

Sunday bulletin- Sept 11, 2016

Ordinary Time XXIV 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, at 8:45 in the Education building.

Parish Council special meeting: We are inviting the leaders from all organizations associated with the Parish to review the challenges we are facing at the Parish level as well as from the Archdiocese level. We are going to discuss them at our next Parish Council meeting at 6:30 PM Wednesday, September 14th. Items: 1. Insight to the new Archdiocese accounting system & technological improvements available. 2. Necessary repairs and improvements needed to the church and campus. 3. Plan for Fr. Tony's Jubilee Celebration. 4. Method to inspire our parishioners and community through the various organizations' individual energies that can enhance a Parish-wide excitement, building on and enhancing the Parish as a whole.

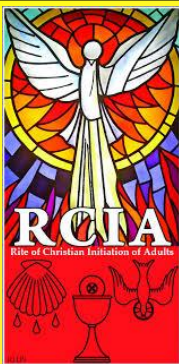
Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of Joe Penton, Micky Porier, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Louis Poiroux, Terry Roberts, Richard Boswell, and Tiffany Fontet.

Second Collection next Sunday will be for the "Catholic University of America."



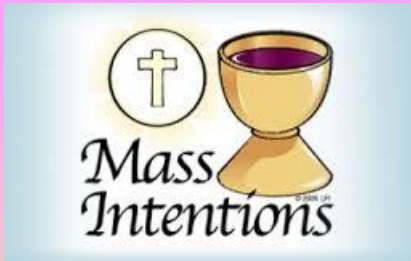
Iron Bowl ticket raffle: The Parish Council is having a raffle for pair of tickets to the “Iron Bowl” which will be played on November 26, 2016. The drawing will be November 19, 2016 and the raffle tickets are \$20.00. We are asking everyone to participate by buying and/or selling tickets. The game tickets 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation: Our RCIA classes for 2016-17 batch begin on Sept 19th Monday at 7 pm in the parish hall. If you have friends or relatives or future spouse interested to learn 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.

Aid to Louisiana -- Although Archbishop Rodi has already announced that we will be accepting donations and taking up second collections for aid to the flood victims in Louisiana, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has also announced a **national second collection on the weekend of September 11th 2016** to provide financial assistance. We ask that all proceeds of these collections be forwarded to the Archdiocesan Accounts Receivable Office, Attn: Alicia Simms, P.O. Box 230, Mobile, AL 36601, by Friday, September 23. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.



September 10-16

10th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish members

11th: ----- For the Parish Community

12th: -----For the eternal repose of the soul of Junior Eugene Deemar by Mila & Harold Vaughn

13th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Steve Sema, Sr. by Doris Sema

14th, 15th & 16th: ----- For the eternal repose of the soul of Kenney Kirchoff by the Kirchoff family.



Birthdays this week: Sept.10th: Theresa DeAngelo, 11th: Linda Graham, 13th: Elsa McBride, Mollee Stringfellow, 14th: Georgia Banks, James Jackson, 16th: Clayton Williams, **No Wedding Anniversaries this week.**

Knights of Columbus Council 15490 will hold its' general meeting on Monday, September 12th, at 7:00 pm.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting Monday, September 12th. The evening will begin by sharing dinner at 6:30. If you care to participate, please bring a covered dish and try to arrive shortly before 6:30, allowing us to begin our meeting promptly at 7 pm. Of course, the Knights, family members and guests are always invited and welcome to join us for dinner and our meeting.

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.



Mother Tera canonized as St. Teresa of Calcutta on sept 4th, 2016

Pope Francis: 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.

Tithing Stewardship: \$4,031.66 / Building Fund \$321.00

Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- SEPTEMBER

Lynda & Louis Jones

CHURCH CLEANING - SEPTEMBER 10

Tessie Bridges & Autumn Bowden



Extraordinary Minister Schedule for September 17 & 18, 2016

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> <u>(Green Cincture)</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Sept 17, 2016 5:00 pm	Reggie Stewart Daryl Kirchoff	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley James Price, Chuck Pierce
Sunday Sept 18, 2016 10:00 am	Anna Claire Bowden Bryce Baggett	John McBride Matt Johnson	Carol Voss Mark Voss	Tom Thornton, Mike Marchand Mike Courtney, Ruth Riddick

