



## LENT II SUNDAY

# Sunday bulletin- March 12, 2017

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Special invitation from Fr. Tony for Jubilee

Mass & Reception next Sunday: All our parishioners are cordially invited to join me, in expressing my great gratitude to God by offering a concelebrated Golden Jubilee Holy Mass, for the most precious gift of my Priestly vocation and the greater gift of providing for me and supporting me in my priestly ministry in two countries all these fifty years: 35 years in India and 15 years in the U. S. The Jubilee Mass will be concelebrated at 10 am on March 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2017, in our church with archbishop Most Rev. Thomas Rodi, archbishop emeritus Most Rev. Oscar Lipscomb, Msgr. Wall, Msgr. Cunningham, Fr. Bevin and Fr. James who are free on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10 am. Reception following the Jubilee Mass will be held and meals will be served at the Senior Community Center, 11610, Highway 90, Grand Bay, Alabama from 11 am to 2 pm. Fr. Tony.

Catholic Social Services will be at St. John the Baptist on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 until 1:30 accepting applications for financial assistance. To see if you qualify please take a flyer from the long table in the church hall and following instructions.

Second Collection this week is for the Black and Indian Missions.

Invitation for our Lenten programs: Way of the Cross & Confession:

Every Friday of the Lent we have the "Way of the Cross" devotion at 5-30 pm . Since St. John's participate in the *Light of Christ* program, Fr. Tony will be available for administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) every Friday from 5 pm to 6-30 pm.

Fish Fry by Knight of Columbus: The Knight of Columbus is serving fish fry dinner every Friday of the Lent from 5- 7 pm. Please participate in it.

The First Confirmation Class of the session will be on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:00 pm. Remember that the book reports are due that night. Also make sure you have covered the first two sessions and are ready to discuss them.

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested

for the healing of, Micky Porier, Joe Penton, Tiffany Fonteot, Terry Roberts, Gennie Garrett, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, and Richard Boswell.

**Don't give up chocolate for Lent:** Join Dynamic Catholic for your "Best Lent" ever. A free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Sign up at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com) and experience something life changing.



**March 11- 17th**

11th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish

12th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Jean Mitchell by Michelle Cook

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Colleen & Sylvia Gray

.17<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Mildred Smith family



**Birthdays this week:** March 5<sup>th</sup>: Tammy Fonteot, 6<sup>th</sup>: John Murray, 7<sup>th</sup>: Ron Cauley, 8<sup>th</sup>: Becky Thompson: **Known Wedding Anniversaries this week:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Tiffany & Greg Teofilo

**Weekly Tithing: Regular: \$4219.00, Golden Jubilee Fund \$ 4,593.00**

### **Volunteers**

**ALTAR CARE- MARCH**

**Lynda & Louis Jones**

**CHURCH CLEANING - MARCH 18**

**Maria Switzer and Pat Potter**

## Videos of the week:

**Lenten reflections:** 1) <https://youtu.be/MOstFC5QZyc> 2) <https://youtu.be/AHzG3ocLaj4>

**Lent II Sunday reflections:** <https://youtu.be/0nXBroRW1tk>

**Lent II Sunday reflections:** <https://youtu.be/NdgT0uBHI7k>



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.

### Extraordinary Minister Schedule for March 18 & 19, 2017

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(Violet Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Mar. 18, 2017 5:00 pm	Loren Price James Graham	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Steve Cauley, James Price Chuck Pierce, Wayne Jackson
Sunday	Jonathan Oliver	John McBride	Carol Voss	Reggie Stewart, Mike Marchand

Mar. 19, 2017	Ty Teofilo	Matt Johnson	Mark Voss	Ruth Riddick, Daryl Kirchoff
10:00 am	Landon Teofilo			



**Remember the sick brothers and sisters in**

**your prayers:** Mickey Poirier, Ethel Graham, Phillip Scott, James Albritton, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Joe Penton, Terry Roberts, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Bruce Dyess, Joe Gable, Sarah Thornton, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Rick Joseph, Ernest Johnson, Virginia Gable, Harrand Broussard, Robert Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Isabel Rel, Victoria Porter, James Cauley, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Richard Boswell, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Pat Bourne, Lilly Breaux, John Stein, James Wink, , Mike Wilson, Johnnie Tate, Carol Tate, Roger Young, Leyah White, Joe Smith

**Pray for the deceased dear ones of the parish:** **Pray for the eternal**

**repose of the deceased members of the parish:** 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, Khaila Graham, and Athena Ladnier who undergoing training in the U. S. Navy.

**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.



**[Bishop Barron's Sunday homily for Lent II Sunday](https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/three-shortcuts-from-the-cross/5400/)**

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**Fr. William Grimm's homily:** <https://youtu.be/IX1q2fW9knU>



### Synopsis: LENT II [A] Sunday (March 12) Homily on Mt 17: 1-9)

**Introduction:** The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

**Scripture lessons:** **The first reading** describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so. **The second reading**, taken from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us. We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and his Gospel. **In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel**, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to consult His Heavenly

Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of His Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

**Life messages:** (1) The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and a source for the renewal of our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day. (2) Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. By receiving in Faith the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are spiritually, and sometimes physically, healed, and our sins are forgiven. (3) A message of hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering,

disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."

