



O. T. XVI SUNDAY

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Condolences to & prayers for archbishop Thomas Rodi whose sister went for her eternal reward in heaven.

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.

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat (Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856. Phone: 334-855-4474) is offering a "one-day retreat" and a "weekend retreat" in September. Anyone interested in either of these two retreats can find flyers on the glass table in the church hall.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has produced a series of 30-minute TV programs for EWTN TV that will air this upcoming TV season. These programs show the many different activities that Vincentians do to serve those in need around the country. The first episode airs this week on Wed. July 26, Thur. July 27, and Fri. July 28. All air times are at 5:30 PM CDT. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very active throughout the Diocese of Mobile.

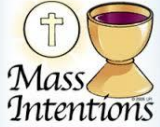


Let us remember that there is no summer vacation from our obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass with family members, including children. Please remember to send your weekly tithing contribution to your parish church during vacation. We request more parishioners to participate in the weekday Mass



Birthdays this week: July 25th: Harold Vaughn, Perry Lewis, Jennifer Schilling, 26th: Debra Johnson, 28th: Hayden Teofilo,

Known Wedding Anniversaries this week. 22nd: Wesey & Billy Dixon, 25th: Shirley & Tommy Rasmussen



July 22-28

22nd: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish

23rd: -----For the intentions of all members of the parish

24th & 25th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Roy Wright by the Golden Group

26th, 27th & 28th: ---- For the eternal repose of the souls of the deceased relatives of the Bayou La Batre Couple

ALTAR CARE- JULY

Linda & Deacon Graham

CHURCH CLEANING - JULY 29

Marie Murray & Betty Jean Pierce

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.

Extraordinary Minister Schedule for July 29 & 30, 2017

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> (White Cincture)	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday July 29, 2017 5:00 pm	James Graham Daryl Kirchoff	Kathie Sema Andrea Graham	Jay Graham Steve Sema, Jr.	Chuck Pierce, Wayne Jackson Paul Pigorsch, Al Hurd
Sunday July 30, 2017 10:00 am	Ann Claire Bowden Ty Teofilo Paul Delmas	Matt Johnson Charlie Clark	Reggie Stewart John McBride	Tom Thornton, Ruth Riddick Mike Marchand, Avis Garrett

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. XVI):** <https://youtu.be/GXi7dQe-YX4>
- 5) **Bishop Barron's homily:** <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/wheat-seed-and-leaven/5542/>



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.



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Synopsis of O. T. XVI Sunday homily on Mt 13: 24-43

Introduction: Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family based on unwarranted and hasty judgment.

Scripture lessons: **The first reading** shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. **The second reading** reminds us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others. Finally, **in the Gospel** parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends. "Let the wheat and the weeds [darnel] grow together till the harvest time." In other words, God awaits repentant sinners, giving them the strength to acknowledge their weakness. He calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil as no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

Life messages: **1)** We need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most

of us have been “weeds” in God’s field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace and to share His Word and love with others.

2) We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God’s field, leaving the “weeds” for Jesus to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. In the end, it’s enough to know that we are “seeds” who have been planted by the “Son of Man,” and that we are part of a healthy harvest that will someday be reaped by the angels of God. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction and selfless service can prompt the “weeds” in our society to reassess their lives, modify them and become useful members of society.

Question of the week: Q & A: Who are the Methodists? What are their doctrines?

Methodism is a Protestant denomination of Christianity represented by a number of sub denominations and organizations. Methodists claim approximately seventy million adherents worldwide. The great revival preacher in Anglicanism, John Wesley is the originator of this movement within the Church of England. George Whitefield was another significant leader. Both Whitefield and the Wesley greatly valued the Anglican liturgy and tradition, and the Methodist worship

in The Book of Offices was based on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Methodism affirms the traditional Christian belief in a Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as well as the orthodox understanding of the consubstantial humanity and divinity of Jesus. Methodists recognize only two Sacraments as being instituted by Christ, namely, Baptism and Confirmation. They make use of tradition, drawing primarily from the teachings of the Church fathers, as a source of authority. Although not infallible like the Bible, tradition may serve as a lens through which Scripture is interpreted. Methodism insists that personal salvation always implies Christian mission and service to the world. Scriptural holiness is more than personal piety. Methodist Church is known for its missionary work and its establishment of hospitals, universities, orphanages, soup kitchens, and schools to follow the command of Jesus to spread the Good News and serve all people. Love of God is always linked with love of neighbors and a passion for justice and renewal in the life of the world. Most Methodist churches annually follow the call of John Wesley for a renewal of their covenant with God by Covenant Services. Instead of bishops British Methodists have a strong central organization called Connexion. It is composed of Districts which is composed of Circuits which appoints ministers. But in the U. S. they have bishops who assign pastors to congregations.

