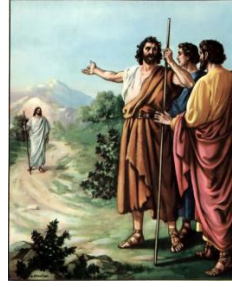




Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.  
John 1: 29

**ORDINARY TIME II SUNDAY**

**Sunday bulletin- January 15, 2017**

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**Sunday school classes (CRE) and Youth program:** Sunday School classes & Youth program begin at 8-45 am, every Sunday. Please send your children and the youth regularly to the program.

**Father Tony** will be out of the parish on vacation at home in India, leaving on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 and returning on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be no morning Mass starting on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, until Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Graham will conduct a "Communion Service" every weekday morning starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> until Fr. Tony returns. There will be the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by benediction at 7-30 am on Wednesdays.

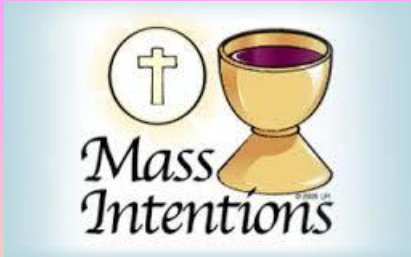
**Contribution Envelopes:** A few more 2017 tithing contribution envelopes are on tables in the church. Please pick up your box of envelopes so that you will have them to start the new year.

**St. Vincent de Paul "Open House"**: Please join us for our St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Open House from 1-3 pm on Sunday, January 22, 2017. We will have light hors d'oeuvres and football on the television. Feel free to call the school at 251-666-8022 for questions or directions. Looking forward to seeing you.

**Prayer for speedy healing requested:** Your fervent prayers are requested for the healing of Louise Marchand, Joe Penton, Micky Porier, Tiffany Fontot, 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.



**Birthdays this week:** 17<sup>th</sup>: Ruth Pigorsch, Andrew Sprinkle, 18<sup>th</sup>: Ambre Cauley, 19<sup>th</sup>: William Swinney, Jonathan Oliver, Toby Logan, Haleigh Kerns: **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** Nil



**Jan 14-20**

14: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish

15: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

16-20: ----- Only Communion service & Wednesday Adoration

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** Our RCIA classes for 2016-17 batch began on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 pm in the parish hall. Mr. Kenny Smith, five members of Rials family, Mrs. Susie Smeriglio and her son Parker.

## Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- JANUARY

**Lynda & Louis Jones**

**CHURCH CLEANING - JANUARY 14**

**Adele Logan & Tiffany Teofilo**




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 January 21 & 22, 2017**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(White Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Jan. 21, 2017  5:00 pm	Jay Graham  Daryl Kirchoff	Kathie Sema  Steve Sema, Jr.	Jackie Price  Colleen Gray	Wayne Jackson, Al Hurd  Paul Pigorsch, Eugene Poiroux
Sunday Jan. 22, 2017  10:00 am	Anna Claire Bowden  Paul Delmas  Rebecca Oliver	Jason Poiroux  John McBride	Autumn Bowden  Reggie Stewart	Mike Courtney, Ruth Riddick  Mike Marchand, Avis Garrett



**Remember the sick brothers and sisters in your**

**prayers:**  Louise Marchand, 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:** 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.





**Video homily by Fr. Bill Grimm:** .....

**Synopsis of O. T. II Sunday readings (Jan 15) Jn 1: 29-34**



**Synopsis: OT II [A] (Jan 15) Is 49:3, 5-6; I Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34**

Welcome back to the Ordinary Time, the longest of the Church Seasons. This is our base line, our normal; the other seasons celebrate something (Christmas, Easter) or anticipate something (Lent, Advent). But good old Ordinary Time is when we cover most of the story of Jesus' life, preaching using parables, the day-to-day struggles and successes.

