

# Sunday bulletin- Sept 18, 2016

## Ordinary Time XXV 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.**

**Special thanks to leaders of our parish organizations: directors of Sunday School and the Youth Group and the Parish Council members for their active participation and frank sharing of ideas and grievances for more effective service to the parish community.**

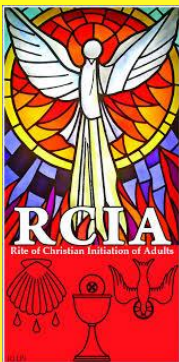
**Prayer for speedy healing requested: Your fervent prayers are requested for the post-surgery healing of Joe Penton, Terry Roberts, Gennie Garrett, Micky Poirier, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Louis Poiroux, Richard Boswell, and Tiffany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

**Second Collection this 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



### September 17-23

17<sup>th</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish members

18<sup>th</sup>: -----For the Parish Community

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives of Tay & Tin of Bayou

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish parishioners.



### Birthdays this week: Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: Carol

Roberts, 9<sup>th</sup>: Rhonda Cauley, Jennifer Roberts, 20<sup>th</sup>: Daniel Bridges, Mary Kirchoff, 22<sup>nd</sup>: Cobey Ray, 23<sup>rd</sup>: Hayden Swinney, No Wedding

Anniversaries this week.



**Special thanks & replacement:** We specially thank Mrs. Jaqueline Price for her meritorious service in the parish Council for one year. She submitted her resignation last week because along with her full time job, she has to take care of her sick parent. So we need a fresh member for the parish council who can become the voice of the parishioners. Please inform Fr. Tony if you are interested in helping our parish as a three- year- member of the parish council.

*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.

**Tithing Stewardship: \$1,939.00 / Louisiana Support \$719.00**

## Volunteers

### ALTAR CARE- SEPTEMBER

**Lynda & Louis Jones**

### CHURCH CLEANING - SEPTEMBER 17

**Adele Logan & Tiffany Teofilo**



#### Extraordinary Minister Schedule for September 24 & 25, 2016

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> ( <u>Green Cincture</u> )	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Saturday Sept 24, 2016 5:00 pm	Loren Price Jay Graham	Lynda Jones Louis Jones	Linda Graham Jackie Price	Wayne Jackson Paul Pigorsch Eugene Poiroux, Al Hurd
Sunday Sept 25,	Jason Poiroux Daryl Kirchoff	Wesey Dixon	Tiffany Teofilo John	Reggie Stewart, Daryl Kirchoff Mike Courtney, Tom

2016		Billy Dixon	McBride	Thornton	
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, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

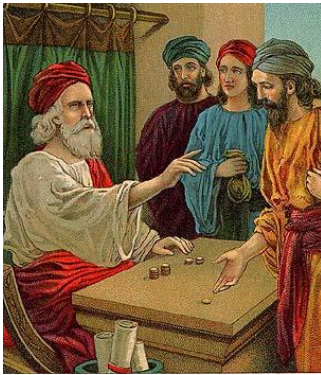


**Help us to keep flowers at the altar:** The slotted wooden box on the glass table in the Parish Hall will receive donations for flowers. If you wish to give flowers for a specific remembrance or thanksgiving, there is a sign-up flower chart on the wall to the left of the front doors.



**Video homily by Fr. Bill Grimm: <https://youtu.be/dJ1D6tu21L4>**

**[O. T. XXIV Sunday \(Sept 18\) Am 8:4-7; I Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13](#)**



### **Synopsis of OT XXV Sunday homily (Sept 18) on Lk 16: 1-13**

Introduction: Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.

Scripture lessons: Condemning the crooked business practices of the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC Jewish merchants of Judea, today's lesson from the prophet Amos reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh by practicing justice and mercy as God's faithful stewards. He warns us also against making the goal of our life the gaining of money, whatever the means. In the second reading, St. Paul instructs the first century Judeo-Christians to become true

stewards of the Gospel of Jesus, the only mediator, by preaching the “Good News” to the pagans and by including them in intercessory prayers, too. Today’s Gospel story tells us about the crooked but resourceful manager and challenges us to use our blessings -- time, talents, health and wealth – wisely and justly so that they will serve for our good in eternity. We use our earthly wealth wisely when we spend it for our own needs in moderation and when we love and help the needy around us, for those are the purposes for which He has entrusted all these things to us.

Life messages: 1) We need to be faithful in the little things of life: Let us remember Saint John Chrysostom’s warning, “Faithfulness in little things is a big thing,” and the reminder of St. Theresa of Calcutta (Blessed Mother Teresa, canonized September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis), “Do little things with great love.” Hence, let us not ignore doing little things, like acknowledging a favor by saying a sincere “thank you,” or congratulating others for their success, or sharing in their sorrows and or offering them help and support in their needs. 2) We need to use our spiritual resources wisely. The manager in Jesus’ story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spirit-guided Church to direct us in our Christian life. We need to use these resources in such a way that it will be said of us, “*And the master commended them because they acted so prudently.*” 3) We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship. We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood and thieves and insure our lives by taking

life insurance and car insurance. In the same way, let us insure ourselves for the one thing that most certainly will happen, namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at that time of our *Private Judgment* by God at the moment of our death, is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