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, Ronnie Cauley, Willie Thompson Joe Gable, Virginia Gable, Gwanita Gable, Mark Voss, Terry Roberts, Isabel Rel, Richard Boswell, Gennie Garret, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Amanda Young, Sister Stephanie Sema, Mark Voss, Rick Joseph, Ernest Johnson, Victoria Porter, Betty Cauley, Jonathan Cruz, Carol Sevier, 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, , 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, 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, 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/AK-2SKVjGRo>

O. T. XXIV Sunday (Sept 11) Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; I Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32



Synopsis of OT XXIV Sunday homily (Sept 11) on Lk 15: 1-32

Introduction: Today's readings invite us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, and forgiving God. The Good News Jesus preached was that God is our loving and forgiving Heavenly Father Who wants to save everyone through His Son, not a cruel, judging and punishing God. He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as Jesus explains in the three parables of today's Gospel.

Scripture lessons: In today's first reading, taken from Exodus, Moses is imploring a forgiving God to have mercy on the sinful people who abandoned Him and turned to idol-worship, reminding God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In today's second reading, Paul tells Timothy that, although he, Paul, had been the greatest of sinners as the former persecutor of the Church, God has shown great mercy towards him. Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially one distinct parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the story of the lost son. These parables remind us that we have a God Who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and

resolution. The Hebrew term for repentance, teshuvá, means a return to God by a person who has already experienced God's "goodness and compassion" (Ps. 51).

Life messages: 1) Live everyday as merciful God's forgiven children: Let us begin every day praying for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do God's holy will by doing good and avoiding evil, by trying to live in God's presence everywhere. Before we go to bed at night, let us examine our conscience and confess to God our sins and failures of the day, asking His pardon and forgiveness. Let us resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we have fallen into serious sins. Let us continue to ask for God's forgiveness before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass. Thus let us live a peaceful life as forgiven prodigal children, getting daily reconciled with God our merciful and forgiving Father.

2) Let us ask God for the courage and good will to extend God's forgiveness to others: Let us realize the truth that our brothers and sisters deserve and expect from us the same compassion, kindness and forgiveness which we receive from our merciful God. As forgiven prodigals, we must be forgiving people as Jesus taught us to pray, "*forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us pray also for God's Divine mercy on all of us who have fallen away from God's grace. Let us open our eyes to see and ears to hear that Jesus is welcoming us back home!

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

What is New Age Religions and why it is wrong? New Age Religion is not a religion at all, but a vast syncretism (or mixing) of numerous

religious and philosophical ideas. New Age religion more than anything is emotional, filling in a void left by a secular culture and discontent with traditional religious beliefs. New Agers are Universalists, believing that all paths lead to God. They fault Christians for being intolerant and narrow-minded. Most New Agers hold Jesus in high regard, believing him to be a great spiritual teacher, or guru, but not as God and Savior. They do not accept Jesus' claim that he alone is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). The typical New Ager believes that God is in everything (pantheism), all things are one (monism), man is God, human mind creates reality, and one's own experience validates the truth. New Agers do not believe in evil. Therefore, they do not accept man's problem as separation by sin from God. Instead, they believe that each of us has forgotten his or her own divinity. Therefore, the New Age solution is to seek "higher consciousness" through meditation, breathing exercises, yoga, diet, crystals, channeling, alternative healing, spirit guides, and more. Each of these diverse practices has the same purpose: to awaken the god in man. The main problem with the "new age movement" is that it is just modernized superstition and its ideas are mostly antichristian. Put simply, New Age is an unacceptable combination of humanism, eastern mysticism and occultism.



[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: “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”. Consoling those who suffer we are able to help build a better world. New forms of slavery such as human and organ trafficking, forced labour, and prostitution are true crimes against humanity. Mercy does not just mean being a “good person” nor is it mere sentimentality. It is the measure of our authenticity as disciples of Jesus. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness. Never abandon prayer, even when it seems pointless to pray. Through the cross we can touch God’s mercy and be touched by that mercy! I entrust you to the maternal care of our Mother who

lives in the glory of God and is always by our side on our life's journey. May people see the Gospel in our lives: in our generous and faithful love for Christ and our brothers and sisters. In Confession we encounter the merciful embrace of the Father. His love always forgives. A society made up of different cultures must seek unity in respect. We ask for respect for indigenous peoples whose very identity and existence are threatened. When there is dialogue in the family, tensions are easily resolved. We oppose hatred and destruction with goodness. We live in societies of different cultures and religions, but we are brothers and sisters. Good luck to the athletes at #Rio2016! May you always be messengers of goodwill and true sporting spirit.