Introduction: The central theme of today's readings is a challenge to live like the Lamb of God and to die like the Lamb of God. In both the first and second readings, God calls individuals to His service entrusting them with a mission. The first reading is from the "Songs of the Suffering Servant" in Isaiah, where aspects of Jesus' own life and mission are foreshadowed. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that they are "sanctified and called to be holy" like all who call on the name of Jesus. The Gospel passage presents three themes, namely, John's witness to Jesus, Jesus' epiphany and

identification as the “Lamb of God,” and the call to discipleship. Those who are called gradually accept the identity of the One who calls them. Like John the Baptist, we may choose to accept today's Gospel as a personal and corporate call to become a witness to the Lamb of God.

**Life messages:** 1) Live and die like the Lamb of God. (A) Live like a lamb by: a) leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives obeying the Christ's commandment of love; b) appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in His Church; c) eating the Body and drinking the Blood of the Good Shepherd and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments and our prayers. (B) Die like a sacrificial lamb by: a) sharing our blessings of health, wealth and talents with others in the family, parish and community; b) bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering; c) offering our suffering for the salvation of souls and as reparation for our sins and those of others. 2) Rebuild broken lives. Our faithful response to God's call is to rebuild broken lives, reconciling them to God's love and justice through Christ Jesus, our Lamb and Lord. Through Baptism into the Body of Christ, we are empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit to build up the oppressed. Through the love of the Lamb of God, we are called to better the lot and improve the broken spirit of all who have been exiled from the possibility of hope, exiled from God's righteousness and burdened by the yoke of spiritual, social, economic, and political dislocation. 3) **Be a witness to the Lamb of God.** Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we grow by Faith to become witnesses for Him. And bearing witness to Christ is an active, not passive, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance, any more

than one can be a distant lover. 4) "**Come and see**". The essence of our witness is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to "come and see." For John, Faith begins by responding to the invitation to "come and see." We tell others about good restaurants, barbers, optometrists, etc. Why isn't there the same fervor over inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our Church activities? If we are not willing to invite others into this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our Church?

**Why is Ordinary Time called Ordinary and what is the "Color of" and "When is" Ordinary Time?** Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word "ordo," from which we get the English word "order." Thus, the numbered weeks or Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church – the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in the Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the "Lamb of God" or Christ's first miracle, "the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus, for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the "Lamb of God," walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time – for those days when there is no special feast – is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations. Ordinary Time refers to all those parts of the Catholic Church’s liturgical year that aren’t included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church’s calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the “Feast of the Epiphany” and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. The first period of Ordinary Time runs until “Ash Wednesday,” when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes on the Monday after “Pentecost Sunday,” the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday in Advent, when the liturgical year begins again.



Pope Francis tweets: “Everyone can help bring about a culture of mercy, in which no one looks at another with indifference. My hope is that our countries and their peoples may find increased opportunities to work together in building true peace. There can be no

true peace if everyone claims always and exclusively his or her own rights, without caring for the good of others. To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence. May nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions. At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations. At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations. Let us entrust the new year to Mary, Mother of God, so that peace and mercy may grow throughout the world. As we end this year, let us remember the days, weeks and months we have lived in order to give thanks and offer everything to the Lord. Holy Family of Nazareth, help us all to recognize the sacred nature of the family and its beauty in God's plan for humanity. Let us be touched by the tenderness that saves. Let us draw close to God who draws close to us. Let us pause to gaze upon the crib. Christmas has above all a taste of hope because, for all the darkness in our lives, God's light shines forth. Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation! The birthday of Jesus, who took on the burden of our human weakness, is drawing closer. Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too, with eyes full of amazement and wonder, gaze upon the Child Jesus, the Son of God. I thank you all for your kindness. Please do not forget to pray for me. Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. The love of God, which can look into the heart of each person and see the deepest desire hidden there, must take primacy over all else. Now is the time to unleash the creativity of mercy, to bring about new undertakings, the fruit of grace. Today I would like each of us to reflect on his and her own past and the gifts received from the Lord. Let us learn from the Blessed Mother how to have a humble heart capable of receiving God's gifts. The Church does not grow through proselytism, but by attraction. Jesus gives meaning to my life here on earth and hope for the life to come. Jesus teaches us always to go to the essentials

and to take on our own mission with responsibility. We are all called to go out as missionaries and bring the message of God's love to every person in every area of life.

