



## O.T. V SUNDAY

# Sunday bulletin- Feb 4, 2018

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Offering of your contribution to Catholic Charities began last Sunday, January 28th. Please mark your contribution in the envelope you received and place it in the collection basket this Saturday or Sunday. This is the best chance to share your blessings with the less fortunate ones in our society. **Click below, please to watch archbishop's appeal.**

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

Second collection this weekend will be for the building maintenance fund.

Sunday School classes & Youth program begin every Sunday at 8-45 am. Please send your children regularly to these programs.



**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. A sign-up reservation table will be in the church hall for all who are interested having a "sweet time" and enjoy a great meal. *"Let all that you do be done with love"*, 1 Corinthians 16:14, we look forward to seeing you and sharing our blessings together.

**Deacon Graham** will be out of the office January 31<sup>st</sup> thru February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Televised Mass for the Home bound & shut ins** will be offered in our church at 9 am on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Your valuable presence is requested.



**Birthdays this week:** Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shirley Ray, 4<sup>th</sup>: Shirley Poiroux, Rebecca Murray, 5<sup>th</sup>: Mary Oliver, 6<sup>th</sup>: Ivey Scott, Dallas Baggett, 9<sup>th</sup>: Daniel Dezauche, Jay Graham. **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** 7<sup>th</sup>: Ruth & Paul Pigorsch

**Christmas Poinsettias** are kept outside the church, at the rectory side for anyone who would like to take some home.

**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](http://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 3-9**

3<sup>rd</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parishioners

4<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Bobby Hadley by the Ladies Auxiliary

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: ----- Fore the eternal repose of the souls of deceased

**ALTAR CARE- FEBRUARY**

**Wesey Dixon & Maria Switzer**

**CHURCH CLEANING – FEBRUARY 10TH**

**Shirley Rasmussen & Christy Brown**



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 10 & 11, 2018

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> (White Cincture)	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Feb. 10, 2018, 5:00 pm	Volunteers	Daryl Kirchoff Christy Brown Rhonda Cauley	Steve Sema, Jr. Kathy Sema	Volunteers
Sunday Feb. 11, 2018, 10:00 am	Volunteers	Carol Roberts Maria Switzer Jason Poiroux	Tiffany Teofilo Dana Baker	Volunteers



**Remember in your prayers:** 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.

*Pray for the deceased dear on es of the parish:* **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.

**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. V:** <https://youtu.be/-4TE2-W16FQ>

2) **Fr. Bill Grimm on O. T. V:** [https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/how-to-evangelize/5705/;](https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/how-to-evangelize/5705/)

3) **St. Paul Media homily on O. T. V:** <https://youtu.be/ak9DY0qIrLM>



## **SYNOPSIS: OT V [B] (Feb 4) HOMILY on Mk 1: 29-39**

**Introduction:** Today's readings challenge us to avoid Job's pessimistic and cynical view of life as a chain of pain and sufferings and to accept life with hope and optimism as a precious gift from God, using it to do good for others and spending our time, talents and lives for others as Jesus did and as St. Paul did.

**Scripture lessons:** While the Gospel presents Jesus enthusiastically living out his Sabbath day of preaching and healing ministry, the first reading details Job's attitude in striking contrast: Job complains of the tedium and futility of life and the miseries of human existence. But eventually Job surrenders himself, his suffering, his work and everything he had had and lost to the greater wisdom of God (Job 42:1-6). In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 147), the Psalmist sings praises to God because He is busy full-time in *gathering Israel* from their captivity, in *healing the broken hearted* and *bandaging their wounds*, in controlling the universe, in *sustaining the lowly* and in punishing the wicked. The second reading reveals Paul to us as a true and dynamic follower of Jesus, ready to do something extra for his Lord by preaching the Gospel without recompense or remuneration and obeying the Lord like a slave. Pointing out the spontaneous response of Peter's mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus, today's Gospel teaches us that true discipleship means getting involved in giving selfless service to others. During the Sabbath day, Jesus took part in the synagogue worship, taught with authority,

