

# Sunday bulletin- July 31, 2016

## Ordinary Time XVIII Sunday

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**Sunday school classes (CRE) and Youth program:**

**Children's Religious Education (CRE) & Youth classes for the 2016-2017 school year will start on Sunday, September 11th, after the Labor Day holiday, from 8:45-9:45 in the Education bldg. Registration forms and calendars will be sent by mail to returning students. New students can pick up registration forms on glass table in Church Hall and bring them the first day of class. Please contact Tiffany Teofilo @[251-583-8381](tel:251-583-8381) if you would like to volunteer with the youth program of Saint John's or have any questions about CRE.**

**Televised Holy Mass for the Homebound** will be filmed at St. John's on Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm. Please come and participate to make these Masses special for our home bound brothers and sisters in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

**Two Second Collections next week:** 1. For Building Fund. 2. For Latin America

**The Golden Group luncheon meeting** is on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 in the church hall. Please bring you favorite dish to share, we will update our plans for the September road trip to the Cathedral - Basilica of the Immaculate Conception to pass through the designated Holy Door of the pilgrim church during the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Don't let the dog days of summer slow you down, join us for a cool lunch next week.



**Remember your parish during summer vacation:**

Summer is dry season for parishes because parishioners go for vacation or spend weekends on beaches and postpone their tithing obligation to their parish. So please send your stewardship contribution by mail even if you cannot participate in the Sunday Mass in your parish.

**Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Penton, Louis Poiroux, Terry Roberts, Richard Boswell, Joe Gable and for the healing of Gwanita Gable.**

**Retired parishioners invited for weekday Holy Masses: We are experiencing an acute shortage of participants for the weekday Masses in the rectory chapel. So the retired parishioners are requested to come and pray for their family members and for our parish community. Please participate especially in the half hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7.30 am on Wednesdays.**

The income-expense statement of our church: The statement summarizing the half yearly income and expense of our parish was sent as attachment with our July 24th Sunday bulletin to all parishioners with an email account. Copies were put on the glass table for those who do not use emails. Please contact Deacon Bill our secretary or Mrs. Paula Jones or Mrs. Paulette Cauley for explanations.



Birthdays this week:

July 31<sup>st</sup>: Erica Murray. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ida Clark. Wedding  
Anniversaries: July 31<sup>st</sup>: Debbie & Perry Lewis. Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>: Maribeth  
 & Clarence Thompson

## **Holy Mass intentions of the week: July 30-Aug 5**

The 30th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish members

The 31<sup>st</sup>: - ----- For the Parish Community

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Steve Sema, Sr. by Deborah Sema

The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Adele W. Smith by Mildred Smith

The 5<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of Linda & Deacon Graham

**Novena for our Country:** Due to the current struggles of our country, Father Frank Sofie will offer a Novena and is inviting everyone to attend. The Novena will run from August 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1621 Boykin Boulevard in Mobile.

**You are cordially invited to attend Vespers for the Jubilee Year of Mercy,** called by Pope Francis, at Saint Joseph's Chapel, Spring Hill College, Sunday afternoon, July 24, 2016, at 4:30. Confessions will be heard at 4:00

*K&C Food Drive to help "Christ-N-Us" ministry:* \_Knights of Columbus Council #15490 of St. John's has received a request and agreed to support the "**Christ-N-Us**" ministry, located at the corner Potter Tract and Sager Rd. They house and feed up to twelve souls each night and they are in need to any food donations we can provide. Please donate items which can be cooked and served and show appreciation for the blessings that God has given you by helping to feed the hungry.



Special Thanks to Mr. Jack Wright for preparing the ground behind the roses in front of the rectory to plant centipede grass as green background for the roses. More young volunteers are welcome to cut grass in the church compound and trim the garden hedges in front of the church.



