

Sunday bulletin- Sept 25, 2016

Ordinary Time XXVI 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.

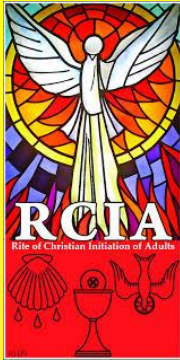
Special thanks to the volunteers of the Ladies Altar Society for cleaning the statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd and its surrounding platform as a part of their Fall cleaning.

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 Auxilliary, publically pledging their support for the ant-abortion, pro-life activities of our archdiocese. Please come and participate.



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.



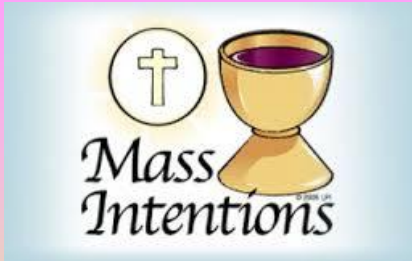
Rite of Christian Initiation: Our RCIA classes for 2016-17 batch began on Sept 19th Monday at 7 pm in the parish hall. We cordially welcome the participants: **Mr. Kenny Smith and five members of Rials family.** If you have friends or relatives or a future spouse interested in learning more about Catholic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



Special thanks to Mr. Jack Wright, Jimmy Holland and Mark Voss for cutting and trimming grass covering the entire church campus and Avis Garrett for trimming hedges. More volunteers are always welcome.

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 Poirier, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Ron Cauley, Mark Voss, Willie Thompson, Virginia Gable, Joe Gable, Louis Poiroux, Richard Boswell, and Tiffany Fontteot.



September 24-30

24th: ----- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased parish members

25th: -----For the Parish Community

26th, 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th: - For the sick and infirmed of the Parish



Birthdays this week: Sept. 30th: Ronald

Wilson **Wedding Anniversaries this week** Andrea and Jay Graham.

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: Regular: \$3,453.00. Catholic University \$187.00

Volunteers

ALTAR CARE- SEPTEMBER

Lynda & Louis Jones

CHURCH CLEANING - OCT 1

Lee Ann Taylor & La Shea Payne



Extraordinary Minister Schedule for October 1 & 2, 2016


<u>Mass</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>EMCH</u>		<u>Ushers</u>
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	<u>Servers</u> <u>(Green Cincture)</u>		<u>Lectors</u>	
Saturday Oct. 1, 2016 5:00 pm	Jay Graham James Graham	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Steve Cauley, Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce, Al Hurd
Sunday Oct. 2, 2016 10:00 am	Paul Delmas Ty Teofilo	John McBride Daryl Kirchoff	Peggy Delmas Autumn Bowden	Reggie Stewart, Mike Courtney Mike Marchand, Avis Garrett

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/khmjJLtkcQc>

O. T. XXVI Sunday (Sept 25) Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



Synopsis of OT XXVI Sunday homily (Sept 25) on Lk 16: 19-31

Introduction: The main theme of this Sunday's readings is the warning that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy is a serious sin deserving eternal punishment. Today's readings stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, reminding us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.

Scripture lessons: Amos, in the first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers. The Psalm praises Yahweh, who cares for the poor. In the second reading, Paul admonishes us to "*pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness*" – noble goals in an age of disillusionment – rather than riches. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught.

Life messages: 1) We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. God has blessed each one of us with wealth or health or special talents or social power or political influence or a combination of many

blessings. The parable invites us to share what we have been given with others in various ways instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains.

2) We need to remember that sharing is the criterion of Last Judgment: Matthew (25: 31ff) tells us that all six questions to be asked of each one of us by Jesus when He comes in glory as our judge are based on how we have shared our blessings from him (food, drink, home, mercy and compassion), with others.

3) We need to treat the unborn as our brother/sister, Lazarus. The Lazarus of the 20th century is also our preborn brother and sister. Many of these babies are brutally executed in their mother's wombs. Their cries for a chance to live are rejected 4400 times a day in our country. The rich man was condemned for not treating Lazarus as his brother. We also will be condemned for our selfishness if we do not treat the preborn as our brothers and sisters.

4) Our choices here determine the kind of eternity we will have. It has been put this way: "Where we go hereafter depends on what we go after, here." Where we will arrive depends on what road we travel. We will get what we choose, what we live for. We are shaping our moral character to fit in one of two places.

