



O. T. XV SUNDAY

O. T. XV Sunday bulletin- July 16, 2017

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Second Collection this week, July 16, is for the Missionary Co-Op.

2-B Baby Bottles: Anyone who still has the 2B Baby Bottles to fill please return them by next Sunday, July 23, as the Golden Group needs to turn them in asap. Thank you very much for your support in this program.

More singers needed for 10 am Mass: A request is being made for more singers for the Sunday, 10:00 am. Mass. If you would like to join the choir, please see Mr. Tom DeAngelo and sign up.

Courage Apostolate: A new ministry is being formed in the Mobile-Baldwin area. The Courage Apostolate is for those who experience same sex attraction and who desire to live a chaste life in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. This community provides a safe environment of compassion, friendship, and holiness. If you think this ministry could serve you, please contact Fr. Stephen Vrazel (svrazel@gmail.com, 251-661-3098) or Fr. Dan Good (fatherdangood@gmail.com, 251-626-2343)



Let us remember that there is no summer vacation from our obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass with family members, including children. Please remember to send your weekly tithing contribution to your parish church during vacation. We request more parishioners to participate in the weekday Mass

Please pray for healing. Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of H Sanders, Sarah Thornton, Terry Roberts, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, and Tiffany Fontenot.



Birthdays this week: July 16th: Ann Jackson, 17th: Mary Kirchoff, John Ramsay, 18th: Adolph Payne, 19th: Greg Taylor. **No Known Wedding Anniversaries this week.**



July 15th- 21st

15th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish

16th: -----For the intentions of all members of the parish

17th & 18th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Clearance Thompson, Sr. by the Golden Group

19th, 20th & 21st: ---- For the Benefactors of Catholic Extension Society

Weekly Tithing (July 9th): \$ 3271-00

ALTAR CARE- JULY

Linda & Deacon Graham

CHURCH CLEANING - JULY 22

Doris Sema, Kathie Sema & Cathy Scott

<u>Extraordinary Minister Schedule for July 22 & 23, 2017</u>				
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> (White Cincture)	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday July 22, 2017 5:00 pm	Daryl Kirchoff Jay Graham	Linda Graham Rhonda Cauley	Andrea Graham Kathie Sema	Paul Pigorsch, Wayne Jackson Eugene Poiroux, Al Hurd
Sunday July 23, 2017 10:00 am	Bryce Baggett Kyle McBride Hayden Teofilo	Mila Vaughn Carol Roberts	Peggy Delmas Tiffany Teofilo	Mike Courtney, Reggie Stewart Avis Garrett, Mike Marchand

Videos of the week:

- 1) **Medical miracle due to Pope Francis' kiss:** <https://youtu.be/N8prwsvdBWA>
- 2) **Video reflections on daily gospel:** <http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/>
- 3) **Catholic doctrines in short videos:** <http://thatcatholicshow.sqpn.com/>
- 4) **Fr. William Grimm's homily (O. T. XV):**
<http://www.ucanindia.in/news/sunda/35114/daily>
- 5) **Bishop Barron's homily:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/the-fecundity-of-your-heart/935/>
- 6) **World's largest Tomato plant:** https://youtu.be/qQLmpU_I27U



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.



Remember the sick brothers and sisters in

your prayers: John E. Thompson, Deacon Graham, Wesley Dixon, Frances Walley, Maggie Connick, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Phillip Scott, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Terry Roberts, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Bruce Dyess, Joe Gable, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Rick Joseph, Virginia Gable, Harrand Broussard, Robert Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, James Cauley, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Pat Bourne, Lilly Breaux, John Stein, James Wink, Sarah Thornton, Mike Wilson, Johnnie Tate, Carol Tate, Roger Young, Leyah White.

Pray for the deceased dear ones of the parish: **Pray for the eternal repose of the deceased members of the parish:** Joe Penton, Richard

Boswell, Marian 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, 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.

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.



Fr. William Grimm's homily (O. T. XIV):

<http://www.ucanindia.in/news/sunda/35114/daily>

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Synopsis of O. T. XIV Sunday homily on Mt 11: 25-30

Introduction: During the U. S. Independence Day celebrations, you probably heard all or part of Emma Lazarus' poem inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty: "*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me.*" Today's readings, especially the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: "*Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest.*"

Scripture lessons: In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a "mEEK" Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who "*raises up those who are bowed down*" under heavy yokes. In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Roman Christian community about two yokes, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit," and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the "Spirit" as opposed to the "flesh." In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those "*who labor and are burdened*" if they will accept his "*easy yoke and light burden.*" By declaring that his "*yoke is light,*" Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus' claim is: "*My burden is light.*" Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Life messages: 1) We need to unload our burdens on the Lord. This "unloading" is the main purpose of our personal and family prayers and one of the functions of Divine Worship in the Church. During our daily prayers in the evening, we ask God's forgiveness for the sins and

failures of day and receive the consoling assurance that we are reconciled with God and our fellow human beings. During the Holy Mass in our parish Church, we place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to cool down the overheated radiators of our hectic lives. We also unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God during the Holy Mass.

