

LENT IV SUNDAY

Sunday bulletin- March 26, 2017

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Second Collection this week will be for Catholic Relief Services.

Invitation for our Lenten programs: 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. Participation in the weekday Masses is an ideal Lenten practice. Our weekday Masses in the rectory chapel is at 7-45 am.

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

The Holy Week Ministers of the Mass Volunteer schedule is on the large table in the church hall. Please make a commitment to a Mass and sign up to participate in these very holy services.

Ministers of Mass schedule for April is on the large table in the church hall.



The Holy Week parish mission: Rev. Fr.

Eammon Miley of St. Brigid parish has agreed to give us a parish mission in the Holy Week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm, to help us to renew our lives for the Easter celebration. Please plan your schedule to make yourselves available for our parish mission.

Sunday school classes (CRE) and Youth program: Sunday School classes & Youth program begin at 8-45 am, every Sunday. Please send your children and the youth regularly to the program.

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of Micky Poirier, Ray Thornton, Joe Penton, Terry Roberts, Tom Thornton, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Richard Boswell, and Tiffany Fontenot.

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 and experience something life changing.



March 25- 31st

25th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul Mathew Kadavil by Fr. Tony Kadavil

26th: ----- For the intentions of all members of the parish

27th, 28th, & 29: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Lynda & Louis Jones

30th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Therese Kadavil by Fr. Tony Kadavil

31st: ----- For the eternal repose of deceased relatives/friends of Mildred Smith & family



Birthdays this week: March 25th: Maribeth Thompson, Tiffany Fonteot, David Schmierer, 29th: Joe Smith, 30th: Matt Cauley, Chris Potter:
No Known Wedding Anniversaries this week.

Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- APRIL

Peggy and David Delmas

CHURCH CLEANING - APRIL 1

Marie Murray & Betty Jane Pierce

Videos of the week:

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

Lent III Sunday reflections: <https://youtu.be/d8-CucXvsk>

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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.

<u>Extraordinary Minister Schedule for April 1 & 2, 2017</u>				
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(Violet Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday April 1, 2017 5:00 pm	James Graham Loren Price	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Kathy Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce, Al Hurd
Sunday April 2, 2017 10:00 am	Paul Delmas, Rebecca Oliver Landon Teofilo	Jason Poiroux Maria Switzer	Peggy Delmas Autumn Bowden	Ruth Riddick, Reggie Stewart Mike Marchand, Mike Courtney



Remember the sick brothers and sisters in your prayers: Mickey Poirier, Maurine Habley, Ethel Graham, Phillip Scott, James Albritton, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Joe Penton, Terry Roberts, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Joe Gable, Sarah Thornton, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Rick Joseph, Ernest Johnson, Virginia Gable, Harrand Broussard, Robert Broussard, Edgar Gunter, 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:** 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, Khaila Graham, and Athena Ladnier who undergoing training in the U. S. Navy.

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 IV Sunday

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/and-now-i-see/5422/>

Fr. William Grimm's homily: <https://youtu.be/GSh0iCfftqg>



Synopsis: LENT IV [A] Sunday (March 26) Homily on Jn 9: 1-41)

Introduction: The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as “Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday,” expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today's readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

Scripture lessons: By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light *to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.* Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by Faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the

beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Life messages: 1) We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots -- in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We often wish to remain in the dark, preferring darkness to light. Even practicing Christians can be blind to the poverty, injustice and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask Him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: namely, self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly." 2) We need to get rid of cultural blindness. Our culture also has blind-spots. Often it is blind to things like selfless love, happiness, fidelity with true, committed sexual love in marriage, and the value of human life from birth to natural death. Our culture has become anesthetized to the violence, the sexual innuendo, and the enormous suffering in the world around us. Let us counteract this cultural blindness by experiencing Jesus dwelling within us and within others through personal prayer, meditative reading of the Bible and a genuine Sacramental life.

Question of the week: Why should Christians deny themselves and take up their crosses to become Christ's disciples? *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* Mark 8:34-35. Suffering is conscious pain. Our suffering may be physical suffering – originating in the body; or emotional – originating in the feelings; or psychological – originating in the mind or social caused by our interaction with other people. The purpose of suffering for a Christian is to expiate sins and to achieve sanctity by becoming Jesus' disciples. But we must learn to distinguish between suffering that is intended by God in our lives and the suffering that is not intended in our lives. As sinners, we need to expiate for our daily sins by gracefully accepting suffering until the moment of our death. It is healthy, down-to-earth thinking that we should see all suffering as somehow coming from a loving God. That is difficult, because so much of our suffering is inflicted by others. To develop that clarity of vision, to see the hand of God in whatever we suffer, is not easy. And it is, therefore, indispensable to cultivate a devotion to the Passion of Christ and to appreciate how Jesus redeemed us by voluntarily accepting suffering and shameful death on the cross. For details read: http://www.therealpresence.org/archives/Christian_Spirituality/Christian_Spirituality_011.htm



Pope Francis tweets: "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. Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. We can all be builders of peace. Today I want to remember in my heart all the victims of the Holocaust. May their sufferings and their tears never be

forgotten. Hope lets new life blossom, like a plant that grows from the seed fallen on the earth.