## Volunteers

### ALTAR CARE- AUGUST

**Wesey Dixon & Maria Switzer**

### CHURCH CLEANING - AUGUST 6

**Doris Sema & Kathie Sema**



### Extraordinary Minister Schedule for August 6 & 7, 2016


<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(Green Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Aug. 6, 2016  5:00	James Graham  Loren Price	Rhonda Cauley  Andrea Graham	Kathie Sema  Steve Sema, Jr.	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley  Paul Pigorsch, Al Hurd

pm				
Sunday Aug. 7, 2016 10:00 am	Jason Poiroux Paul Delmas	Wesey Dixon Billy Dixon	John McBride Peggy Delmas	Mike Marchand, Ruth Riddick Daryl Kirchoff, Avis Garrett

cannot serve, it is NECESSARY that you arrange for a substitute. 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:**  Amanda Young, Ronnie Cauley, Willie Thompson, Sister Stephanie Sema, Mark Voss, Rick Joseph, Deacon Ernest Johnson, Virginia Gable, Joe Penton, Terry Roberts, Brenda Bryant Moss, Isabel Rel, Victoria Porter, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Carol Sevier, Richard Boswell, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Dumas McLaney, Pat Bourne, Deacon Jim Bullock, Lilly Breaux, John Stein, Billy Dixon, James Wink, Kyle Austin Ely, Sarah Thornton, Mike Wilson, Johnnie Tate, Carol Tate, Roger Young, Mickey Poirier, Leyah White, Joe Smith, Brennan Griffin, Andrew Sprinkle, , Mary Helen Allen, Mike Middleton, James Cauley, Susas Halliday, Peggy Hock, Carla Felps Kyser, Tina Rascoe, Mary Thornton, Coraif Brasell, Addie Thompson; Carolyn Willard, Wendi Guidry, Gabby DeGeer, Dana Ferrell, Nonie Crow Reed, Charlee May Knowles, Nina Bohl, Fritz Porter, Linda Graham, Michelle Cook, James Albritton, Gloria White, Kayla Perry, Victoria Fontenot, Tiffany Fontenot,



Mary Lou Ledford, Gavin Middleton, Laurie Middleton, Jerry Wayne Davis, Ida Clark, Joyce Rudberg, Jennifer Patronas, Connie Stringfellow, Josh Ellis, Beth Gibson, Father Russell Biven, Cheryl Humphrey Thompson, Jay Stallone, Emma Barber, Ali Ray, Caryn Sutoff, Gerald Brannan, Hanner Gassaway, Rylyn Kuntz, Joe Ecker, Avery Collier, Julia Raleigh, Steven Butler, Sarah Butler, Chris Sassano, Tammy Asch, Delaine Pigorsch, Joel Rivera, Alice Bedwell, Susan Taylor, Wayne Seymour, Miss Pink Pridgen, Kim Pridgen, Clyde Shores, Glen Haab, Haley Holder, Lakeshia Johnson, Gary Sherman, Elizabeth Schmidt, John Atchison, Johnny Hill, Jared Hoken, Diana Abrams, Hinleigh Hall, Ryan Keith Malone, Dave Matern, Andrew Taylor, Diane Watts, Daniel Dorriety, Harrand Broussard, Katie Nielsen, Richard Arnold, Louis Poiroux, Homer Campbell, Jimmy Marchand, Arlene Wissman, Sally Thompson, Peggie Huber, Dale Thompson, Jane Thompson, Andy Thompson, Callie Massey, Angela Heardon, Rita George, Edgar Broussard, Robert Broussard, Jerry Blair, Michael Stairs, Amanda Illingsworth, Ray Bribsey, Dorothy Barnes.

*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.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy:** Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Mercy in December because December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. That council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church's history. Pope Francis quotes Saint John XXIII in declaring the Church's preference for "the medicine of mercy," and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship. Pope Francis adds that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel," and that mercy "must penetrate the heart and mind" of every disciple (MV, 12).

**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

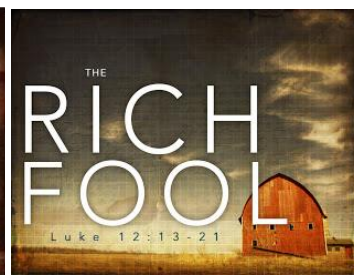


**Help us to keep flowers at the altar:** The slotted wooden box on the glass table in the Parish Hall will receive donations for flowers. If you wish to give flowers for a specific remembrance or thanksgiving, there is a sign-up flower chart on the wall to the left of the front doors.



**Video homily by Fr. Bill Grimm:** <https://youtu.be/hejvDyuAOAg>

**O. T. XVIII Sunday (July 31) on Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21**



**Synopsis of OT XVIII Sunday homily (July 31) on Lk 12: 13-21**

**Introduction:** The common theme of today's readings is that the greedy acquisition of wealth and power is futile, because everything and everyone is "*here today and gone tomorrow.*" So the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the needy.

