



## O. T. XVII SUNDAY

# O. T. XVII Sunday bulletin- July 30, 2017

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Second Collection next Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, will be for Latin America.

The Golden Group monthly meeting is on Wednesday, August 2, at 11:30 in the church hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share with our "Dog Days of Summer" menu Brats and Hot Dogs. Join us for a cool summer lunch and for the food, fun and fellowship. We hope to see everyone there!



Special thanks to Mrs. Ruth Pigorsch for washing and cleaning the statue of the Good Shepherd and its surrounding tiles in front of our church and to Mr. Jack Wright and Mr. Robby Brown for citing the grass in the church compound.

One Faith - One Family Archdiocese Conference will be August 18 & 19 at the Daphne Civic Center. Guest speakers will be Father Leo Patalinghug, Father Paul Zogbhy and Emily Stimpson Chapman. Go to [www.mobarchconferences.org](http://www.mobarchconferences.org) for more information or see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church hall.

**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.

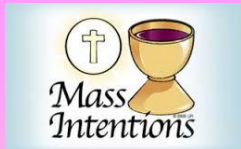


Let us remember that there is no summer vacation from our obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass with family members, including children. Please remember to send your weekly tithing contribution to your parish church during vacation. We request more parishioners to participate in the weekday Mass



**Birthdays this week:** July 29th: Ty Teofilo, 31<sup>st</sup>:

Erica Murray, August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ida Clark, **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week.** 31<sup>st</sup>: Debbie & Perry Lewis, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>: Maribeth & Clarence Thompson



**July 29- Aug 4**

29<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Will Irvin by Nina Bohl & Frank Church

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

July 31<sup>st</sup> thru Aug 4<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the Benefactors of the Catholic Extension Society

ALTAR CARE- AUGUST**Wesley Dixon & Maria Switzer****CHURCH CLEANING - AUGUST 5****Tammy Fontenot & Mila Vaughn**

**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.

**Deacon Graham** will be out of the office next weekend, August 5 & 6, to attend a wedding in Brewton, AL late Saturday and to film a Series of Homebound Masses on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be returning on Wednesday.

**Extraordinary Minister Schedule for August 5 & 6, 2017**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>
Saturday Aug. 5, 2017 5:00 pm	Saturday Aug. 5, 2017 5:00 pm	Saturday Aug. 5, 2017 5:00 pm	Saturday Aug. 5, 2017 5:00 pm	Saturday Aug. 5, 2017 5:00 pm
Sunday Aug. 6, 2017 10:00 am	Sunday Aug. 6, 2017 10:00 am	Sunday Aug. 6, 2017 10:00 am	Sunday Aug. 6, 2017 10:00 am	Sunday Aug. 6, 2017 10:00 am

## 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, Harrant 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. XVII Sunday homily on Mt 13: 44-52

**Introduction:** Today's readings teach us that accepting Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Christ and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful, the most precious things in the world.

**Scripture lessons:** **The first reading** tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing God's will. That is why he requested of God "an understanding heart" to distinguish right from wrong, so that he might govern the people properly. Yahweh was pleased with his request and granted him a wise and discerning heart which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. **In the second reading,** Paul teaches that the wisdom to perceive God's grace is essential for those who want to follow Him and to do His will, thus remaining in His Kingdom. He assures Rome's Christian community that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His

purpose.” **In the Gospel**, using three mini parables and one concluding parable or simile, Jesus teaches that God’s Kingdom (the rule of God in us, accepting Jesus as our God and Savior, putting our Faith in him and doing His will), is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserving it. The Kingdom of God is God’s reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and are willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God’s Kingdom will be rewarded. Through the first and second parables of the treasure and pearl, Jesus teaches us that identifying God’s will and living according to the Gospel (both with His grace), are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. Through Jesus and his Gospel, we come to know and understand the real meaning of life, the will of God for us each day, and the most important things we must do to secure our eternal salvation.

**Life messages:** 1) We should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable pearl of sharing in God’s life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven, is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. When we do so, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth. 2) We need to take all precautions to keep our greatest treasure safe: We will be able to keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by accepting him every day as our God and

Savior, by allowing him to have total control over our lives through our loving obedience to his will, by asking him daily for the strengthening and guidance of his Holy Spirit, by talking to him daily in prayer, by listening to him in our meditative reading of the Bible, by getting reconciled to him and others every day, asking pardon and forgiveness for our sins, by offering Him our lives on the altar during the Holy Mass and by nourishing our souls frequently, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

