



April 16, 2023

Sunday of Divine Mercy



Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am Mass

Weekday Schedule

Monday 12:05 pm

Wednesday 12:05pm

Thursday (Vespers after) 5:15 pm

Friday (at Maison Teche) 9:30am

1st Friday (at Church) 12:05 pm

Saturday after 1st Friday 8:30 am

Confessions

30 minutes before weekend Masses

15 minutes before weekday Masses

Or by appointment

Fr. Alexander Albert - Pastor

Ursula Gouner - Secretary

Becki Landry - Director of
Discipleship and Evangelization

Office Hours*

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 8:00 am-Noon

Wed: 8:00 am-Noon, 1:00-5:00 pm

*Fr. Albert takes appointments outside
office hours. Please call to schedule.

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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: April 16

Church - Sophie Degraeville (19th Ann)
Chapel – M/M John Falterman and Family



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Mrs. Cynthia Grace Sedotal

Wednesday Adoration & Benediction

Join us for adoration in the Church every Wednesday. Exposition starts at 12:30 and goes to 6:30pm. Benediction at 6:20.



Men's Rosary

A group of men pray the rosary together in the chapel every Saturday at 6am. All men are encouraged to attend!

Pray for our Military

Brett Amedee, Barry Clements, Matthew Gottschalk, Kenneth Lancon, Bernard LeBlanc, Jacob LeJeune, Lieutenant Colonel James S. Long, II, Ross Mata, Andrew Meyer, Alden Milar, Fernand Paul Muffoletto, Blake Prados, Michael Prados, Sherel Sinitiere, II, Travis Theriot; Jennifer Thibodeaux, Reece Vice

Sacraments

- **Baptisms** are celebrated as needed. Registration and class attendance are required; please call the parish office.

- **Weddings**, please contact us at least 7 months before your desired date. Visit the website www.stjohnjeanerette.org/getting-married-at-st-john to see the process.

- **Anointing of the Sick** is given by request to those who are "in danger of death." This can be from age, injury, or illness. Please don't wait until the last minute! Call as soon as you receive a serious diagnosis. For emergencies, call the office and press '1' when prompted.

Mass Intentions

Mon, April 17 :

Wed, April 19 12:05pm: Johnnie Leblanc

Also remembered in prayer: M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph)

Thurs, April 20 5:15 pm: M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph)

Also remembered in prayer: Judy Lapeyrouse; Betty kern, Eddie/Rona Kern

Fri, April 21 9:30am (Maison Teche): Steve /Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer: Sophie Degraeville (19th Ann)

Sat, April 22 4:00 pm: Rosalie Lejeune

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Dianne/Karey Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Myers; George Cassara, Alice/Harold LeJeune, Leonard Boudreaux; Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry, LJ, Neta & Shirley, M/M John A Switzer; Anthony O'Donnell; M/M Raymond Guillotte, Eva Guillotte, M/M Wilton Leblanc, Mr. Harold Naquin, M/M Dolsey Guillotte, Amos/Beverly Landry; Dave/Irene/ Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora (Ann.) Warf;

Sun, April 23 9:00 am Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)

Also remembered in prayer: Brent Breaux, Gordon/ Titus Landry, Danny Bayard; Scott Lancon, Joyce May; Leona/ Ben/Ory Savoie; Glen Pirnie; Eric (Alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, M/M Erwin Pirnie (His Ann.), Sr., Bub Pirnie; Roselyn "Butsy" Boudreaux; Walter/Mark Robin; Bertha/Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Judy Lapeyrouse; Burke Larroque; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Caroline/Anna Prestel; Lydia Leroy Gary; Douglas Robichaux Sr.; Neuville/Keith/ Mark Sonnier; Dora Warf (BD); Carol Gravois; Cynthia Schexnayder; Rose Mary Delaune; Clements, Troups, Rogers Family; M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph)

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Mysterium Fidei

Note: This is not the homily. That can be found on our website.



In 1965, the Second Vatican Council was just about to wrap up. Although the official teachings of the council in no way supported this, a growing number of theologians started to spread ideas about the Church changing her teaching. They downplayed various devotions and called into question settled teachings about morality and the sacraments. With “serious pastoral concern and anxiety,” Pope St. Paul VI issued this letter **Mysterium Fidei** (translated “The Mystery of Faith”) to address in particular how this was affecting belief in the Eucharist and the Mass. In particular, there are three false ideas he addresses here: that Masses celebrated in private are somehow no longer acceptable, that transubstantiation is no longer the teaching of the Church, and that Eucharistic devotions like adoration and processions are no longer allowed.

The first issue comes from an emphasis on the communal nature of the Mass. Every Mass is a public act of the Church and is meant to manifest the greater unity of the Church. This is true. In order to emphasize this, however, some theologians started to argue that this was the *only* thing that mattered in a Mass. They suggested that if there weren’t enough people there, then it wouldn’t be a real Mass. Whether or not there are a lot of people present, *every Mass is public* because every Mass is an act of the Church and of Jesus Christ. Even when a priest celebrates the Mass with no one else present, he is acting *in persona Christi* (“in the person of Christ”) as well as *in persona Ecclesiae* (“in the person of the Church”).

This is why Pope St. Paul VI strongly condemns **rationalism**, which is a belief system that rejects the supernatural. Rationalists argue that the Mass’ only effect is symbolic and so, if no one sees the Mass, then no one benefits from it. The pope reminds us that we do believe in spiritual realities and so emphasizes the objective and *sacramental* nature of the Mass. A person does not need to hear you pray for them for your prayers to benefit them. In the same way, a Mass - even when celebrated by the priest alone - benefits the whole Church *every time it is celebrated*. The Mass has power *in itself* and does not need people to witness it in order for it to have an effect. So, while it is always preferable for a priest to have at least some other people present for a Mass, he is allowed and even encouraged to celebrate a Mass privately when it is not possible to have a congregation. This practice benefits both the priest and the whole Church, which is why the pope “recommend[s] to priests... that they worthily and devoutly offer Mass each day.”

