



Sunday bulletin- June 26, 2016

Ordinary Time XIII Sunday

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Vacation
Bible School



Vacation Bible

School is scheduled for June 27 thru July 1, 2016. The classes are from 9-12. Registration Forms are on the glass table. Please fill one out for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor or just a friend and turn them in to Autumn Bowden or Tiffany Teofilo no later than June 26th. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Tiffany Teofilo at 251-583-8381.

Second Collection today is for **Peter's Pence**. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Second Collection next Sunday is for the "Building Fund."



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.



Special thanks to Jack Wright and Jimmy Holland for trimming bushes all around the education Building and cutting grass in the extensive church grounds in preparation for the Vacation Bible School. More volunteers are needed for cutting grass and trimming the church garden.

Special prayers requested for the speedy recovery of Virginia Gable, Joe Penton, Louise Poiroux, Terry Roberts, and Richard Boswell who had surgeries and are recovering. Fr. Gordon Milsted (former pastor of St. John's, Grand Bay) underwent surgery for a complete knee replacement on Tuesday, June 21. Please keep him in your prayers.



Pray for Msgr. Deasy: It is with sadness that we have learned that Msgr. Timothy Deasy (Daphne) died on June 24th Friday. Please remember him, his family, and all who mourn for him in your prayers. All Visitation and Funeral Services for Reverend Msgr. Timothy Joseph Deasy will be held at Christ the King Church, 711 College Avenue, Daphne, AL 36526, as follows: Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., with the Office of the Dead for a Deceased Priest offered at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Friday, July 1, 2016 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass.

Your prayers are requested also for the eternal repose of the soul of Mr. Ronnie McDonald (55) brother of Virginia Gable.

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.



Birthdays this week:

Jun: 25th: Catherine Scott **26th:** Ethan Waters, Elias Wattier **27:** Tom DeAngelo, Greg Taylor **28th:** Jonathan Grubbs, James Price: **30th:** Mark Voss.

Wedding Anniversaries: Lynda & Louis Jones: **26th:** Chery & Joe Penton: **28th:** Karen & David Diamond

Holy Mass intentions of the week: June 25-July 1

The 25th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish members

The 26th: ----- For the Parish Community

The 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th & 1st: ---- For the eternal repose of the soul of Steve Sema, Sr. by Doris Sema

Community Worship Service at the Grand Bay Watermelon Festival, July 3rd: Since July 3rd is on a Sunday this year, we will have a Community Interfaith Worship Service from 6-7 pm at the Park. All of the music will be gospel and gospel bluegrass from 3-6 pm. Dr. Wade Ivey, who grew up in Grand Bay, is pastor of Inspire Church in Hurley, MS, and will be bringing us God's message. I hope that you will encourage your members to join us that evening. There is no charge for parking on the 3rd. **Deacon Billy Graham** will be out of the office till Monday, June 27th.



Vacation bible School cave theme set up in the church hall



Tithing June 19, 2016: \$ 2268-00; Seminarians: 224; Father's Day:132

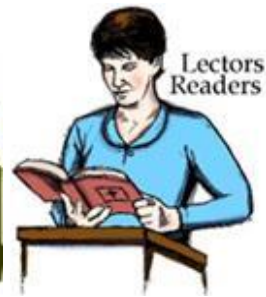
Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- JULY

Linda and Deacon Graham

CHURCH CLEANING - JULY 2

Amanda, Mary, Zora & Rebecca Oliver



Extraordinary Minister Schedule for July 2 & 3, 2016

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers (Green Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday July 2, 2016 5:00 pm	James Graham Jay Graham Loren Price	Louis Jones Lynda Jones	Andrea Graham Jackie Price	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley James Price, Chuck Pierce
Sunday	Bryce Baggett Paul Delmas	John McBride	Carol Voss Mark Voss	Tom Thornton, Avis Garret Mike Marchand, Ruth Riddick

July 3, 2016 10:00 am	Kyle McBride	Daryl Kirchoff		
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Absentees: If you are scheduled to serve at Mass and find that you 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:



Virginia Gable, Joe Penton, Terry Roberts, Louise Poiroux, Richard Boswell, Gennie Garret, Rick Joseph, Deacon Ernest Johnson, Ruth Riddick, Joe Gable, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Maurice DuPont, Carol Sevier, Gwen Roderick, 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, Karen White, Virginia Gable, Joby Smith, Brennan Griffin, , Mary Helen Allen, Mike Middleton, James Cauley, Susas Halliday, Peggy Hock, Carla Felps Kyser, Tina Rascoe, Mary Thornton, Coraif Brasell, Addie Thompson; Carolyn Willard, Judy Courtney, Wendi Guidry, Gabby DeGeer, Dana Ferrell, Nonie Crow Reed, Charlee May Knowles, Nina Bohl, Fritz Porter, Linda

