



**O. T. VIII SUNDAY**

# Sunday bulletin- March 4, 2017

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**Ash Wednesday observance:** Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. We will have three Holy Masses and blessing of the ashes on Ash Wednesday this week on March 1<sup>st</sup>. They are at 7-45 am, 10-45 am (in connection with the Golden Group monthly meeting) and at 7 pm for those who go for work. Since it is the day of fasting and abstinence, the Golden Group will serve only vegetable soup and snacks for their lunch after the Ash Wednesday Mass.

**Catholic Charities:** We have completed the Catholic Charities drive for 2017 and we would like to thank all the parishioners that participated in it for helping us to reach our target for this year. God Bless your generous hearts.

**Golden Jubilee Celebration:** Parishioners are requested to mark the number of members from their families participating in the concelebrated Jubilee Mass on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://BestLentEver.com) and experience something life changing.

**Second Collection** next week is for the "Building Fund."

**Holy Mass Ministers and Servers schedule** for March 2017 is on the glass table. Please take a copy if you are scheduled.

**CRS Rice Bowl** is a Catholic Relief Services Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through the rice bowls we deepen our personal experience of Lent and we devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform the lives of the poor. Please take a rice bowl off the glass table and put your spare change in it during Lent. You can return it to the church after Easter.

**Prayer for speedy healing requested:** Your fervent prayers are requested for the healing of Louise Poiroux, Micky Porier, Joe Penton, 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 25-March 3**

25th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish

26th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

27th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Doris Sema

28th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Ida & Charlie Clark

1st: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Mildred Smith & family

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Colleen Gray



**Birthdays this week:** February: 26<sup>th</sup>: Joe Penton, March 1<sup>st</sup>: Aimee Sprinkle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason Poiroux, Jimmy Marchand, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nina Bohl: **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** La Shea & Adolph Payne

## Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- FEBRUARY

**Lynda & Louis Jones**

**CHURCH CLEANING - MARCH 4**

**Aimee & Emilee Sprinkle**

## 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.

<b><u>Extraordinary Minister Schedule for March 4 &amp; 5, 2017</u></b>				
<b><u>Mass</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b> <b><u>(Green Cincture)</u></b>	<b><u>EMCH</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Saturday Mar. 4, 2017 5:00 pm	James Graham Loren Price	Kathy Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce, Al Hurd
Sunday Mar. 5, 2017 10:00 am	Rebecca Oliver Hayden Teofilo Jay Ramsay	Jason Poiroux Maria Switzer	Aaron Poiroux Michelle Cook	Mike Marchand, Avis Garrett Mike Courtney, Reggie Stewart



**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. VIII Sunday**

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/seek-first-the-kingdom-of-god/920/>

**Fr. William Grimm's homily:** <https://youtu.be/Dc2xM5-ilz4>



## Synopsis: OT VIII [A] Sunday (Feb 26) Homily on Mt 6: 24-34)

Introduction: Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the love and providential care of a loving and merciful God, and by living each day's life as it comes, doing His will and realizing His presence within us, within others and in all events of our lives.

Scripture lessons: Today's first reading is one of the most touching expressions of God's love in the Bible. Through the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord God asks the rhetorical question: "*Can a mother forget her infant?*" and gives His solemn pledge "*I will never forget you!*" The Lord God reminds Israel that even the best of human love is only a shadow of God's eternal, life-giving love for His people. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62) also invites us to hope and rest in the strength and providence of a loving God. In the second reading, St. Paul instructs the Corinthians that instead of worrying about who baptized them and judging him or other preachers, they are to bear witness to Christ and his Gospel by their lives. In the first part of today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the impossibility of serving two opposed masters, namely God and riches. Man's ultimate goal and Master is God and not material possessions. Material possessions help us reach our ultimate goal, God, only when we share them with the needy. Hence, Jesus calls us to a detachment from material goods and a life of simplicity and dependence on God. Then Jesus exhorts his disciples to avoid unnecessary worries. Worry is a pagan or an irreligious attitude of those who don't believe in a loving and providing God. In nature, other creatures, like birds, work hard for their daily food, but they don't worry about tomorrows. Worry is useless because we cannot increase even an inch of height by days of worrying. Worry is also injurious to the health causing physical and mental problems and illnesses.

Life messages: 1) We need to avoid worry: a) By trusting in the providing care of a loving God. b) By acquiring the art of living one day at a time in God's presence. c) By seeking God's kingdom and doing His will every day, living a righteous life and serving others as best as we can.