**Scripture lessons:** The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the greedy acquisition of goods and the selfish hoarding of them are useless because when the hoarder dies he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heir gains, and perhaps squanders, his riches. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), the Psalmist challenges us to listen to God and allow Him to soften our hearts that we may share our blessings with others. The Psalm Response urges, "*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts*" (Ps 95:8). In the second reading, Paul directs our attention to lasting, Heavenly treasures and warns that

greed for wealth and influence is idolatry. He advises, "*Put to death, your parts that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry*" (Colossians 3: 5). In today's Gospel, Jesus, telling the parable of the foolish rich man, warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in other people. Jesus says God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. The rich man had forgotten that his wealth was lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that *our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions* (Luke 12: 15), which we should share to gain eternal life.

**Life messages:** 1) We are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely loaned to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use. We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure, and our talents in Christian stewardship. Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good will, a sense of humor or the ability to console, encourage, inspire and support and help others. God expects us to give our thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory. The Old Testament Scriptures are clear about tithing - giving 10% of our income for God's cause and for helping the needy. God never allows tithers to regret their generosity. 2) Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some it may be the desire for the approval and praise of others. For others it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control or fame. For still others greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs or sexual activities. Greed also turns our

life away from God and away from serving and loving Him in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we become rich in the sight of God.

. (Visit our parish website: <http://stjohngrandbay.org/> for the full text of the homily).

**What is the Catholic teaching on grace?** Grace is a free gift from God to man. Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us (CCC 2003). It enables us to do good and avoid evil. There is nothing man can do to merit grace, because it is a gift, after all. Grace is a participation in the life of God. Our justification comes from the grace of God. Grace is a favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life. (CCC 1996). "But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." Acts 15:11. (Note: We are saved by grace, not by "faith alone") John 1:17: For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Romans 3:24: they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. St. Paul writes: "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). 1 Corinthians 15:10: "But by the grace of God I am what I am." Catholic theology distinguishes two types of grace. Sanctifying grace stays in the soul. It's what makes the soul holy; it gives the soul supernatural life. More properly, it is supernatural life. Actual grace, by contrast, is a supernatural push or encouragement.

It's transient. It doesn't live in the soul, but acts on the soul from the outside. It's a supernatural kick in the pants. It gets the will and intellect moving so we can seek out and keep sanctifying grace. (For details, read: <https://www.ewtn.com/library/DOCTRINE/MNGGRACE.HTM>)



**The Pope's Intentions for August, 2016: Universal: Sports:**

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world. **Evangelization: Living the Gospel:** That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

**Pope Francis' prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy:**

Pope Francis has composed a special prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will run from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016. In the prayer, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

**Below, we publish the text of Pope Francis' prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



**Pope Francis tweets:** "Dear young people, this evening the Lord renews His invitation to take the lead in serving others. Let us embrace the Cross. Jesus embraces the nakedness, hunger, thirst, loneliness, suffering and death of all men and women of all time. Anyone who performs works of mercy is not afraid of death. How I wish that we, as Christians, could be close to the sick the same way Jesus was: in silence, with a caress and in prayer. Jesus Christ encourages us to lift up our eyes and to dream lofty dreams. During these days of the WYD, Jesus wants to enter our homes. A merciful heart has the courage to leave comforts behind and to encounter others, embracing everyone. The Lord loves to participate in the events of our daily lives and to



walk with us. Let us remember the elderly and the sick who in the summer months are often more alone and can be in difficulty. I pray for the victims of the attack in Nice and their families. I ask God to convert the hearts of the violent blinded by hate. Vacations offer a time to rest and to restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the Gospels. Vacations offer a time to rest and to restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the Gospels. The summertime offers many people an occasion for rest. It's also a favorable time to take care of our human relationships. The commitment to full unity and cooperation among all the Lord's disciples is like a radiant light in a dark night. Being Christian involves joining one's own life, in all its aspects, to the person of Jesus and, through Him, to the Father. In prayer let us experience the compassion of God, full of merciful love. Even in the worst situation of life, God waits for me, God wants to embrace me, God expects me. Dear elderly friends, God does not abandon you; he is with you! With his help you are and you continue to be the memory for your people. The future of society requires the fruitful encounter between young and old. I invite all of the institutions of the world to give a voice to all of those who suffer silently from hunger. The tenderness of God is present in the lives of all those who attend the sick and understand their needs, with eyes full of love. We need to recognize the fundamental values of our common humanity, values in the name of which we can and must cooperate. We need to discover the gifts of each person: may communities transmit their own values and be open to the experiences of others. Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist, offering himself as spiritual food that sustains our 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.