Graham, Michelle Cook, James Albritton, Gloria White, Joe Smith, , Kayla Perry, Victoria Fontenot, Tiffany Fontenot, Frances Bosarge, Mary Lou Ledford, Gavin Middleton, Laurie Middleton, Jerry Wayne Davis, Amanda, 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, Clair Waite, 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 8th, 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 25th, 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



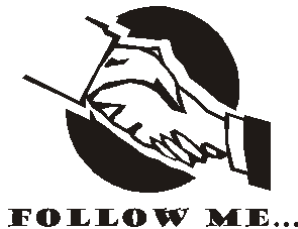
Help us to keep flowers at the altar: The slotted wooden box on the glass table in the Parish Hall will receive donations for flowers. If you wish to give flowers for a

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/BwA9GIXi_jM

O. T. XIII Sunday (June 26) on I Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9: 51-62



Synopsis of OT XIII Sunday homily (June 26) on Luke 9: 51-62

Introduction: Today's readings are about God's call and man's commitment in answer to that call. They ask for total commitment in total freedom with the spirit of patient love, saying an unconditional "Yes" to Jesus and to the Christian life as a true disciples of Christ.

Scripture lessons: The first reading describes how Elisha committed himself whole-heartedly to answer God's call to be a prophet, in spite of his initial hesitation when God called him through the prophet Elijah. The Responsorial Psalm, (Psalm 16), offers us the refrain, "*You are my inheritance, O Lord.*" This Psalm has traditionally been used to exemplify commitment to the ordained ministry or to religious

profession. But it more accurately reflects the commitment made by all Christians in their Baptism. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Galatians, reinforces the commitment message of the first reading and the Responsorial Psalm; Paul warns that true freedom is not meant to be a license for self-indulgence, but as a way to show God and human beings our commitment to God and to His service.

The first part today's Gospel is Jesus' teaching on Christian tolerance, given after he had observed the angry response of two of his apostles. James and John were angry and asked Jesus to destroy the Samaritans by bringing down fire from Heaven when they refused to receive Jesus as a prophet and give him hospitality as he travelled through Samaria to Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, Luke introduces three potential disciples who offered lame reasons that made Jesus' call to ministry "impossible" for them to accept, after Jesus had told them plainly what the commitment required and the cost involved. They were found unfit and unprepared to follow Jesus as his disciples. We too, are asked to follow Jesus, totally and immediately, without any reservation both by giving priority to him and to his cause and by surrendering our lives to God in humble and dedicated service to others.

Life messages: As Christians, we should have the courage of our convictions to **honor our commitments:** a) The marriage commitment. The spouses are expected to honor their marriage commitment, that is, to remain in mutual love and respect till their death and to raise their children to be zealous Christians. b) The priestly and religious commitment: Priests, Deacons and religious should honor the commitment they have made to obey their lawful superiors, to keep their vows and to spend their lives serving God's people faithfully. c) The Christian commitment: As Christians, all of us should honor our Baptismal commitment: to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, to obey

his law of love and to bear witness to him through ideal and transparent Christian lives.

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

What are Christian and Islamic crusades? The Christian Crusades don't have the best reputation although its primary intention was to regain the Holy Land from Islamic invaders and to block the Islamization of Christian Europe. Soon after the death of Muhammad in 632 AD, there were many military expeditions and a more aggressive posture interpreting the Jihad of Islam to be necessary. Islam very quickly acquired territory militarily from Arabia into Egypt, the Middle East, all of North Africa and into the heart of Europe. The fact remains that by the time of the first Crusade in 1095 AD, Christianity had become strictly a European faith as three-quarters of what had been Christian territory in Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, North Africa and Hellenized Byzantium (Modern Turkey) was wiped out by Islam. Christianity had been fighting and losing a defensive war against Islam for more than 450 years. The most important lesson however is that this history lesson is still fresh in the minds of ISIS, the Taliban, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram and others of the same mind. Note that the propaganda announcements by these groups often refer to vengeance against "Rome", "People of the Cross", and the "Crusaders." It includes People of the Cross wherever they may be found leading to the brutal persecutions of Christians in Egypt, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran and Indonesia. Jews are not forgotten in Islamic radicals hatred and persecution and are often singled out and murdered. We are presently seeing the cruelest resurrection of Islamic barbarism. It is also the worst representation of a religion that appears to be hijacked by those committed to evil and fueled by ill-informed ancient memories of religious wars best forgotten.



