



## O.T. III SUNDAY

# Sunday bulletin- January 21, 2018

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**Catholic Charities Appeal** begins this Sunday, January 21st. Every parishioner should receive a letter from Archbishop Rodi along with their appeal envelope. Please complete the envelope and place it in the basket next Sunday. There are also envelopes in the bulletin and additional ones in the church hall on the table. This is the best chance to share your blessings with the less fortunate ones in our society. **Click below, please.**

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

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

**Deacon Charles Joseph Fontana**, a retired Permanent Deacon of the Archdiocese of Mobile, died on Monday, January 15, 2018. Funeral services for Deacon Fontana will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at St. Ignatius Parish, (3704 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36608), with Visitation in the Marian Center from 10-11 am. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the church at 11:00 am. Please keep Deacon Fontana's wife, Doris, and their family in your prayers.

**Deacon Fred J. Briers**, a retired Permanent Deacon of the Archdiocese of Mobile, died on Friday, January 19, 2018. Visitation will be held on Friday evening, January 26, at E.G. Cummings Memorial Funeral Home, Montgomery, at 6:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Resurrection Parish, (2815 Forbes Road, Montgomery, AL 36110), at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Please keep Deacon Brier's wife, Mary Louise, and their family in your prayers.

**Prayers are requested** for the speedy healing of Jimmy Marchand and James Cauley who were admitted to the hospital on Thursday and Friday respectively.

**Fleet Blessing Court** - Any girls in 5th thru 8th grade wishing to participate in the 2018 Fleet Blessing Court this spring, please contact Missy Perry @ (251)605-7339 for information. Fleet Blessing this year is May 5 & 6, 2018

**Poinsettias** are on the tables in the church hall for anyone who would like to take some home.

**Prayer for speedy healing requested:** Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of Sara Thornton, Terry Roberts, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Tiffany Fontenot, John Stein and Dr. Reggie Stewart.



**Birthdays this week:** Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Charlie Clark, Tiffany Teofilo, 23<sup>rd</sup>: Lauren Schaffer, 24<sup>th</sup>: Tom Thornton, 25<sup>th</sup>: Adele Logan, 26<sup>th</sup>: Easton Baggett **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** Nil

**Tithing contribution**

**Jan 14, 2018: \$3,149.00**

**ALTAR CARE- JANUARY**

**Lynda & Deacon Graham**

**CHURCH CLEANING – JANUARY 27**

**Ruth Pigorsch**



**January 20-26**

20<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parishioners

21<sup>st</sup>: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

22<sup>nd</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of Carolina Moser.

23<sup>rd</sup>: ----- No Mass due to minor eye surgery for Father Tony

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of Carolina Moser



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 27 & 28, 2018**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> (White Cincture)	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Jan. 27, 2018, 5:00 pm	Volunteers	Kathie Sema  Steve Sema, Jr.	Colleen Grey  Ann Jacks on	Volunteers
Sunday Jan. 28, 2018, 10:00 am	Volunteers	Wesey Dixon  Billy Dixon	John McBride  Autumn Bowden	Volunteers



**Remember in your prayers:** Jimmy Marchand, James Cauley, Barbara Lepre, John Stein, Willie Thompson, Isabel Rel, Cindy Smith, Holly Raymond, Bo Roderick, Glenn Boney, Charlena Hetrick, Ty Teofilo, 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, Virginia Gable, 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:** 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 ones 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



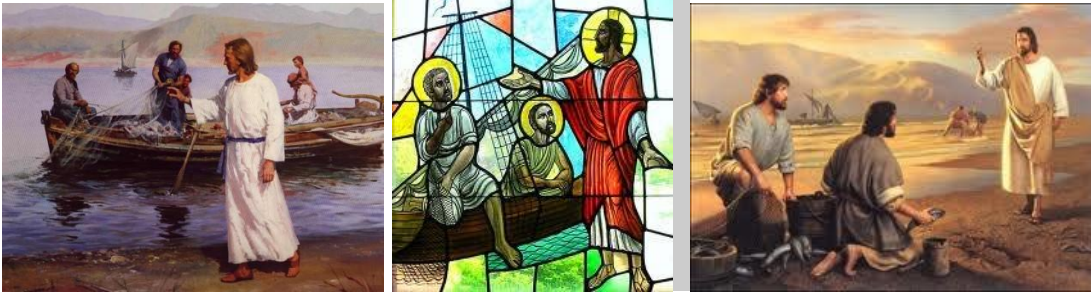
**Help us to keep flowers at the altar:** The slotted wooden box on the glass table in the Parish Hall will receive donations for flowers. If you wish to give flowers for a specific remembrance or thanksgiving, there is a sign-up flower chart on the wall to the left of the front doors.