### Summary of a Biblical Homily for the Jubilee Celebrations of priests

The Jews thanked God for two blessings a) blessing of riches b) blessing of time. They expressed their gratitude for the blessing of riches by paying tithes to God in His temple. They also thanked God for the invaluable gift of time a) by observing Sabbath on the seventh day of every week b) by observing Sabbath year after a course of seven years and c) by observing the Jubilee year after the completion of seven Sabbath years, namely the 50<sup>th</sup> year. It was called Jubilee year because it was officially announced by sounding a horn called "Jobel."

### The mode of Jubilee celebration described in Leviticus chapter 25

- 1) By getting reconciled with God and fellow men
- 2) By freeing slaves
- 3) By sharing one's blessings (earnings) with the poor
- 4) By serving others with humility (25:46) and justice (25: 17)
- 5) By collective prayer (25:13) of praise and thanks giving.

### Objectives of our jubilee celebration

- 1) An occasion of joy, prayer and thanks giving.
- 2) An occasion of self evaluation, self renewal and self criticism.
- 3) An occasion of taking new promises.

(I)An occasion of thanks giving: a) For the gift of priestly/ religious vocation.

b) For the gift of perseverance in the vocation for 25/ 50 years.

c) For the gift of spiritual training received from saintly spiritual directors.

d) For the support received from the community/ parish by prayers, advice  
and encouragement.

e) For 25/ 50 years of abundant blessings, spiritual and physical, received from  
God.

(II) An occasion of self evaluation.

- a) About the faithful practice of priestly promises/ religious vows, by the faithful discharge of priestly duties/religious vows of poverty, obedience and chastity.
- b) Assessment of how effective an instrument one was in God's hands to radiate Christ's love, compassion, spirit of forgiveness, patience, prayer life and spirit of humble and committed service.

(III) An occasion of new promises.

- a) To return to the Christ's spirituality/original Franciscan, Carmelite, spirituality of the founder.
- b) To add your share as a big drop in the ocean of priestly holiness/ spiritual riches of your congregation by a holier life style.

Remember the lines of Robert Frost

"Woods are lovely dark and deep

But I have promises to keep

And miles to go before I sleep

And miles to go before I sleep."

Fr. Tony([akadavil@mobis.com](mailto:akadavil@mobis.com))

**Jubilarian's prayer:** *May no one be less good for having come within my influence*

*May no one be less pure, less true, less kind, for having travelled with me on our journey towards eternal life*

*As I go from one work to another let me whisper a word of love to You*

*Let me live my life in the supernatural,*

*full of power for good,*

*and strong in my purpose of sanctity. Amen.*

**Question of the week:** Holy Mass during the week is an excellent Lenten observance because the Eucharistic celebration is the most sublime of Christian prayers. **2) Lectio Divina:** It is the practice of slow, prayerful, meditative reading of the selected passages of the Sacred Scripture. It is a major part of our Lenten prayer life which enables us to listen to God talking to us. According to Pope Benedict XV it is “the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart” (cf. Dei Verbum, n. 25). **3) Fast and abstinence:** Fasting is taking only one major meal per day and abstinence is avoiding meat. Lent is traditionally a time of fast and abstinence. Evidently, the obligations surrounding this have been much relaxed in the West in the past few decades, but the relaxing of the obligation does not mean there is not value in still opting to pursue these practices. Indeed, there is nothing (outside of health and age) to prevent one from taking up the practice of devotional fasts and

abstinence. 4) Decide on Lenten sacrifices appropriate to the age of each child in the family, reminding them that our souls need this spiritual exercise to gain strength for living as Christians, just as our bodies need exercise to remain healthy. Our sacrifices are like a gift offered to God, and all real gifts "cost" the giver something. 5) Sacrament of reconciliation: Lent is a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we may put things right with God and others. 6) Acts of charity: Find out some one in need of our prayer, help, support or encouragement in our neighborhood and do with utmost sincerity what we can. 7) Participation in the "Way of the cross" devotion in the parish church to meditate on the suffering and death of Jesus for us sinners and to cultivate a holy fear of sin and its seriousness.