The Pope's Intentions for June, 2016: **Universal: Human Solidarity:** That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity. **Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices:** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

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: "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. Mary is an icon of how the Church must offer forgiveness to those who seek it. With the weapons of love, God has defeated selfishness and death. His son Jesus is the door of mercy wide open to all. To communicate with mercy means to help create a healthy, free and fraternal closeness among the children of God. If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power. What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all. Dear Religious: wake up the world! Be witnesses to a different way of thinking, acting and living! Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing. Christ is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down. The Lord consoles us. We are all called to comfort our brothers and sisters, to testify that God alone can eliminate the causes of tragedies. May the challenges in the ecumenical journey encourage us to know each other better, pray together and unite in works of charity.

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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.

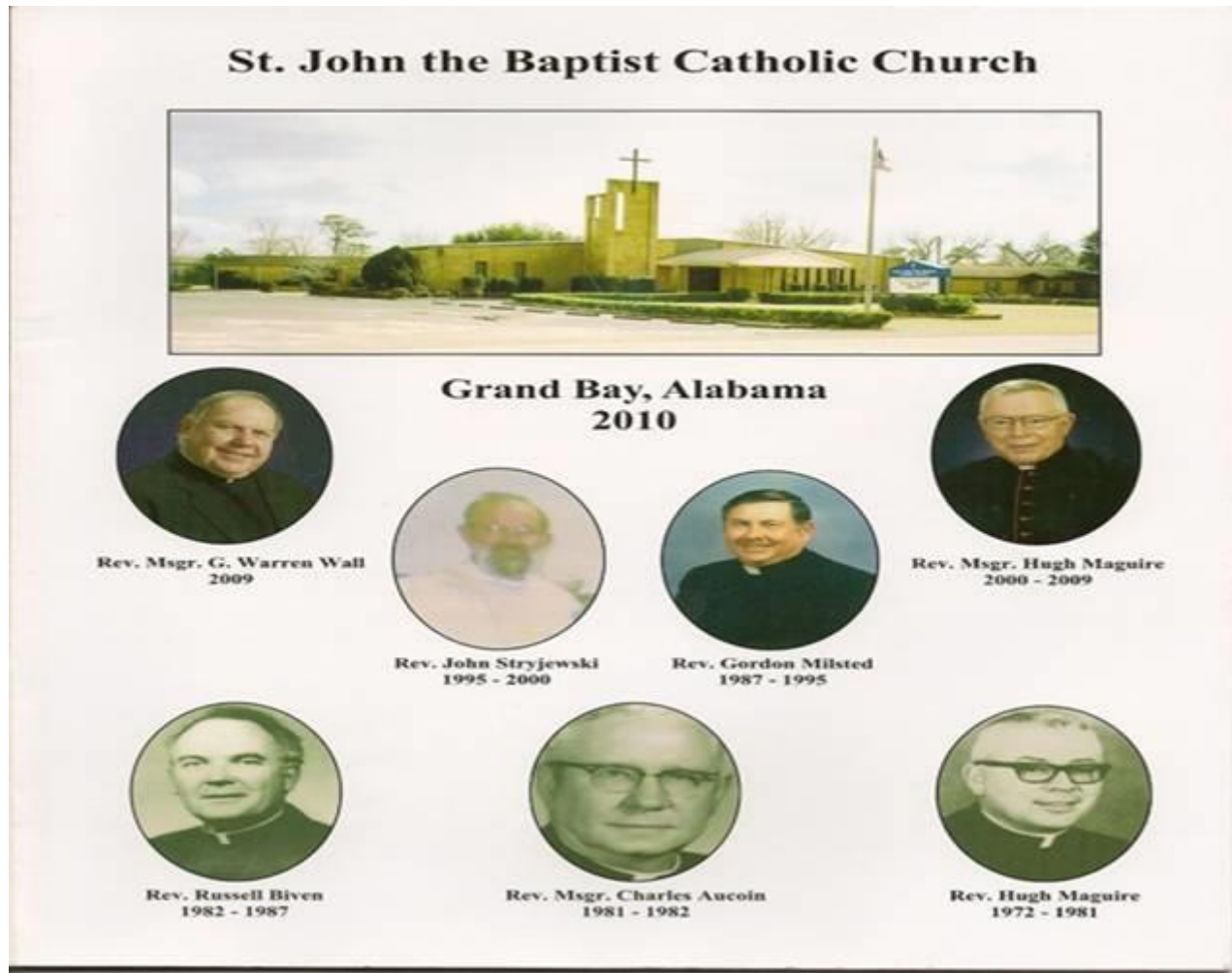
As believers we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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.



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



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