**Question of the week: Who are the Pentecostals?** Pentecostalism is a fast growing, diverse and complex movement within Christianity that places special emphasis on a direct personal experience of God through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Including Charismatics, Pentecostals include nearly a quarter of the world's two billion Christians. It is theologically and historically close to the charismatic movement. The term Pentecostal is derived from Pentecost, the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. Pentecostals have an end-of-the world focus, and claims to experience Holy Spirit through community prayers, loud singing and by the use of the gifts gift of tongues and prophecy. Their main beliefs are that Jesus saves according to John 3:16, baptizes with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, heals bodily according to James 5:15, and is coming again to receive those who are saved according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. Pentecostals are evangelical, emphasizing the inerrancy and reliability of the Bible and the need for the transformation of an individual's life through faith in Jesus. The central belief of Pentecostalism is that through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; sins can be forgiven and humanity reconciled with God. This is the Gospel or "good news". The

fundamental requirement of Pentecostalism is that one should be born again. The new birth is received by the grace of God through faith in Christ and acceptance of him as personal Lord and Savior. By being born again, the believer is regenerated, justified, adopted into the family of God, and sanctified. Pentecostals don't believe in priesthood, sacraments or any central teaching authority. It explains the presence of numerous denominations among the Pentecostals. There is no single central organization or church that directs the movement although some Pentecostal denominations are affiliated with the Pentecostal World Conference.

**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.

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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.



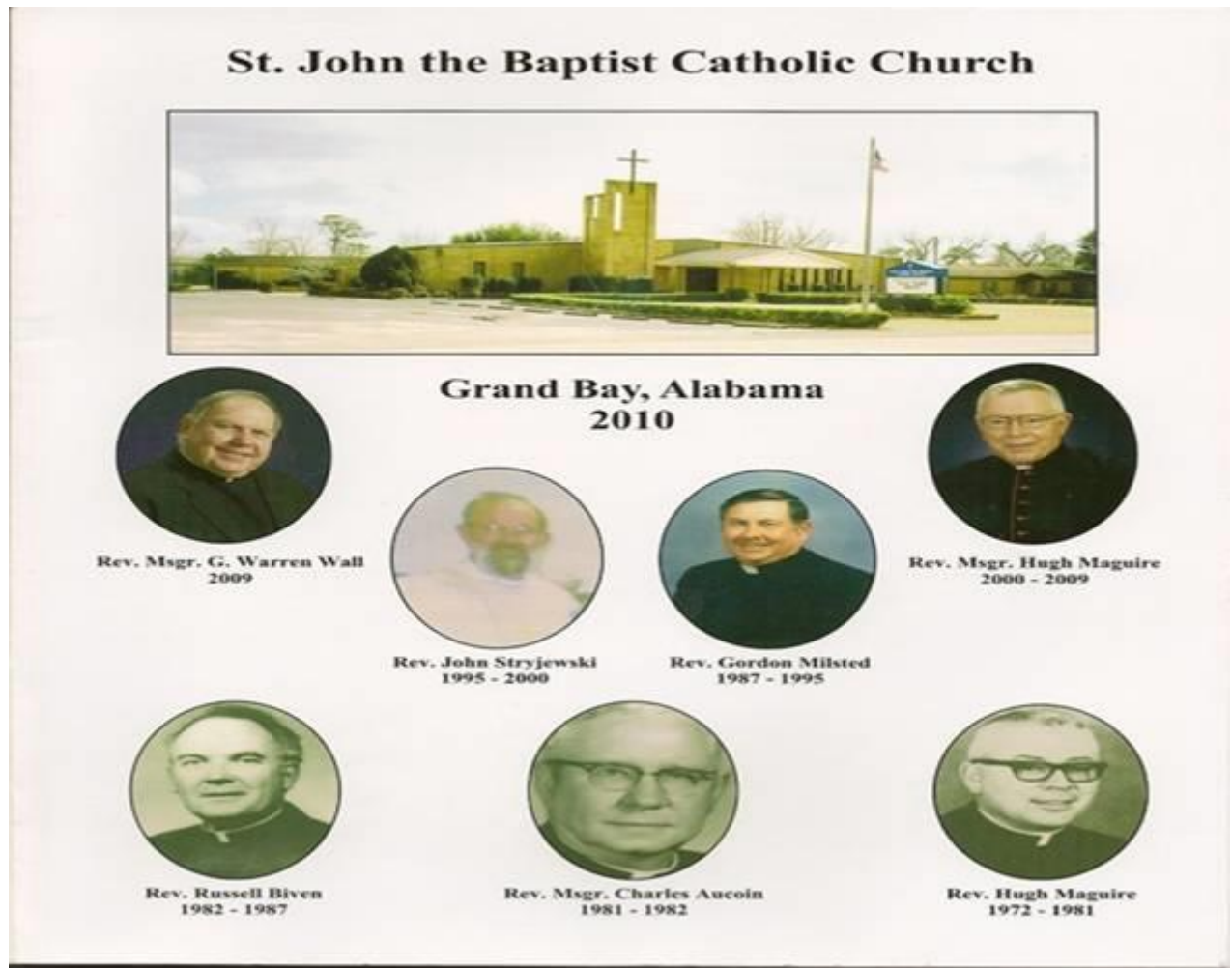
*The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972*



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 above*

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