**Pope Francis tweets:** "The road from love to hate is easy. The one from hate to love is more difficult, but brings peace. Let us strive to fast during Lent with a smile, rather than a long face. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return. A youthful heart does not tolerate injustice and cannot bow to a "throw-away culture" nor give in to the globalization of indifference. I invite you to join in the fight against poverty, both material and spiritual. Together let's build peace and bridges of friendship. The throwaway culture is not of Jesus. The other is my brother, beyond every barrier of nationality, social extraction or religion. It is good to know the Lord takes on the

burden of our fragilities and patiently gets us back on our feet with the strength to start over. Let us never place conditions on God! Entrusting ourselves to the Lord means entering into his plans without demanding anything. Let us be close to our brothers and sisters who are going through illness and also their families. Hope opens new horizons and enables us to dream of what is not even imaginable. Those who traffic human beings are ultimately accountable to God. Let us pray for the conversion of hearts. Let us hear the cry of the many children who are enslaved. No one must remain indifferent to their sorrow. Being a believer means learning how to see with eyes of faith. Let us never forget to pray for each another. Prayer is our greatest strength. Consecrated life is a great gift of God: a gift of God to the Church, a gift of God to His People. God wants us all to see one another as brothers and to live as such, forming a great human family that is harmonious in its diversity. Let us imitate the attitude of Jesus toward the sick: he takes care of everyone, He shares their suffering and opens their hearts to hope. God wants us all to see one another as brothers and to live as such, forming a great human family that is harmonious in its diversity. Let us imitate the attitude of Jesus toward the sick: he takes care of everyone, He shares their suffering and opens their hearts to hope.

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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.



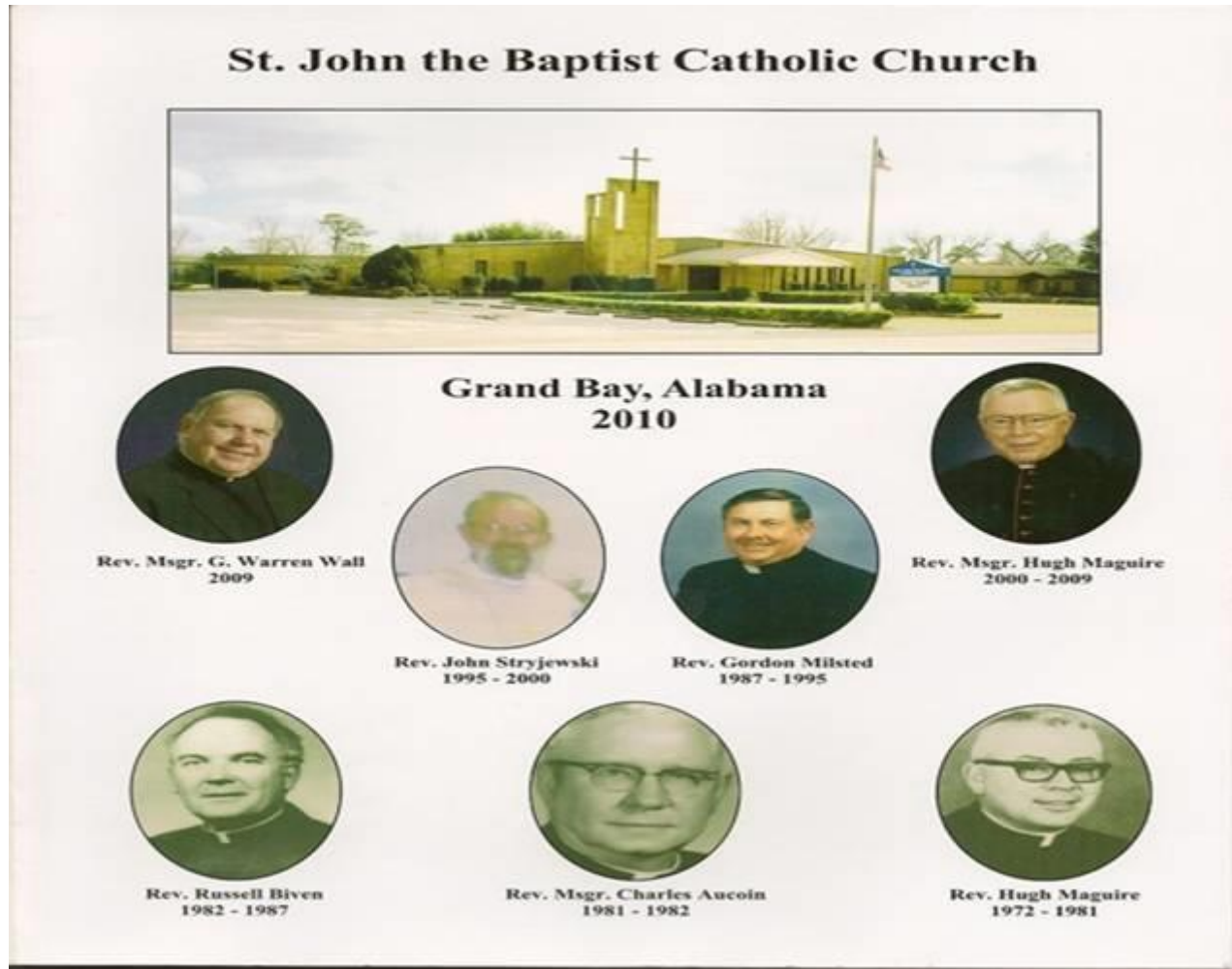
*The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972*



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 below*



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