

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

**St. John's Golden Group**

Est. 1987

"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 11:30: Blessing & Lunch



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### Why Go To Church?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it! If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I cannot remember a single one of them. So, I think I am wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!  
Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!  
IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!  
B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!



## St. John the Baptist Parish

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## September 27, 2020: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON**

Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary

Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper

Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director

Isabella Kotval, Youth Director

### Parish Council

Bill Schaffer

Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson

Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright

Jay Graham

### Finance Council

Paula Dyess

Paulette Cauley

Carol Voss

### MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment

**MATRIMONY:** Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

**ROSARY & ADORATION:** Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

### Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

**Email:** [stjohngrandbay@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngrandbay@gmail.com)

**Mailing Address:** P. O. Box 417, Grand Bay, AL 36541

## WHICH OF THE TWO DID THE FATHER'S WILL?



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### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today's Readings: Ezekiel 18:25–28; Psalm 25:4–9; Philippians 2:1–11**

**[1–5]; Matthew 21:28–32**

### ON CHANGING A TIRE

Years ago, a television commercial showed a man driving his car on a rainy night. The man, who looks as though he's had a rough day and just wants to get home, comes across an elderly couple with a flat tire on the side of the road. The man drives past the disabled car, then stops. He can do the right thing—change the flat tire for the couple—and get drenched in the process, or he can keep on going. The expression on his face sums up his torn feelings. He looks as though he wishes he had not seen the couple at all. But he has seen them, and in the end, he climbs out of his car to help.



*Jimmy Summerlin, Ethel Graham, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Wesley Dixon, Carey Olsen, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloecheiner, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.*

**Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:** Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes,

**Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:** Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

**Known Birthdays for September 2020**

3 <sup>rd</sup> : Joseph Schilling	14 <sup>th</sup> : Ray Coby
4 <sup>th</sup> : Bankston McPhillips	18 <sup>th</sup> : Carole Roberts
6 <sup>th</sup> : Quenten Smith	19 <sup>th</sup> : Tianna McBride
8 <sup>th</sup> : James Medders	19 <sup>th</sup> : Rhonda Cauley
9 <sup>th</sup> : Autumn Bowden	20 <sup>th</sup> : Daniel Bridges
10 <sup>th</sup> : Theresa DeAngelo	20 <sup>th</sup> : Donald Riley
11 <sup>th</sup> : Linda Graham	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Hayden Swinney
13 <sup>th</sup> : Elsa McBride	27 <sup>th</sup> : Susie Smeriglio
13 <sup>th</sup> : Mollee Stringfellow	28 <sup>th</sup> : Hayden Jackson
14 <sup>th</sup> : Adam Jackson	

**Known Anniversaries for September 2020**

6<sup>th</sup>: Becky & Willie Thompson  
 8<sup>th</sup>: Barbara & Stan Heine  
 25<sup>th</sup>: Andrea & Jay Graham

**Upcoming Parish Events**

**Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Pet Blessing (St. Francis Assisi)  
**Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Faith Formation Retreat  
**Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Veterans Day Mass  
**Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Vigil Mass  
**Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Day Mass  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday December 1, 2 & 3:** Advent Retreat & Penance Service

**Mass Intentions:**

**Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions**

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish  
 Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

**Daily Mass intentions**

**Week of Sept 29 thru Oct 2**

Sept 29 & 30 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Edith Tomas and Carol & Terry Roberts

Oct 1 & 2 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Becky & Willie Thompson and Elsa & John McBride

**Week of Oct. 6 thru 9**

Oct. 6, 7, 8 & 9 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Elsa and John McBride.

**Week of Oct. 13 thru 16**

Oct. 13, 14, 15 & 16 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer

**Capital Campaign**

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00  
 Pledged to date \$473,266.00  
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

**Catholic Charities**

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

**Lectors for next weekend, October 3 & 4:**

5.00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 3,  
 10:00 am on Sunday, Oct. 4,

Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

**HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bav Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

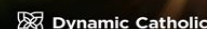
**ON CHANGING THE WORLD**

It is all about choice, isn't it? Generally, we know what is right and what is wrong. We know the virtuous path. The trouble is, the other path is usually the easier and more expedient one, and often, perhaps, it is our first choice. For those of us who struggle with such choices, what a great Gospel reading! And how comforting it is if—as we do our part in building up the reign of God—we can see ourselves more often than not like the first son, the son who said “no” but then “yes!”

Our choices are our own, and the Lord says that we shall live or die by them. Paul counsels us to choose wisely by taking on the values and attitude of Jesus. The prostitutes and the tax collectors? Yes, they made some bad choices. But when John called them to repentance, they changed their attitudes and came running. Not so the chief priests and the elders. If anything, they ran the other way. That man in the commercial did not want to change the tire, but in the end, he did. If ultimately, we say yes to Jesus, we can all change a whole lot more.

**“It is a strange thing, but I have noticed that even a blind man knows when he is in the presence of a great light. The world needs you to be such a light.”**

MATTHEW KELLY  
 Rediscover Catholicism



**Announcements for Week of September 26, 2020**

- 1) New Calendars** – 2021 Calendars are in and on the table in the Church Hall. Please take one for your home.
- 2) Walls Painted** – All paintable walls within the Sanctuary and Nave areas of the church have been painted. We hope this makes for a more pleasant environment.
- 3) The Balance Sheet** for the period ending August 31, 2020 is included in this bulletin. It summary is located at the bottom of the page below these announcements.
- 4) Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>** is Pro-Life Sunday. There will be a rosary at 2 pm and the Sodality will have refreshments after the rosary. Please come and be a part of this very special day and pray the rosary to help make the USA a Pro-Life nation by overturning abortion.
- 5) Pet Blessing** will take place on Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. after the 10 am Mass. Please bring your pets and have them blessed in memory of St. Francis.
- 6) Known Birthdays: 27<sup>th</sup>:** Susie Smeriglio, **28<sup>th</sup>:** Hayden Jackson, **No Known Anniversaries:**

**Stewardship and Capital Campaign**

**General Contributions**

Week of September 13<sup>th</sup>: General Fund: \$1,983.00  
 Catholic University: \$152.00 / Candle \$15.00  
 Building Fund: \$826.00

**Online Contributions – General Fund**

September 2020: \$290.90

**Capital Campaign to date:**

Contributions to date: \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)  
 Parish Distributions to date: \$17,126.22 (20%)

**St. John The Baptist Catholic Church**

**Balance Sheet**

**As of August 31, 2020**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

001; Century Bank Checking	33,221.55
002; Bldg. Fund Century Bank	25,128.80
003; Savings/Catholic Foundation	203,657.00
004; St. John Build/Archdioceses	138,557.14
Youth Fund/Century Bank	<u>1,870.88</u>

Total Checking/Savings 402,435.37

Total Current Assets 402,435.37

**TOTAL ASSETS** 402,435.37

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 402,435.37