



April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter



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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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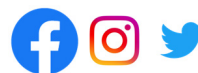
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: April 23

Church - Douglas Robichaux Sr.
Chapel - Glen Pirnie



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Mrs. Elsie Bouton Jumonville

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 24 12:05pm: Burke Larroque

Wed, April 26 12:05pm: Johnnie Leblanc

Also remembered in prayer: M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph), Louise/O'Neil/Dalton/Gaynell Sonnier, Edith Dubois, Wilber "Spic"/Mickey/Kayleb Leblanc, Elise Aucoin (Birthday)

Thurs, April 27 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; Rolando V/Blanca/Roe Bastanzuri

Fri, April 28 9:30am (Maison Teche): Steve/Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer: Rita/Everette Jr./Everette III Gouner, Simon Becnel

Sat, April 29 4:00 pm: Joe Harris & Family

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; 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; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; Rose Mary Delaune; Rosalie LeJeune; Alice/Harold LeJeune (Her Ann), Leonard Boudreaux, George Cassara

Sun, April 30 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; Clements, Touns, Rogers Family; M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph), Helen/Michael Storzik; Earl Sr./Earl Jr./Marie L. Weber

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Sacerdotalis Caelibatus

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



In 1967, the Church and the world were still trying to figure out just what was said at the **Second Vatican Council**. While the actual documents and teachings at the council had nothing wrong with them, there was in the culture this idea of the “**The Spirit of Vatican II**,” which a lot of ideologically motivated people were using to get away with changing things that were in fact *not* changed by the council. Connected to this “spirit,” was a growing movement of people arguing that priestly celibacy should no longer be required by the Latin (aka Roman) Rite of the Catholic Church. Some even claimed that the Church was being evil, backwards, and oppressive by requiring it. You may recognize that these ideas and arguments are still out there and every now and then gain some public notice even today. Sadly, during the 60s and 70s, there were many men in the seminary and early priesthood who started to assume that the Church would not only get rid of the requirement, but allow already ordained priests to get married - something that has never been done even when married men were sometimes allowed to become priests. This was a dangerous false expectation. If a man becomes a priest *expecting* to one day get married, he’ll only end up disillusioned and despondent when that doesn’t come true - kinda like when two people get married *expecting* their spouse to one day get rich. It’s just not healthy. Sadly, there are many priests who fell into this false idea, ended up in despair, and left the priesthood.

Recognizing these trends and the danger of false expectations, Pope St. Paul VI issued **Sacerdotalis Caelibatus** (“On Priestly Celibacy”) on **June 24, 1967** (The Feast of St. John the Baptist). In it, he addressed different arguments and then reaffirms the ancient practice as the standard for Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. Those arguments are: changed historical circumstances, a possible conflict for those called to priesthood but who not have the charism of celibacy, a possible solution to the priest shortage, a claim that married priests would be more faithful, and a claim that celibacy is unnatural and therefor harmful. In response, the pope sets “forth anew... the fundamental reasons for sacred celibacy.”

Pope Paul VI does acknowledge that a married priesthood has existed in the past and still exists in the Eastern Catholic Churches. Still, the witness of the Latin Rite’s practice is a powerful testament to the *specifically Christian* way of viewing eternal life where we “neither marry nor are given in marriage” (Matt 22:30). He explains that “matrimony, according to the will of God, continues the work of the first creation” and that Jesus’ own example of celibacy indicates the way in which it points to the *new* creation. As ministers of that new creation, priests are strengthened in their witness to it by celibacy. It allows for a total and exclusive dedication to Christ and His mission and is a sign to others of Christ’s total love for them. As a representative of Christ, it is fitting that a priest should resemble the way Christ lived.

Notice that the pope doesn’t start with the practical arguments, but jumps to the most important reason: imitation of and witness to Christ. *This* is and has always been the primary reason. Because the fact of Christ’s own celibacy is unchangeable historical fact, the most important argument in favor of celibacy will never change. The Church will always preserve celibacy in some form and, with each century that passes, it is increasingly unlikely that She will *reduce* that witness even if She theoretically has the ability to do so.

After presenting the core reason for priestly celibacy - Jesus’ example, witness to the kingdom, exclusive availability to ministry - *then* he addresses some of the so-called practical arguments. Historical change? Part of the point is that the Church remains constant in a changing world. Separate Charism? God grants the grace to do what he commands and what the Church commands *is* what God commands (cf. Matt 16:19). More fidelity? Married priests, like all men are just as capable of being unfaithful as unmarried ones. Unnatural? That’s simply not true as the witness of many healthy single people proves. All of the difficulties of celibacy should be acknowledged, but the solution is adequate formation and discernment, not simply removing the challenge. Part of the point of the priesthood is the cross of self-denial. So, rather than undermining this particular example of self-denial, the Church affirms it and prays for the grace to carry the cross. While there are and always be exceptions - some married men are made priests on an individual basis - they remain exceptions. The witness and openness to grace provided by celibacy is so great that it will remain the standard. I, for one, am glad it will. Celibacy is a cross, but also a gift and one the Church rightly continues to give.



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. 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!



Upcoming Catechism Events

- * 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
- * Confirmation Retreat and rehearsal is May 13 at 9am in the Church



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 May 10th.



"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 This Weekend

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	
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Collections: Easter Week & 16th

General Collection: 11,326.00

2nd Collection: 3109.71

Holy Land: 526.71

BSA: 576.25

Second Collections

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.

