our lives, showing us all His love and encouraging us to respond with generosity.

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

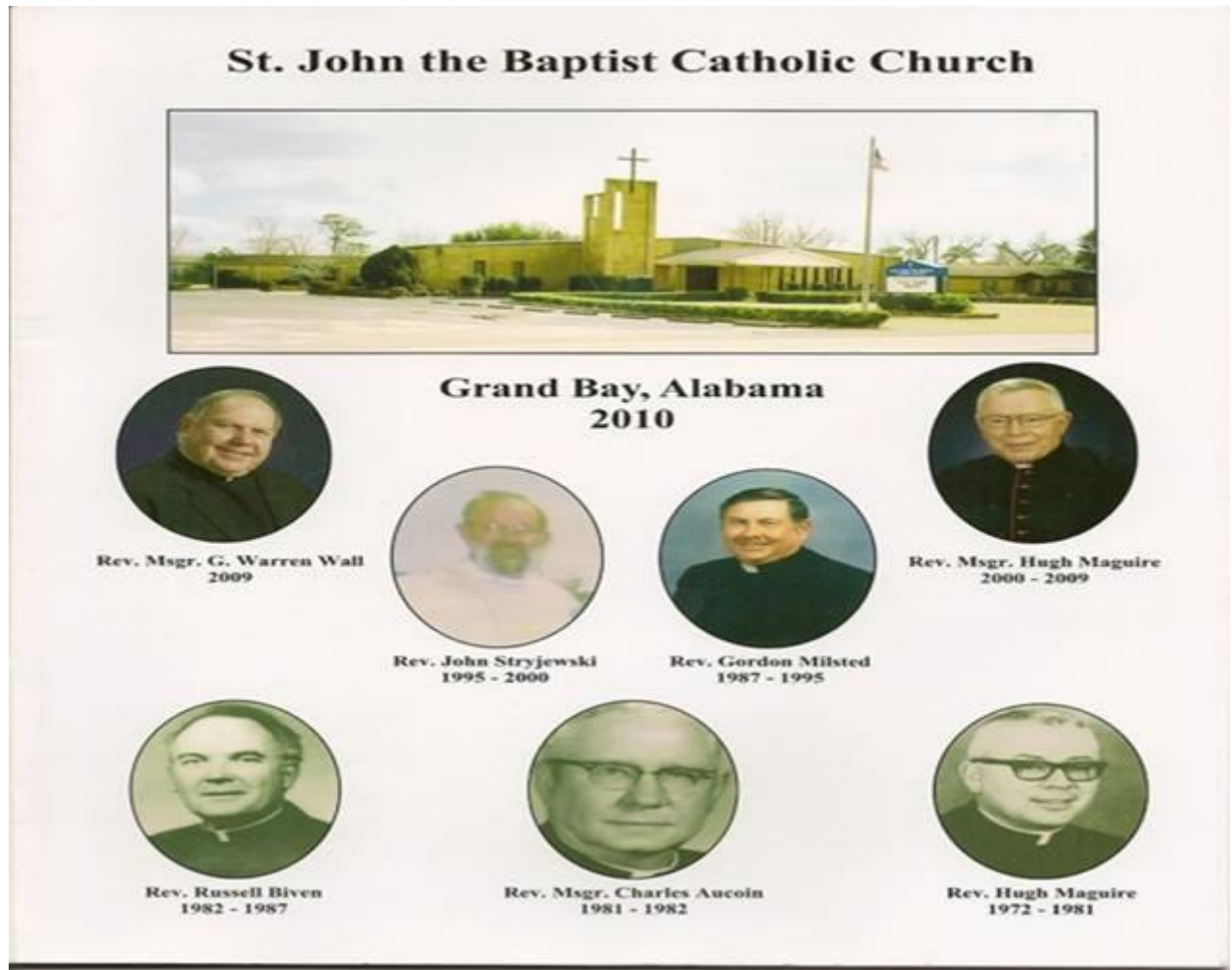


Consecration of the first St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Grand Bay on November 16, 1924

By Bishop Allen

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

are given below



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