Connected to this is our firm belief in the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**, body, blood, soul, and divinity. Some teachers were emphasizing that God is present everywhere and that Jesus said “where two or three gather in my name, I am there among them.” Those two things are true, but unfortunately, some used this to downplay the Eucharist as if it was nothing more than a symbolic representation of God’s presence everywhere. Citing a bunch of saints and older Church documents, the pope makes it clear that the Eucharist is in fact a different kind of presence. Yes, God is present everywhere. Yes, Jesus can be spiritual present wherever he wishes. But, Jesus’ presence everywhere is through his *Divine* nature. Only in the Eucharist is Jesus’ *Humanity* also present. The pope even uses the words “physical reality” to describe this. The Eucharist is not just a symbol of Jesus’ presence, it *is* Him present in a way that he is not present anywhere else. The Church uses the word **transubstantiation** to explain this. After consecration, the bread and wine *are no longer there*. Their “substance” - their reality - has been replaced with the substantial and real existence of Jesus. It only *looks like* bread and wine. This is something that can only be known by faith, though on rare occasion a Eucharistic miracle does help to confirm it for us in a visible way.

The last point flows from this. Those same theologians and teachers argued that since the Eucharist was primarily a symbol of community, there was no justification for Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, Procession, and Benediction. They focused on the meal and said things like “it’s meant to be eaten, not looked at.” To put it bluntly, they were (and still are) wrong. Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, so where the Eucharist is, we are right to adore him. So long as the guidance of the Church’s liturgy is followed, we are not only allowed but in fact *encouraged* to spend time in the presence of the Eucharist. Jesus really rose from the dead. He really is there in the Eucharist. Why wouldn’t we spend time with him?



Weekly Bible Study

We have three options for bible study every week in the Parish Hall: 6pm Monday, 6pm Tuesday or 9:30am & 1:30pm Thursday. Feel free to drop in

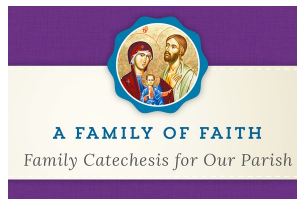
Free Online Faith Formation

You can study the faith on your own at home using [Formed.org](https://formed.org). Just click "I belong to a parish or organization" and use our zip code to register for free.



National Eucharistic Revival Ongoing!

Check out EucharisticRevival.org to learn more about the ongoing effort to renew devotion in our country and to get involved!



Community Life



Catholic Daughters

If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. The next meeting is May 8th.



Join the Knights!

If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. Next Meeting April 10th.

Disch-De Clouet Social Service Center

Envelopes for the Disch-De Clouet Social Service's Annual Campaign can be found at all entrances of the Church

Upcoming Catechism Events

- * Our next family night will be Wednesday, April 19
- * 1st Communion and Confirmation Class meet April 23rd and 30th after the 9am Mass
- * 1st Communion Mass and Parish Picnic are May 7 at 9am

"180" - Youth Group

We are planning a summer hiking trip for a Friday in June. All children able to hike and their parents are encouraged to attend.

If you have opinions on when to schedule it, please speak with Fr. Albert or Becki.



Catholic Daughters Annual Fundraiser April 23rd, 2023

Bar-B-Que Sausage Po-Boy, Chips & Cold Drink
Pick up from 11:00am—1:00pm at Parish Hall
Pastries will be sold on site
Tickets can be purchased in the back of Church after all Masses Starting Easter Sunday



Outreach & Evangelization

Food Pantry



This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Rice

Poor Box

Poor box funds are used primarily to help elderly residents in the Jeanerette area. Thank you for your generosity!



Carrying on the Sisters' Legacy

As I announced a few weeks ago, the Sisters of the Heart of Jesus - Sr. Mary Magdalene and Sr. Mary Peter - are moving to a new parish and location to expand their ministry. We are grateful to them for their prayers, their presence, and the many ways they served our community.

Among their many works were the **Christmas Day Lunch giveaway**, supporting the **local food bank**, and helping with **Thursday evening vespers**. I want to carry on all of these and so am asking for volunteers or groups of volunteers to take on each of these efforts and carry them forward. Please speak with Fr. Albert if you're able and willing to help build on this wonderful legacy!

Stewardship: *Managing God's Gifts to Us*

If you give WEEKLY to the church

Income Level			Percentage of giving for each income level												
Weekly Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%	
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$24	\$30	
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$3	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$15	\$18	\$21	\$24	\$27	\$30	\$36	\$45	
\$400	\$1,733	\$20,800	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$36	\$40	\$48	\$60	
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$60	\$75	
\$600	\$2,600	\$31,200	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$30	\$36	\$42	\$48	\$54	\$60	\$72	\$90	
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Office Closed Mon & Tue April 10 & 11

Collections:

Due To the Holiday, collections will be posted at a later Date

Second Collections

April 16 th: Bishop Service Appeal

April 23rd: Catholic Homes Mission Appeal

April 30th: Insurance Fund

You can give online!

Visit stjohnjeanerette.org/online-giving to sign up. You can also find information on the website about using an app to give via your smart phone.



For Sale in Parish Office

Case of Candles—————42.00

Individual Candles—————4.00

Holy Water Bottles—————1.00

Personal Hearing Assistance Device —120.00
(connects directly to our sound system)

Job Openings:

Maintenance: part time care of grounds and facilities
Cantor/Musician: Sat 4pm; Occasional sub for Sun 9am

Call the office for more information.