2) We need to live one day at a time: Here are the three simple steps. First, we start the day with God by offering Him the day's work for His glory, thus transforming all our work into prayers. Then we ask for a 24-hour full-activation of the Holy Spirit, so that we may do good for others and avoid evil. In the second step, we live realizing God's presence in every one we meet and renewing our awareness of God's presence by saying some small prayers. Taking the third step, we end each day with God. Before we go to sleep, we say, "Thank you, Lord, for walking through this day with me. I have wounded my soul today by my sins. Please pardon me. With your grace, I shall be more faithful tomorrow. Good night, Lord. Into your hands, I give my soul and my sleep."

**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:** “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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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.





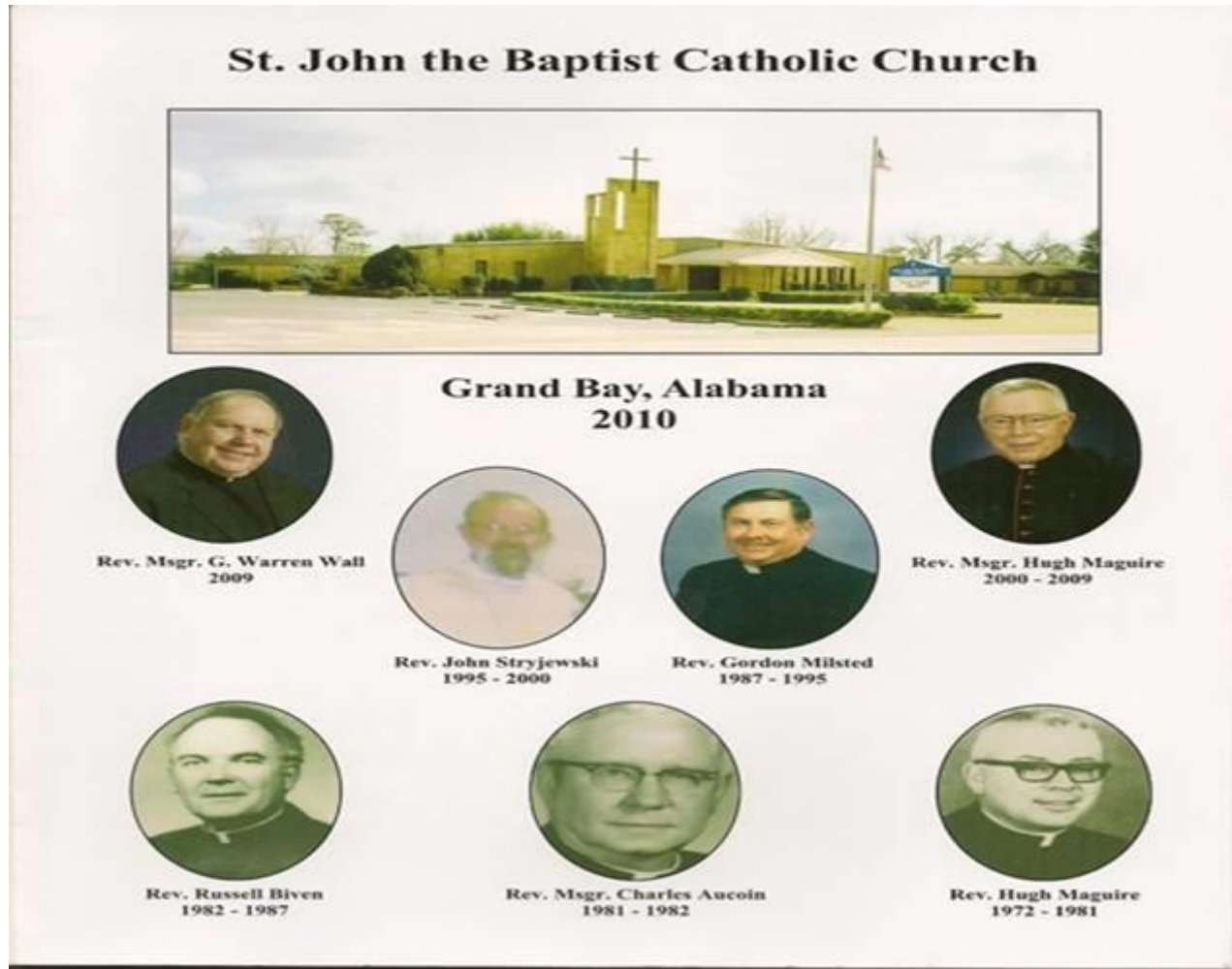
*The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972*



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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