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

**Did Catholic Church discourage Bible reading?** According to St. Paul, "All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach... [and] to instruct in justice" (2 Tim. 3:16). The Pope, the thousands of Catholic Bishops, and the many millions of Catholic lay people, are not aware of ever having discouraged Bible reading. The Popes have issued pastoral letters to the whole Church, called encyclicals, on the edifying effects of Bible reading. The Catholic Bible far outsells all other Christian Bibles worldwide. In fact, it has always been thus. The very first Christian Bible was produced by the Catholic Church--compiled by Catholic scholars of the 2nd and 3rd century and approved for general Christian use by the Catholic Councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397). The very first printed Bible was produced under the auspices of the Catholic Church--printed by the Catholic inventor of the printing press, Johannes Gutenberg. And the very first Bible with chapters and numbered verses was produced by the Catholic Church--the work of Stephen Langton, Cardinal Archbishop of Canterbury. It was this perennial Catholic devotion to the Bible which prompted Martin Luther--who certainly cannot be accused of Catholic favoritism--to write in his Commentary on St. John: "We are compelled to concede to the Papists that they have the Word of God, that we received it from them, and that

without them we should have no knowledge of it at all." Lectio divina" practice of reading and meditating on the bible passages daily originated in the Catholic Church. The Church however discourages personal interpretation of the Bible passages when it deals with a matter of faith and morals and when that interpretation goes *against* Church held doctrines it deals with a matter of faith and morals.



### 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:** “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”. Consoling those who suffer we are able to help build a better world. New forms of slavery such as human and organ trafficking, forced labor, 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. “



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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.

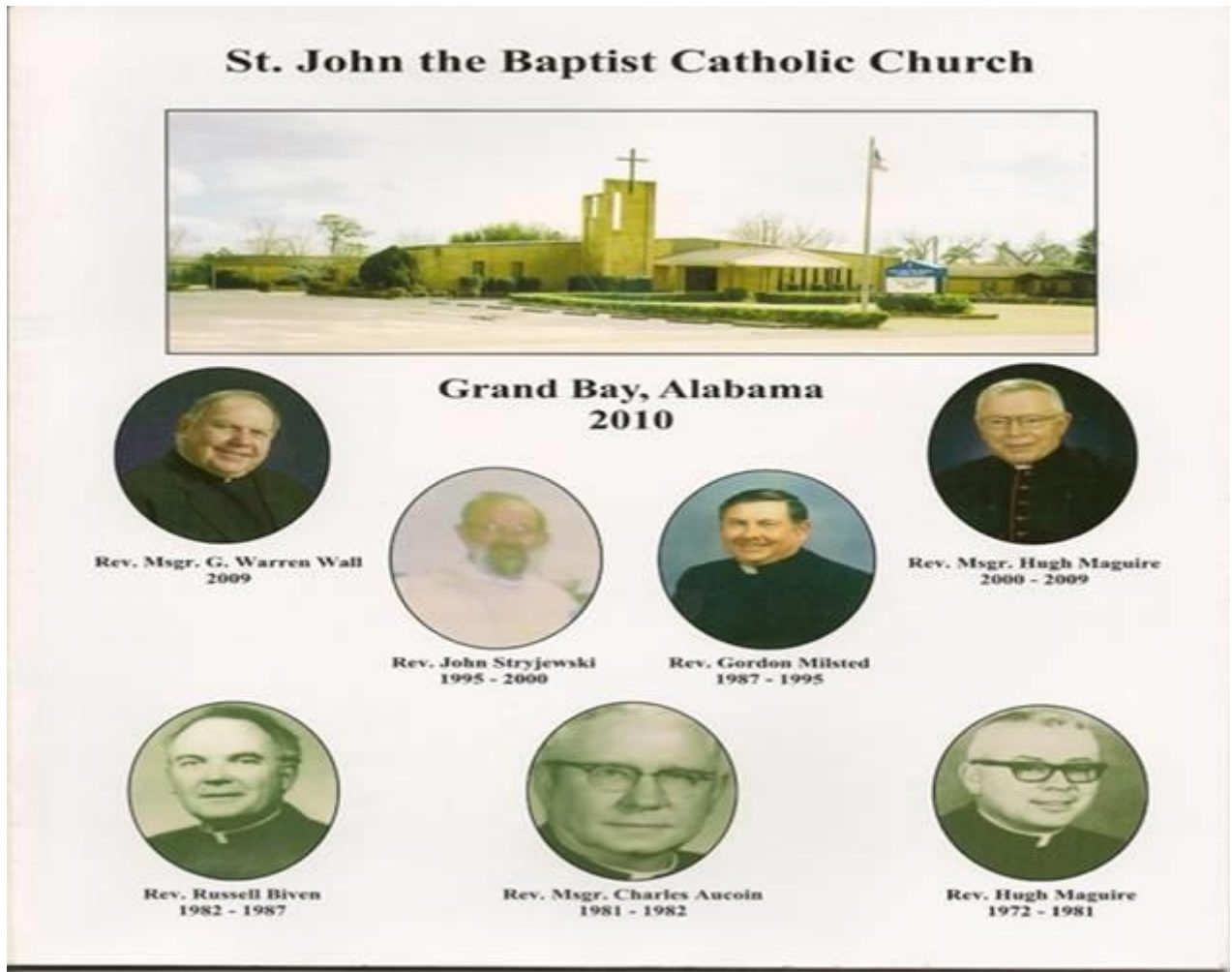
As believers we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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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