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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.

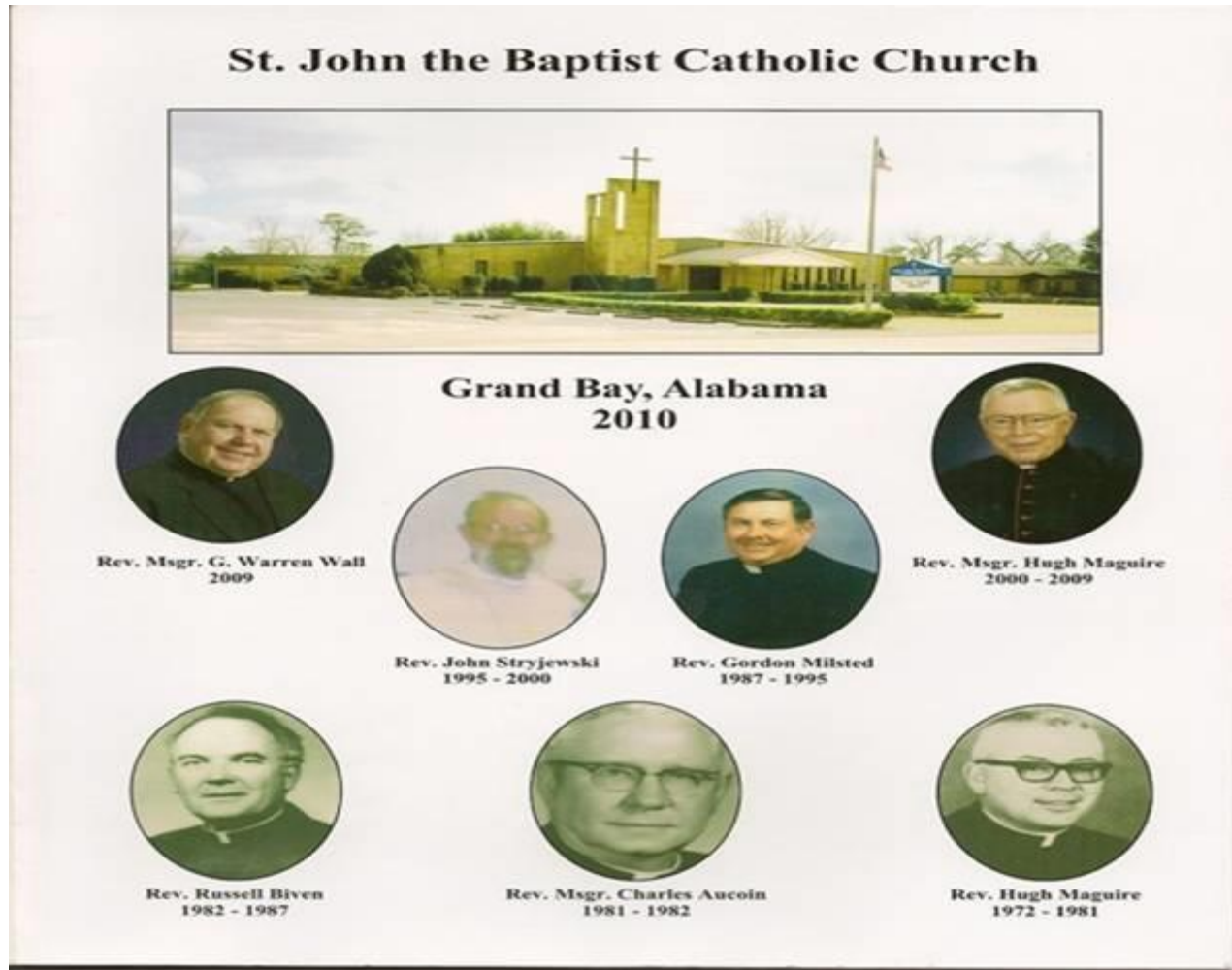
As believers we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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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