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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

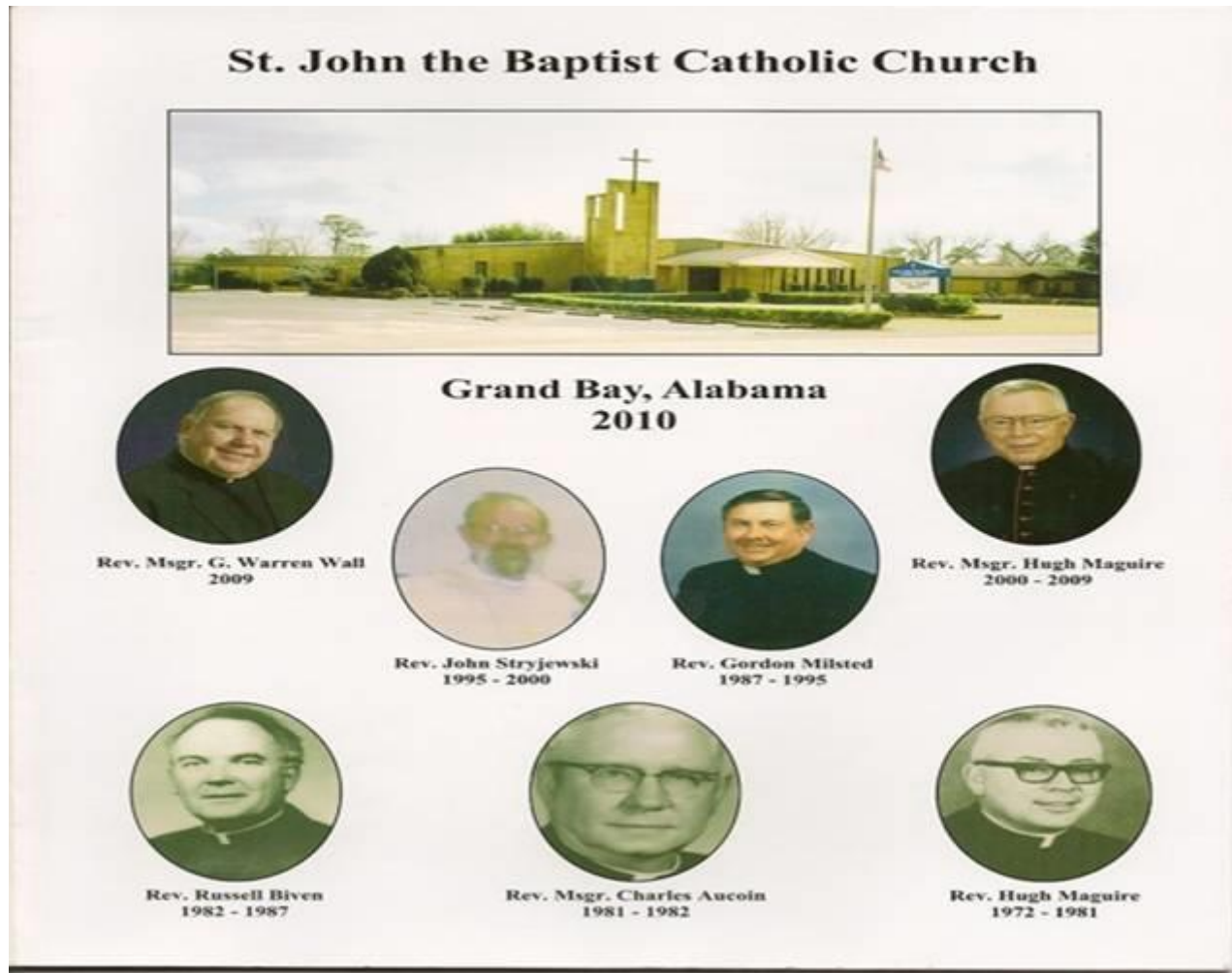


**Consecration of the first St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Grand Bay on November 16, 1924**

**By Bishop Allen**

**Photos of the great pastors who guided the destiny of our parish**  
**are given below**





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