

Sunday bulletin- October 2, 2016

Ordinary Time XXVII 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 are from 8-45 to 9-45 am in the Education building. Please send your children to the Sunday school and the youth to the Youth program.



Fall Supper The Ladies Altar Society invites all of you for the annual Parish Fall Supper after the 5 pm Mass on Oct 1st Saturday in the church hall. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Respect Life, choose life Rosary parade: Our Youth Group is organizing a rosary prayer parade in front of the church on October 2nd Sunday at 2 pm, with the active participation of the Ladies Altar Sodality, the Golden Group and the Ladies Auxiliary, publically pledging their support for the ant-abortion, pro-life activities of our archdiocese. Please come and participate.

The Golden Group meeting is Wednesday, October 5th at 11:30 in the church hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join us for the food, fellowship and fun. Our agenda will include plans for our Christmas project - Joy Box, sharing news of our recent trips to the Cathedral and to The Blessed Shrine.



Iron Bowl ticket raffle: The Parish Council is having a raffle for pair of tickets to the “Iron Bowl” which will be played on November 26, 2016. The drawing will be November 19, 2016 and the raffle tickets are \$20.00. We are asking everyone to participate by buying and/or selling tickets. The game tickets are field level tickets around the 35-yard line. The proceeds from ticket sales will be used for maintenance on the church.

Collapsible Wagon Golden Jubilee Raffle: The “Tailgate Wagons,” one with an Alabama football theme and one with an Auburn football theme are in the church hall for you to see. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We are asking everyone to not just buy ticket but to take books of tickets to sell. WE are raising money for the celebration of Father Tony’s 50 years as a priest. The celebration will be March 12, 2017 starting with the 10 am. Mass with the presence of the Archbishop.

Weekday Holy Mass intentions invited: Since we don't have special intentions for Masses till November, you are invited to remember and honor your deceased dear ones by offering Masses for them and their dear ones or for the speedy healing of your sick family members.

Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of Joe Penton, Terry Roberts, Gennie Garrett, Micky Porier, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Louis Poiroux, Richard Boswell, and Tiffany Fontet.

Catholic Social Services invites you to join us at our new location for the 10th Annual Wine Festival at the Mobile Botanical Gardens on Thursday 10/13/16. Tickets are \$75 and are available for purchase at Red or White or online at catholicsocialservicesmobile.com



October 1-7

1st: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish members

2nd: ----- For the Parish Community

3rd: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Kenney Kirchoff by the Kirchoff family

4th, 5th, 6th & 7th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased members of the parish.



Birthdays this week: 1st: Dylan Day, 4th:

Billy Dixon, 5th: Steve Sema Jr. Wedding Anniversaries this

week: 5th: Kerry and Michael Ladnier, 7th: Debra and Matt Johnson

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Our RCIA classes for 2016-17 batch began on Sept 19th Monday at 7 pm in the parish hall. We cordially welcome the participants: **Mr. Kenny Smith and five members of Rials family.** If you have friends or relatives or a future spouse interested in learning more about Catholic teachings or who are interested in joining the Church, please give their names and phone numbers to Fr. Tony or Deacon Billy Graham.

Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- OCTOBER

Peggy and Dave Delmas

CHURCH CLEANING - OCT 8

Ruth Pigorsh



Extraordinary Minister Schedule for October 7 & 8, 2016

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Mass</u>
Saturday Oct. 7, 2016 5:00 pm	Saturday Oct. 7, 2016 5:00 pm	Saturday Oct. 7, 2016 5:00 pm	Saturday Oct. 7, 2016 5:00 pm	Saturday Oct. 7, 2016 5:00 pm
Sunday Oct. 8, 2016 10:00 am	Sunday Oct. 8, 2016 10:00 am	Sunday Oct. 8, 2016 10:00 am	Sunday Oct. 8, 2016 10:00 am	Sunday Oct. 8, 2016 10:00 am

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:



Joe Penton, Tiffany Fontenot, Tom Thornton, Terry Roberts, Mary Thornton, Gennie Garret, Ida Clarke, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Terry Roberts, Bruce Dyess, Nancy Burden, Joe Gable, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Amanda Young, Richard Boswell, Willie Thompson, Sister Stephanie Sema, Mark Voss, Rick Joseph, Ernest Johnson, Virginia Gable, Isabel Rel, Victoria Porter, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Carol Sevier, Richard Boswell, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Pat Bourne, Deacon Jim Bullock, Lilly Breaux, John Stein, Billy Dixon, James Wink, Sarah Thornton, Mike Wilson, Johnnie Tate, Carol Tate, Roger Young, Mickey Poirier, Leyah White, Joe Smith, Brennan Griffin, , James Cauley, Susas Halliday, Peggy Hock, Coraif Brasell, Addie Thompson, Carolyn Willard, Wendi Guidry, Gabby DeGeer, Dana Ferrell, Nonie Crow Reed, Charlee May Knowles, Linda Graham, James Albritton, Gloria White, Kayla Perry, Victoria Fontenot, Tiffany Fontenot.