Pope Francis tweets: We must overcome all forms of racism, of intolerance and of the instrumentalization of the human person. Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, and war. Let us be led by the Virgin Mary on the path that leads to the holy mountain that is Christ, where God and man meet. A Christian's mission in the world is splendid, it is a

mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one! 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.

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.

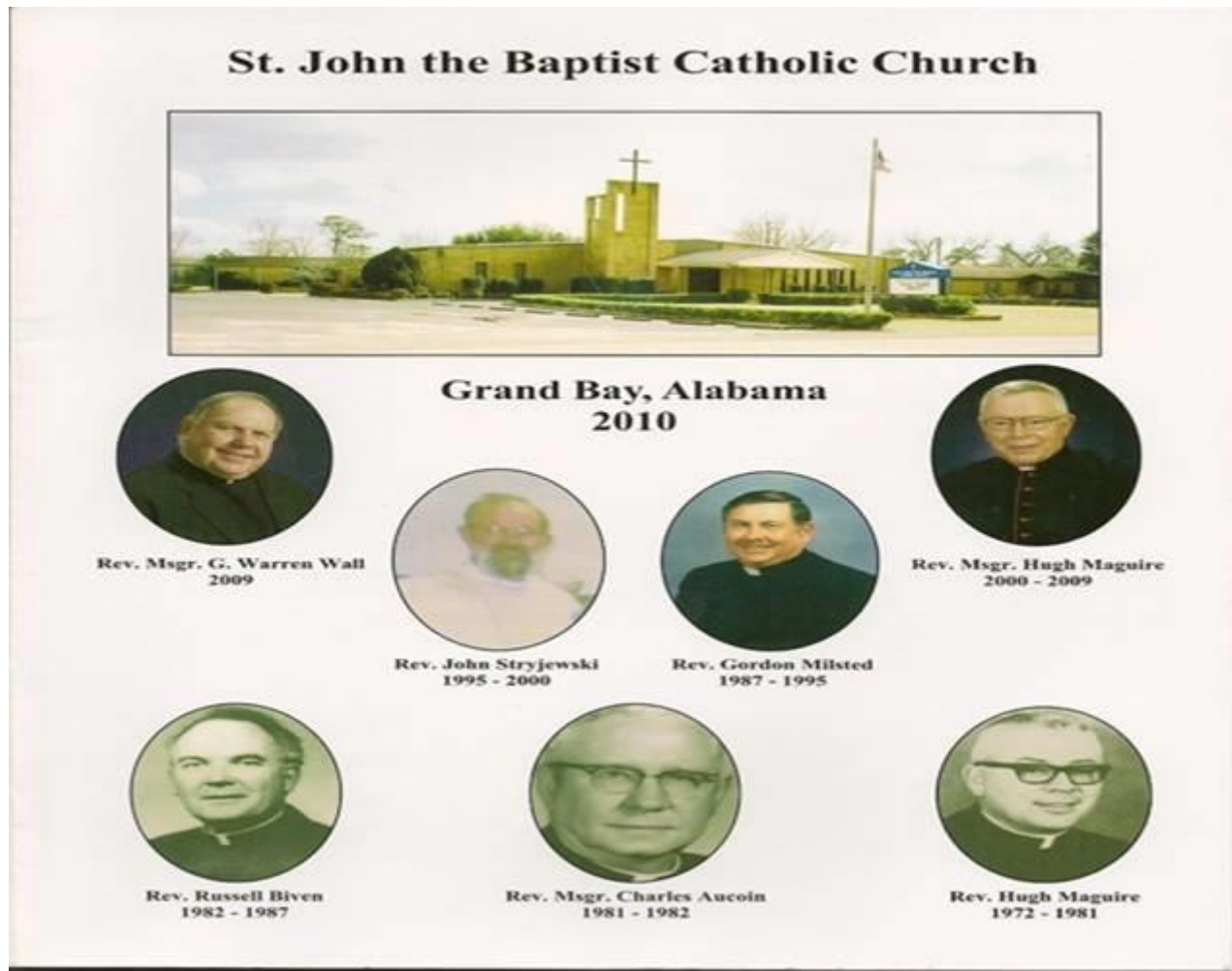


The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972



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

By Bishop Allen



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

are given above

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Sunday homilies, Sunday bulletin, 56 Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Lessons & introduction to all books of the Bible and 191 Question & Answer of the Week.