2) We need to be freed from unnecessary burdens: Jesus lays the light burden of his commandment of love on us and yokes us with himself, giving us his strength through the Holy Spirit to fulfill that commandment. Jesus is also interested in lifting off our backs the burdens that suck the life out of us, so that he can place around our necks his own yoke that brings to us and to others through us, new life, new energy, and new joy. We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment and rest for ourselves, but also to live the kind of life through which others, too, may find God's peace, God's refreshing grace, and the joy of placing their lives in God's hands.

Question of the week: Q & A: Who are the Baptists Christians and what are their doctrines? The Baptists are one of the largest Protestant Free Church denominations. At the turn of the 21st century, there were about 43 million Baptists worldwide with about 33 million of those in the United States and 216,000 in Britain. There are over 850,000 Baptists in South America and 230,000 in Central America and the Caribbean. In the United States, the two largest Baptist organizations are the Southern Baptist Churches (SBC) and American Baptist Churches (ABC), with the former being the more conservative branch. Notable Baptists have included Martin Luther King, Jr., Charles Spurgeon, John Bunyan and Billy Graham. Baptist beginnings have also been traced to medieval sects who protested against prevailing baptismal theory and practice. Baptist Churches were established in the American colonies from the mid-17th century. In 1905, the Baptist World Alliance was formed for the purpose of international Baptist

cooperation. Its headquarters is in McLean, Virginia. Baptists accept only the Bible as the only authority of faith and its individual and literal interpretation. The Baptist theology holds that Christ died on the cross to give humans the promise of everlasting life, but that this requires that each individual accepts Christ into his life and asks for forgiveness. It believes in the "believers' baptism, the priesthood of the believer and autonomy of the local church. Believer's baptism is an ordinance performed after a person professes Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is symbolic of the cleansing or remission of their sins. There is no infant baptism. The Baptist doctrine of justification by faith states that it is by faith alone that we receive salvation and not through any works of our own. Baptists generally believe in the literal Second Coming of Christ at which time God will sit in judgment and divide humanity between the saved and the lost. Administration, leadership and doctrine are decided democratically by the lay members of each individual church, which accounts for the variation of beliefs from one Baptist church to another. There are no hierarchical layers of priests. Many conservative Baptists like the Southern Baptists oppose gambling, alcohol, tobacco, and some prohibit dancing and movies.

Pope Francis tweets: Europe has a unique patrimony of ideals and spiritual values, one that deserves to be proposed again with passion and renewed vigor. I entrust sailors, fishermen, and all those in difficulty on the seas far away from home, to the motherly protection of Mary, Star of the Sea. Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, and war. Go forth and reach out to all people at the margins of society! Go there and be the Church, with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Let us not be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus as the one sure guide who gives meaning to our life. We must not turn our backs on the new forms of poverty and marginalization that prevent people from living a life of dignity. The personal encounter with refugees dispels fears and distorted ideologies and becomes a factor for growth

in humanity. None of us is an island, autonomous and independent from others. We can only build the future by standing together, including everyone. Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. This is the Eucharist. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others. Care for the environment is always a social concern as well. Let us hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Love requires a creative, concrete response. Good intentions are not enough. The other is not a statistic, but a person to take care of. Everyone's existence is tied to that of others: life is not time merely passing by, life is about interactions. There is much need of prayer and penitence to implore the grace of conversion and an end to the many wars throughout the world. The Church shines forth when she is missionary, welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means and rich in love. The world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. Closing oneself off from the Holy Spirit means not only a lack of freedom; it is a sin. There are many ways one can close oneself off to the Holy Spirit: by selfishness for one's own gain; by rigid legalism - seen in the attitude of the doctors of the law to whom Jesus referred as "hypocrites"; by neglect of what Jesus taught; by living the Christian life not as service to others but in the pursuit of personal interests; and in so many other ways. The world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers. The world needs the fruits of the Holy Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace. Strengthened by the Spirit and his many gifts, may we be able uncompromisingly to battle against sin and corruption, devoting ourselves with patient perseverance to the works of justice and peace. Let us promote with courage all necessary means to protect the lives of our children.

The Pope's Intention for July 2017: Lapsed Christians That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Visit Our
Website

<http://stjohngrandbay.org/> for Sunday Homilies, 191 - 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


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church




**Grand Bay, Alabama
2010**




Rev. Msgr. G. Warren Wall
2009




Rev. John Stryjewski
1995 - 2000




Rev. Gordon Milsted
1987 - 1995




Rev. Msgr. Hugh Maguire
2000 - 2009



Rev. Russell Biven
1982 - 1987



Rev. Msgr. Charles Aucoin
1981 - 1982



Rev. Hugh Maguire
1972 - 1981

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

are given above

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