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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.



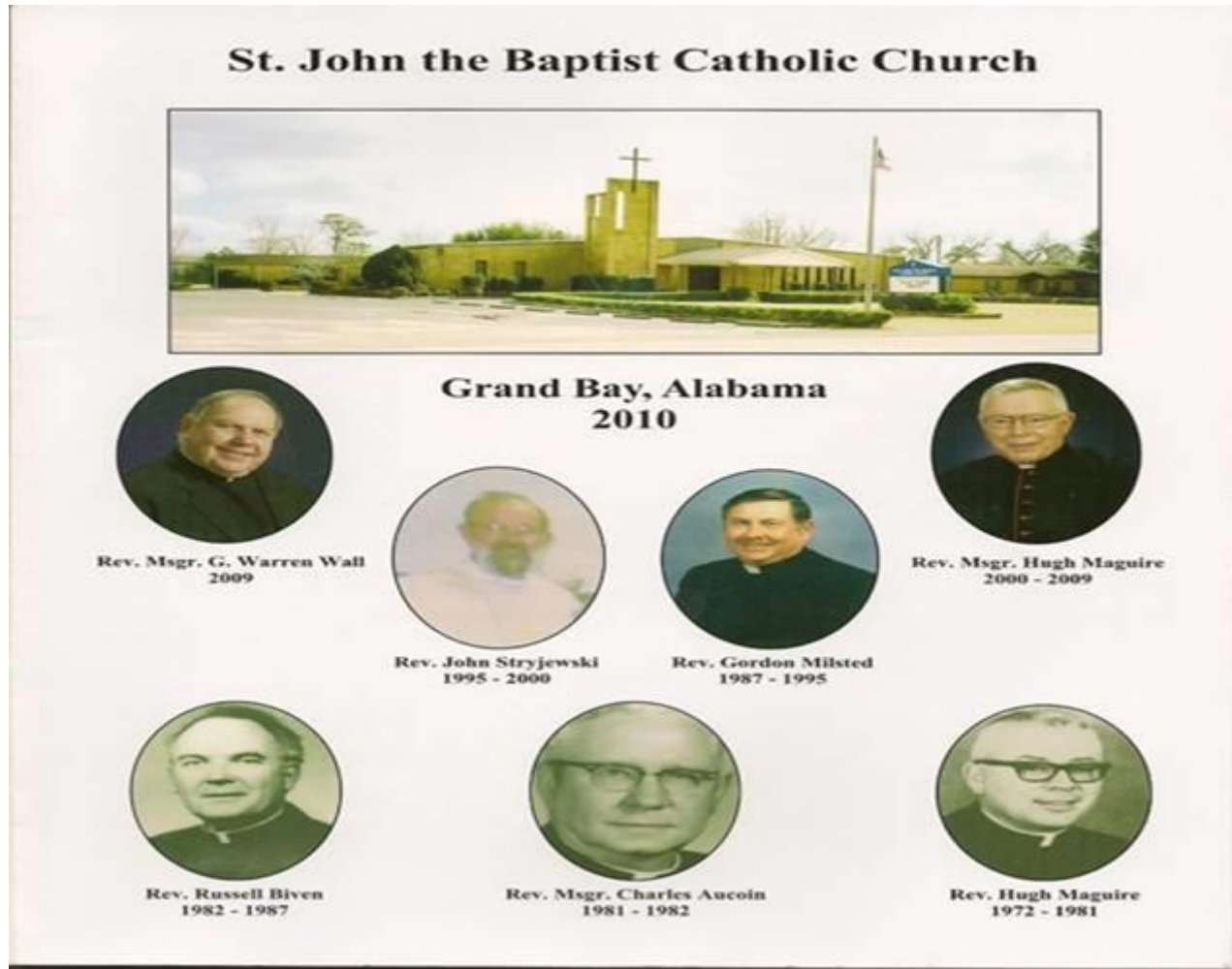
The New Church blessed and consecrated by Bishop May on June 18, 1972



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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