exorcised a demon, healed Simon's mother-in-law and, after sundown, "cured many who were sick with various diseases, and drove out many demons." Thus, Jesus spent himself and most of his time ministering to the needs of others, giving healing, forgiveness and a new beginning to many. Yet, Jesus rose early the next morning and went off "to a deserted place" to pray, in order to assess his work before God his Father and to recharge his spiritual batteries.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to be instruments for Jesus' healing work. Bringing *healing and wholeness* is Jesus' ministry even today. We all need healing of our minds, our memories and our broken relationships. But Jesus now uses counselors, doctors, friends or even strangers in his healing ministry. Let us ask for the ordinary healing we need in our own lives. When we are healed, let us not forget to thank Jesus for his goodness, mercy, and compassion by turning to serve others. Our own healing process is completed only when we are ready to help others in their needs and to focus on things outside ourselves. Let us also be instruments for Jesus' healing by visiting the sick and praying for their healing. But let us remember that we need the Lord's strength not only to make ourselves and others well, but to make us and others whole. 2) We need to live for others as Jesus did: Jesus was a man for others, sharing what he had with others. In his life there was time for prayer, time for healing and time for reconciliation. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness with others. Instead of considering life as dull and boring, let us live our lives as Jesus did, full of dynamism and zeal for the glory of God.

**Question of the week:** Why is St. Paul called an Apostle? He wasn't one of the 12 Apostles that Jesus picked. The word *apostle* comes from

the Greek *apostolein*, meaning *sent ones*. Although Jesus specially designated 12 of his followers in a symbolic restoration of the 12 tribes of Israel (see [Matthew 10:2-5](#), [Mark 3:16-19](#), and [Luke 6:13-16](#)), these 12 men were not the only ones sent by Jesus. Mary Magdalene and the other women who saw the risen Jesus were sent by Him to share the good news of the resurrection with the other disciples. And before the ascension, all of the disciples were sent forth by Jesus to proclaim salvation to the ends of the earth. Paul, though not one of the original companions of Jesus, considered himself an Apostle sent by Christ. Even though the Church has reserved the title "Apostle" in a special way for the 12, Paul was such a pivotal figure in the spread of the gospel that the Church has also applied this title to him, calling him "the Apostle to the Gentiles." Paul can rightfully be called an apostle because he fulfilled the same three basic requirements the specially-selected twelve original disciples met. After the death of Judas, the church (totaling about 120) met in Jerusalem to decide who among them would be uniquely qualified to replace him (Acts 1). Those to be considered for this awesome responsibility had to have been personally called by Christ, taught by him directly for several years, and seen him alive after his resurrection (Acts 1:17, 22, 25). While traveling to Damascus in 33 A.D., three years after Jesus was resurrected, Paul was miraculously confronted by the Lord and brought to repentance (verses 3 to 6). But the Lord said to him (Ananias), "*Go, for this man (Paul) is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel; 16. For I will show him what great things he must suffer for My name*" (Acts 9:15 - 16). During his three years of exile in Arabia he was personally taught by Jesus (Acts 9:20 - 25, Galatians 1:11 - 12, 15 - 18). At this point in his life he fulfilled the same basic criteria the original disciples did in regard to being considered an apostle.

**Pope Francis tweets:** “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. Prayer allows us to see one another the way God our Father sees us, and to realize that we are brothers and sisters. I would like to invite everyone to promote a journalism of peace, a journalism created by people for people. The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth. There is no such thing as harmless disinformation; trusting in falsehood can have dire consequences. Prayer that purifies, strengthens and illuminates our path is like fuel for our journey towards full Christian unity. I am grateful to all who have accompanied me on my pilgrimage to Chile and Peru in so many ways, especially with prayer. Praise to you, Lord, for this wonderful creation that is the Amazon people, and for all the biodiversity these lands contain! Every life counts: from the beginning to the end, from conception to natural death The Gospel message is a

source of joy: a joy that spreads from generation to generation and which we inherit. Listening to religious teaching or learning a doctrine is not enough. What we want is to live as Jesus lived. We pray to God for the courage to ask forgiveness and to learn how to listen to what he is saying to us. I ask you to accompany me on my journey to Chile and Peru in your prayers. We should work to accommodate, to protect, to promote and to integrate whoever is forced to leave their own home and undergo moments of real difficulty. We must not wait to be perfect before responding to the Lord who calls us, but rather open our hearts to His voice. The encounter with God and our brothers and sisters cannot wait just because we are slow or lazy. We are called to that encounter today! If we fail to suffer with those who suffer, even those of different religions, languages or cultures, we need to question our own humanity. The more we are rooted in Christ, the more we rediscover interior peace, even in the midst of daily challenges. joyful soul is like healthy soil in which life can thrive and produce good fruit. Joy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that help us live authentically. Let us share the joy of our Christian brothers and sisters of the East who are celebrating Christmas today. Baptism is also called 'illumination', because faith illuminates the heart and allows us to see things in a different light. Like the Magi, believers are led by faith to seek God in the most hidden places, knowing that the Lord waits for them there. God walks along the dusty paths of our lives and responds to our longing for love and happiness by calling us to joy. God became a child to be closer to the men and women of every time, and to show us His infinite tenderness. In the name of Jesus, with our witness, we can prove that peace is possible.