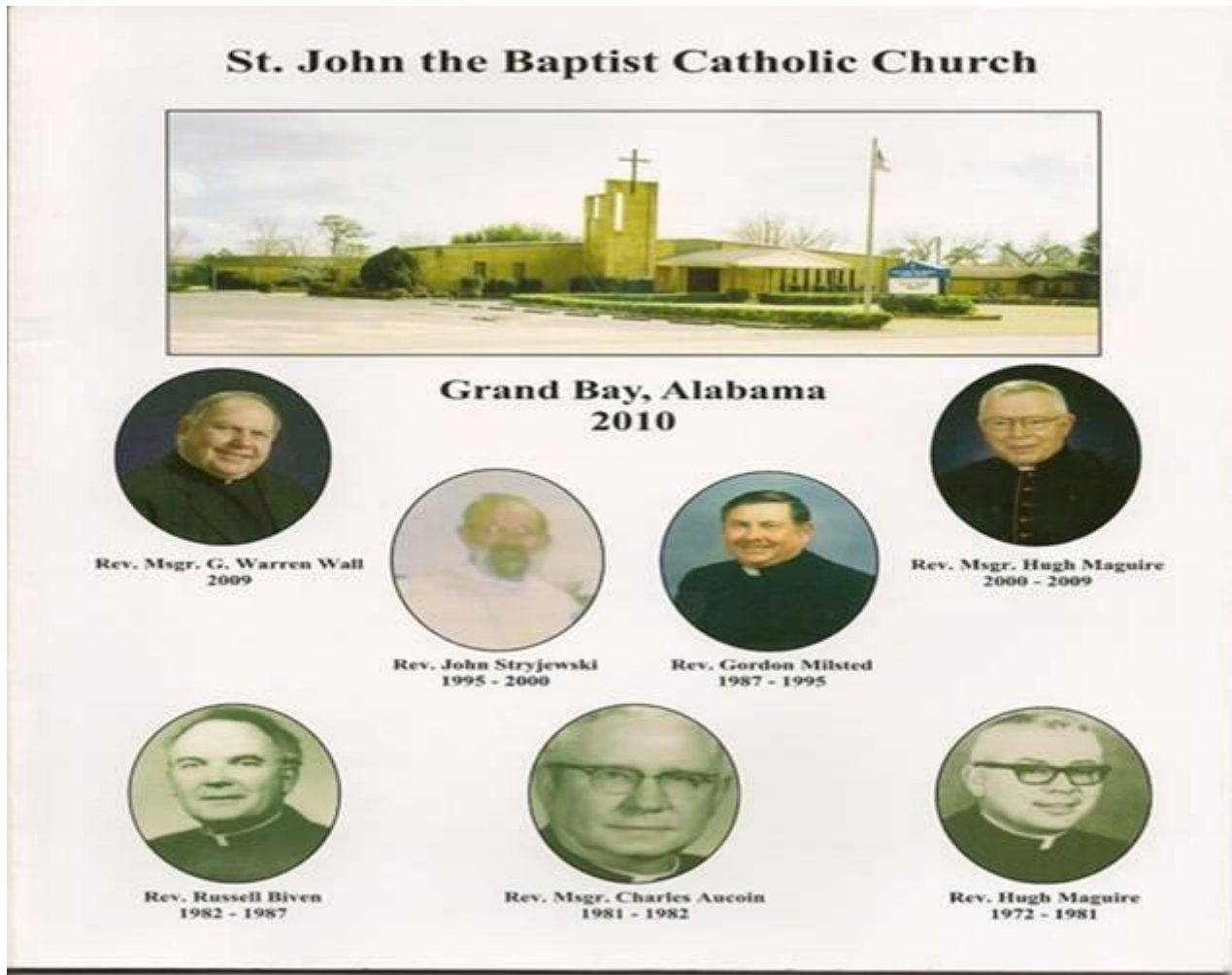
As believers we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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.



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



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