1) **Bishop Barron on O. T. II:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/the-call-of-samuel/825/>

2) **Fr. Bill Grimm on O. T. II:** <https://youtu.be/QIUlaYXhKTI>

3) **St. Paul Media homily on O. T. II:** <https://youtu.be/KGfmXe21QUQ>



**Synopsis: Homily on O. T. III Sunday (Jan 21) (Mark 1: 14-20): Introduction:**

The three readings today underline the absolute necessity for us of repentance and a prompt response to God's call. Scripture lessons: **The first reading** tells us how God had to deal with the disobedient, fleeing prophet Jonah to turn him around (convert him), so that, repenting, he would go to Nineveh to preach repentance there. The wicked people of Nineveh, however, accepted Jonah as God's prophet at once, and promptly responded to God's call for repentance as Jonah preached it. **In the second reading**, Paul urges the Christian community in Corinth to lose no time in accepting the message of the Gospel and in renewing their lives with repentance because Jesus' second coming may occur at any moment. **Today's Gospel** describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "repent and believe in the Gospel." Just as John did, Jesus also called for repentance, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life, setting new priorities. Repentance also means hating sin, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. Believing in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action and to put trust in Jesus' authority. Jesus preached the Gospel, or Good News, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father Who wants to liberate us and save us from our sins through His son Jesus. By describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James and John, today's

Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. Jesus started his public ministry immediately after John the Baptist was arrested. According to Mark, Jesus selected four fishermen, Andrew and his brother Peter with James and his brother John, right from their fishing boats. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to appreciate our call to become Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom and healing the sick. 2) We are called individually to a way of life or vocation: – a religious commitment (priest, deacon, missionary, religious Sister or Brother, marriage partner or single person), plus a particular occupation rising from our talents (medicine, law, teaching, healing, writing, art, music, building and carpentry, home-making, child-rearing ...). Our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be. As St. Francis Sales puts it, we are expected to bloom where we are planted. 3) Our call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened through the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and, for those so called, made manifest in the sacraments of Matrimony or Holy Orders. The amazing truth is that God is relentless in calling us back to Himself even when we stray away from Him. 4) Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the true Church. Let us remember that it is our vocation in life as Christians to transmit Christ's Light through our living, radiating

Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness and humble service to all in our society.

**Question of the week: Why should we donate to Catholic Charities?**

In the 28 counties that make up the Archdiocese of Mobile, 20% of the population including more than 100,000 children, live in poverty and 1,500 people are homeless. The Appeal funds support for more than 30 ministries. One of the largest recipients, Catholic Social Services, served tens of thousands of individuals in 2017, 90 percent of whom were not Catholic. CSS centers in Mobile, Baldwin, Montgomery, Houston and Clarke counties provide food, clothing, crisis pregnancy assistance, adoption and counseling services that help clients develop a plan to improve their financial situation. Catholic Charities sees the face of God in those in need. By providing food, clothing, shelter and counseling, we bring hope to the hopeless in the city of Chicago and its suburbs. With 150 programs at 153 locations throughout Cook and Lake counties, Catholic Charities serve virtually every neighborhood and parish in the Chicagoland area. Through our broad spectrum of services, Catholic Charities annually assist more than 1 million persons in Cook and Lake counties without regard to religious, ethnic or economic background. Since 1917, Catholic Charities has empowered families and individuals of all races and religious backgrounds to realize their full potential. Its services help people from the point of conception through the last stages of their lives. It keeps mothers and their babies well-fed, prepare children in low-income families for school, keep youth in school and out of gangs, counsel and give job training to adults with economic troubles, provide affordable housing for seniors, and organize in-home care services for seniors who need help caring for themselves.