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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.





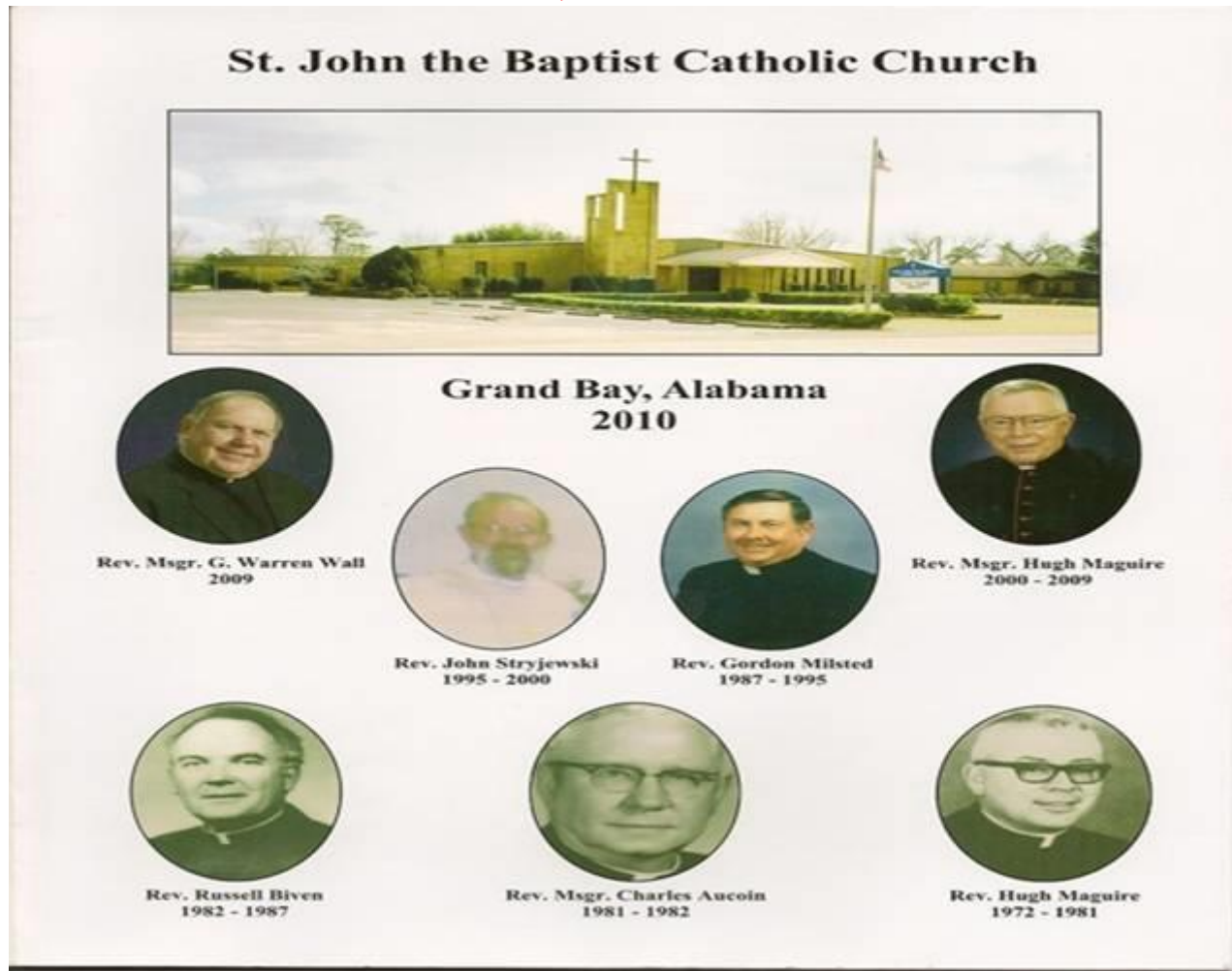
*The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972*



**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 books of the Bible and 195 Question & Answer of the Week.