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### How Well Do You Know Your Catholic Faith?

**22) What is the effect of Confirmation?** – The effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace for: -- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father" – it unites us more firmly to Christ – it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us – it renders our bond with Christ more perfect – it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross. (CCC 1302 – 1303)

**23) How many times can you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?** – Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness. (CCC1304)

**24) Who can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?** -- Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Since Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist form a unity, it follows that "the faithful are obliged to receive this sacrament at the appropriate time," for without Confirmation and Eucharist, Baptism is certainly valid and valid and efficacious, but Christian initiation remains incomplete. (CCC 1306)

**25) At what age should a baptized person receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?** – For centuries, Latin custom has indicated "the age of discretion" as the reference point for receiving Confirmation. But in danger of death children should be confirmed even if they have not yet attained the age of discretion. Although Confirmation is sometimes called the "sacrament of Christian maturity," we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need "ratification" to become effective. (CCC 1307 -1308)

**26) What should the preparation for Confirmation aim at and what condition should a person be in to receive Confirmation?** – Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit – his actions, his gifts, and his biddings – in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian Life. To receive confirmation one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. (CCC 1309 -1311)



## St. John the Baptist Parish

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### May 31, 2020: Pentecost Sunday

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**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)

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IN ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED  
• INTO ONE BODY •



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**Pentecost**

**Today's Readings:**

**Vigil:** Genesis 11:1–9 or Exodus 19:3–8a, 16–20b or Ezekiel 37:1–14 or Joel 3:1–5; Psalm 104:1–2, 24, 35, 27–30; Romans 8:22–27; John 7:37–39

**Day:** Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; John 20:19–23

**TOO LARGE?**

Several years ago, when I was teaching ninth-graders enrolled in a confirmation preparation program, the students told me that they were really struggling with the whole concept of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we all know, those gifts are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. I told the students that receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit is like receiving a pair of jeans that have a waist and length that are simply too large. Rather than exchanging the jeans, we hold on to them until we grow into them. I shared this with them because I realized that at different times in my own life, I had turned to these gifts to get me through some particularly challenging situations.





Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Rita Sullivan, Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, 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 Bailev.

**Known Birthdays for May 2020**

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> : Marie Murray     | 19 <sup>th</sup> : Jacqueline Poiroux |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> : Caitlyn Kirchoff | 20 <sup>th</sup> : Alice Ramsay       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> : Jacob Swinney    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Willie Thompson    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> : Jack Wright      | 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Trevor Fonteot     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> : Betty Cauley    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Jaxon McCall       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> : Shawn Bourgeois | 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Elizabeth Swinney  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> : Lee Taylor      | 25 <sup>th</sup> : Catherine Scott    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> : Betty Pierce    | 26 <sup>th</sup> : Ethan Waters       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> : Paul Pigorsch   | 27 <sup>th</sup> : Gregory Taylor     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> : Bryce Baggett   | 27 <sup>th</sup> : Tom DeAngelo       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> : John McBride    | 30 <sup>th</sup> : Mark Voss          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> : Timothy Ray     |                                       |

**Known Anniversaries for June 2020**

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Marcie & Thomas McPhillips  
 8<sup>th</sup>: Ramona & Howell Murray, Deacon Graham's Ordination  
 10<sup>th</sup>: Jackie & Jason Poiroux  
 15<sup>th</sup>: Caroline & Tim Moser and Dana & Carey Olsen  
 19<sup>th</sup>: Peggy & David Delmas  
 20<sup>th</sup>: Poullette & Ron Cauley  
 22<sup>nd</sup>: Laura & Larry Davis  
 25<sup>th</sup>: Lynda and Louis Jones

**Upcoming Parish Events**

- Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Mass at 8:00 am.  
**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>:** Mass at 5:00 pm.  
**Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Healing Mass (Nativity of St. John the Baptist).  
**Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>:** All written material that will complete the study portion of the Confirmation class are due to Deacon Graham.  
**Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>:** Faith Formation Retreat

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions**

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish  
 Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

**Daily Mass intentions**

**Week of June 2- 5**

June 2, 3, 4 & 5 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Deceased relatives/friends of Doris Sema and Imelda Naraval.

**Week of June 9 - 12**

June 9, 10, 11 & 12 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Faustino Pidlaoan, Elena Pidlaoan, Manuela Liquiran and Domingo Liquiran by Edith Tomas.

**Week of June 16 – 19**

June 16, 17, 18 & 19 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/ friends of Johnnie and Carol Tate.

**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, June 6 & 7:**

5:00 pm on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> is Colleen Gray  
 9:30 am on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is Andrea Graham  
 11:00 am on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is Jay Graham

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 at 400 Government Street and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

**NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay 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.

**DRAW STRENGTH FROM THE GIFTS**

Everyone who has been confirmed has received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Too often these gifts lie dormant. Can we even imagine what the world would look like if we shook off our stupor and awoke to the reality of these gifts? Take a moment to reflect on each of them. Every one of us, at some time or another, needs to put into practice one of these gifts. When faced with a difficult decision, draw strength from the gifts of wisdom, understanding, and counsel. When striving to overcome addictive behavior or when working through a difficult marriage issue, draw strength from the gift of fortitude. When asked about your faith, don't be afraid to turn to the Spirit's gift of knowledge. Draw strength from the gifts of piety and fear of the Lord as you nurture your faith life through prayer. Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognize the fact that God has generously poured forth the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Let's not forget the tremendous potential of the gifts of God's Spirit.



**Announcements for Week of May 30, 2020**

- The Parish stewardship** for the Ascension Sunday, May 24, 2020 was \$1,656.00 from the collections and mail in. Online donations was &270.00
- Anyone in the parish** who is willing to lector please text Carol Voss at 262-902-4709 and she will be glad to add you to the schedule.
- On-Line Giving:** Again, we would like to remind everyone that we now have on-line giving through our website, [stjohngrandbay.org](http://stjohngrandbay.org).
- Known Birthdays:** 4<sup>th</sup>: Marie Murray, 5<sup>th</sup>: Caitlyn Kirchoff, **Known Anniversaries:** 5<sup>th</sup>: Marcie & Thomas McPhillips

**Stewardship for May 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Regular: \$1,656.00  
 Online: \$270.00



The above billboard is on Interstate 10 between mile markers 18 & 19. This billboard was gifted to Alabama Citizens for Life-Mobile by the St. James Pro-Life Billboard Initiative of Gulfport, MS.

One of the active 40 Days for Life members is working on keeping this pro-Life billboard in the public eye in the Mobile area. We are being asked to send this out to see if anyone can pitch in to help defray the cost of keeping this billboard up for as long as possible. Not only are they hoping to keep this billboard up, but they are hoping that the response will be enough to enable them to put up others in the Mobile area. You can mail a check made out to ACL-Mobile Education Fund with "Billboard" on the "FOR" line to PO Box 8829, Mobile, AL 36689.

ACL-Mobile Education Fund is a 501(c)3, so all donations are tax deductible. If you can't donate we ask for your prays. Thanks and God Bless you!