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/Gh0UT0jQc_c

O. T. XXVII Sunday (Oct 2) Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; II Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10



Synopsis of OT XXVII Sunday homily (Oct 2) on Lk 17: 5-10

Introduction: All three readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak a lot about "Faith" and how it works in our lives. They give us three dimensions of Faith. The theological virtue of Faith enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust because it has been revealed to us by God. Paul, who elsewhere defined Faith as "*the assurance of the things hoped for,*" shows it as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ in his instructions to Timothy. Finally, Christian Faith is that trusting Faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, resulting in

our offering to Him in those we encounter our humble and loving service.

Scripture lessons: The first reading presents Faith as trusting in God and living with fidelity to the Covenant. Here, Faith is shown as hope and steadfast expectation in the face of suffering and delay. God assures the prophet that Faith gives us access to Divine power, and, hence, the just will live righteous lives in the midst of encircling evil because of their Faith. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95), God is characterized as a sturdy rock and a caring shepherd, surely worthy of our trusting Faith. In the second reading, Paul presents Faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of God. Paul stresses the need for a living Faith in, and loyalty to, Christ's teachings handed down to us by the Church. Hence, Faith is belief in, and acceptance of, revealed truths based on the authority and veracity of God, and Hope is trust in God. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his Apostles that Faith is sharing in God's power, and, hence, even in small quantities it allows God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. It is Faith, meaning reliance on, or confidence in, God, which makes one just, putting him into right relation with God and neighbor. While the Apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their Faith Jesus reminds them that the quality of their Faith is more important. Using a master-servant parable, Jesus also teaches them that for Faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, obedience and total commitment – an active submission to God with a willingness to do whatever He commands.

Life messages: 1) We need to thank God, giving Him the credit for our well-being. Most of us are inclined to forget God's providence when our earthly affairs are going well. We pray to Him only when trouble strikes. In His Infinite Goodness God often answers such prayers. Stronger Faith enables us to accept the adversities and the trials of life asking God, "Increase our Faith, Lord!" at all times. 2) We need to

increase our Faith by becoming dutiful servants of God. We grow in Faith as we act in Faith. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles can do more good than a series of sermons given by some renowned theologian. 3) We need to grow in Faith by using the means Christ has given us in his Church. We must cultivate our Faith through prayer, Bible study, participation in the Holy Mass ("the mystery of Faith") and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life.

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

What is the Catholic teaching on the end of the world? The Church knows by divine revelation that certain things will happen related to End Times. But at the same time, the Church is careful not to overstep what has been revealed and can be known with certitude. Unfortunately, many non-Catholic preachers are utterly convinced that they can read the signs of the times and preach and teach and write with a certitude that goes beyond what we can know by the divine revelation. That is why the evangelical preachers preach on the "rapture", second coming of Christ to defeat the anti-Christ in a fierce battle at Armageddon, separate judgements for the born again Christians and other Christians and unbelievers, and "millennial (1000 year) rule of Christ on earth." They teach these false doctrines quoting scriptures out of context and giving meaning they never intended. Sadly, each preacher gives his interpretation and claims that it is guided by his indwelling Holy Spirit. According Catholic teaching, Christ returns at the end of the world, only once, to judge the whole world and reward the just ones (saved ones) by taking them to their eternal glory in

heaven and to punish the sinners by eternally separating them from God, which we call hell. Jesus asserts that only God his Father knows the exact time of the end of the world, although there are certain signs mentioned in the gospel may give us a rough idea. Consult the Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraphs 668 to 676 <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html#94>) for the church teaching on the end of the world and the supporting bible quotations.



The Pope's Intentions for September, 2016:

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center. **Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize:** That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize

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: “What it means for the disciples to be merciful?’ Jesus has already given us the answer, that lies in living out two verbs: forgiving and giving. Mercy is expressed, first of all, in the forgiveness: *“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.”* (v. 37). “Jesus does not intend to pervert the course of human justice, however, He reminded His disciples that to have fraternal relations, one must suspend judgments and sentences. Forgiveness,” “is the pillar that holds up the life of the Christian community, because it shows the gratuitousness with which God has loved us first.” If investments in banks drop a little, it’s a tragedy! But if people are starving, if they have nothing to eat, if they are not healthy, it does not matter! This is our crisis today. The concrete sign that we have truly encountered Jesus is the joy that we show in communicating it to others. The Church is called to walk with Jesus on the roads of the world, in order to meet the humanity of today. Let us ask for a faith that allows us to have trust in God no matter what the circumstances of life. The Word of God can revive a hardened heart. Mercy can truly contribute to the building up of a more humane world. The Lord presents himself each day and knocks at the door of our heart. To offer today’s world the witness of mercy is a task from which none of us can feel exempted. What a great gift the Lord has given us in teaching us to forgive and in this way to touch the Father’s mercy! The one who builds on God builds on rock, because he is always faithful, even if we sometimes lack faith. Let us carry Mother Teresa’s smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey. Let us imitate Mother Teresa who made works of mercy the guide of her life and the path towards holiness. Charity means to draw close to the periphery of existence of the men and women we encounter every day. God gave us the earth “to till and to keep” in a balanced and respectful way. An easy prayer to say every day: “Lord, I am a sinner: come with your mercy”.

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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.

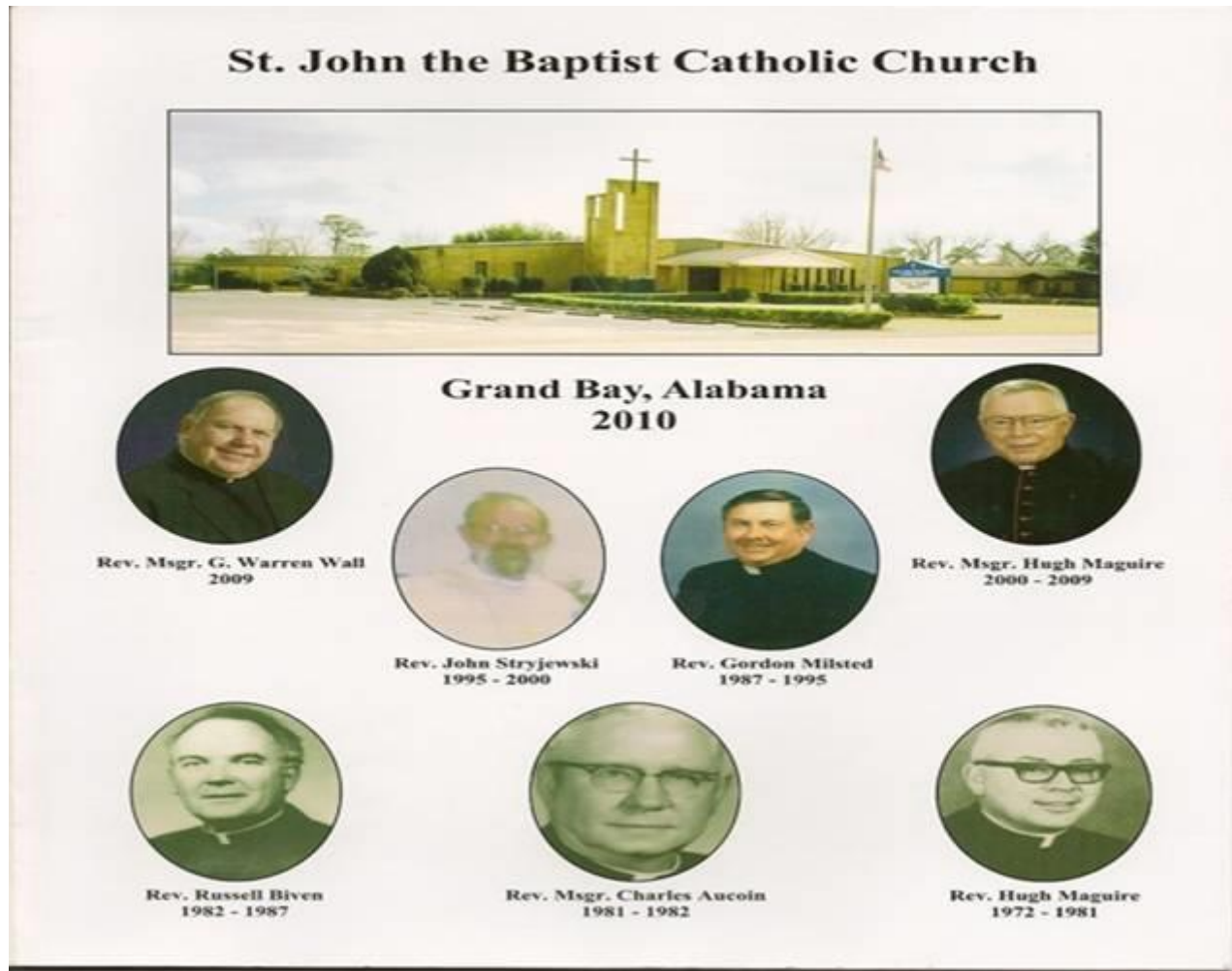
As believers we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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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