**Pope Francis tweets:** “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. In the simplicity of the nativity scene we encounter and contemplate the tenderness of God which reveals itself

in the Baby Jesus. Let us nurture the seeds of peace as they grow and let us transform our cities into workshops of peace. The Family is the harmonious union of differences between a man and a woman. When it's open to life and to others it's even more authentic.

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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*



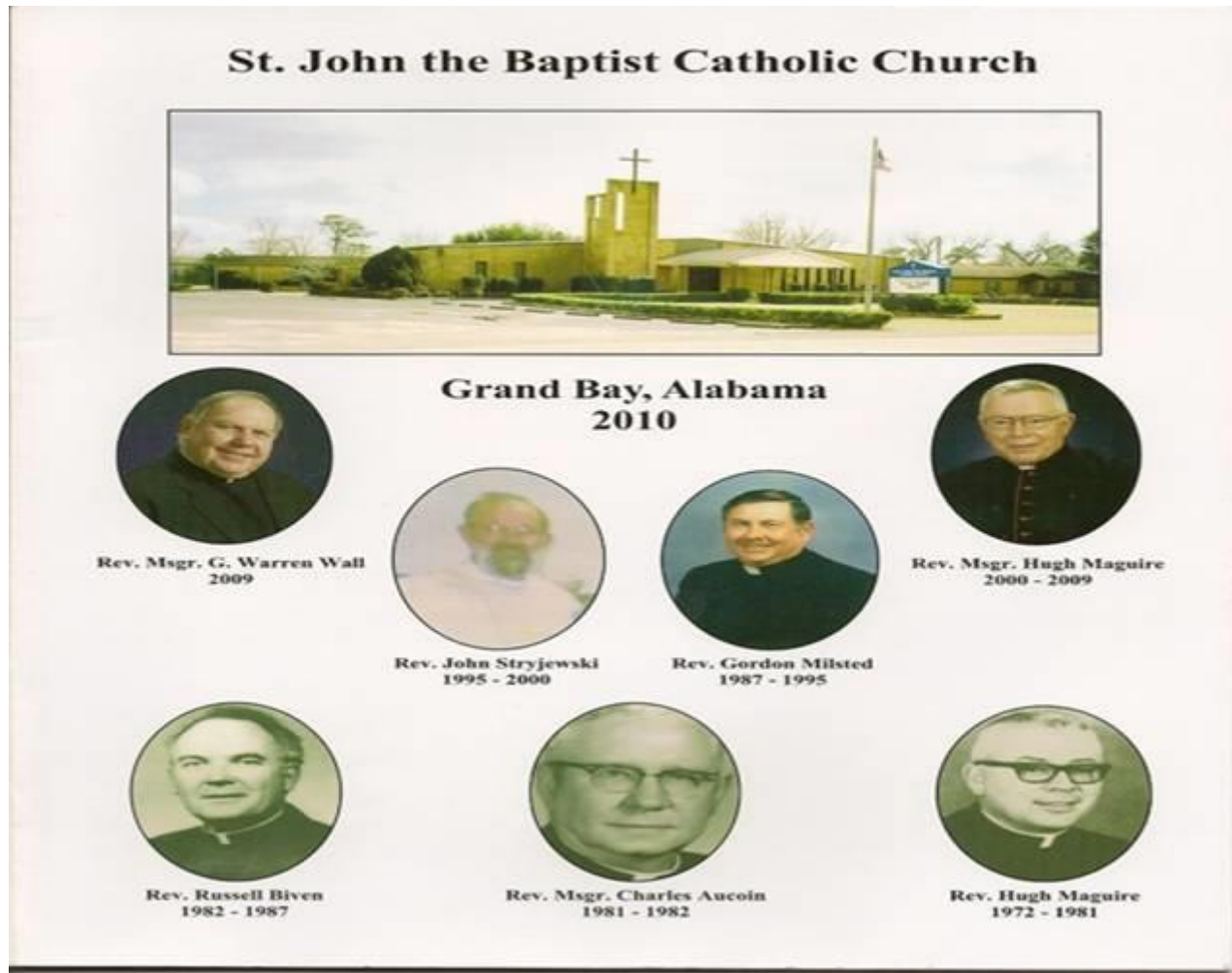


Consecration of the first St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Grand Bay on November 16, 1924

By Bishop Allen

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

*are given below*



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