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

Is there danger in church unity movement or Ecumenism? Ecumenism is applied to what is legitimate and that which is not, in seeking unity in religion. The New and Old Testament prophetic writings--teach us that God intends there to be only one Mediator, and one Church. That Church, in its fullness and perfection, is what we call the Catholic Church. The recent document by the Vatican, approved by the

Jesus" unambiguously affirms Jesus Christ as the one Mediator and the Catholic one true Church. In light of this recent declaration and much else which has been said by the Church and popes, rest assured that the Holy Father is not compromising the Church in ecumenical gestures. However, that is not to say that others who act in the name of the Church are necessarily authentic to a true ecumenism, which does not compromise the integrity of the Faith. Individuals or groups which are not firm in non-negotiable matters of the Faith may compromise such matters, and do more against the integrity of the Faith than they move matters ahead. But we must not allow these to jeopardize what is legitimate. Trust the Pope in the area of ecumenism; the Lord does lead him in a special way. We have confidence that this Holy Father is so solid in his theological thinking and dedication to the Faith established by Jesus Christ that he will not mislead us. A world religion as a result of economies and armies may be in the works and there are signs already of such, but that while there may be a lukewarm or renegade component of Catholics involved in such a project, the Church Herself will not be swept away by a false religion is no doubt true. Catholic

(<http://www.ewtn.com/v/experts/showmessage.asp?number=349558&Pg=&P>)



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.

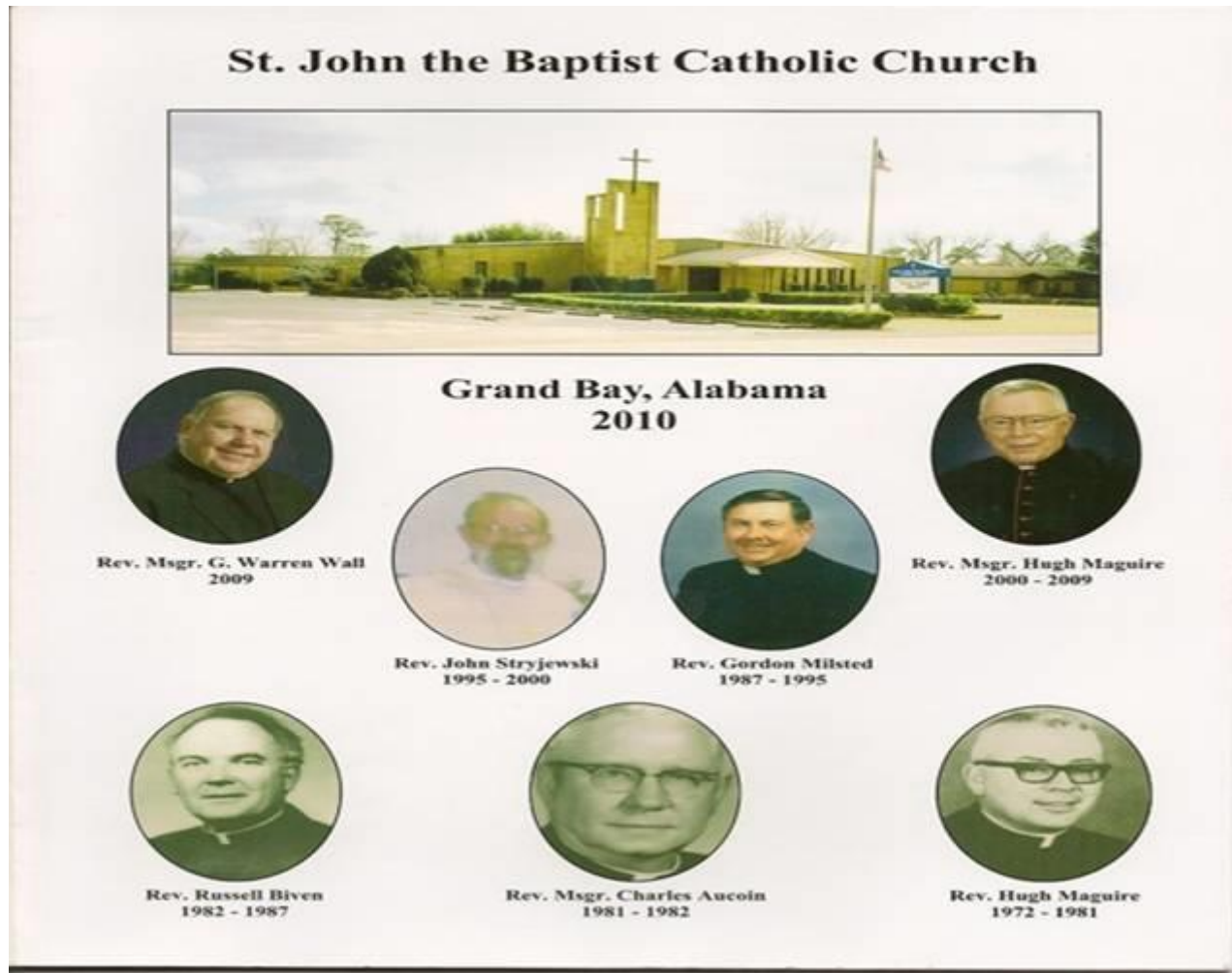
As believers we participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy of the Church and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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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