



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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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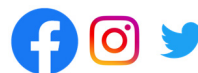
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: March 19th

Church - Suzanne De Gravelle (17 Ann)

Chapel – Steve/Chris Gauthier



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

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!

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday at 6:30pm - adoration until midnight

Good Friday at 3:00pm - adoration of the cross til 10pm

Easter Vigil Sat 8:00pm - light refreshments after

Divine Mercy Novena and Holy Hour

The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday. All people are encouraged to pray this novena each day for the intention of conversion in our community.

On **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16**, we will have a special **Holy Hour starting at 2pm**, concluding with **Benediction at 3pm**, the hour of Divine Mercy. Please plan to attend

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 3 12:05pm: : *Beulah (Ann 4/7)/Justin Larive, Larive Family.*

Also remember in prayer: Special Intention

Wed, April 5 12:05 12:05pm: *Norton /Claire Garcia*

Also remembered in prayer: Charles Pitre, Jr.

Holy Thursday, April 6 6:30 pm: *Johnnie LeBlanc*

Also remembered in prayer: Suzanne De Gravelle (17th Ann) ; Barbara/Steve Landry, Dugal Carruthers; Judy Lapeyrouse; Edres Blanchard

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Not a Mass, so no intentions taken) 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 8 8:00 pm Easter Vigil: *New Catholics Braitlyn and Mallorie*

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, Carol Gravois, Cynthia Schexnayder; Neuville/Keith/Mark (63rd BD) Sonnier; Sunny/Sylvia/Clarence Guardia, Joseph/Jules Songne, Della/Lloyd Amy, Guardia/Songne Families; Rose Mary Delaune; Anthony O'Donnell, Joe Anne Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Meyers; Betty/Bary Dupre; Steven Blanchard; M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry, LJ/Neta/Shirley, M/M John A Switzer; Lucille Alleman, Brenda Migues, Gaston/Hortense Bouton

Sun, April 9 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, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Roselyn "Butsy" Boudreaux; Walter/Mark Robin; Bertha/Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, Judy Lapeyrouse; Beatrice Hayes; Burke Larroque; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Caroline/Anna Prestel; Lydia Leroy Gary; Fr. Peter Rogers; Able/Pat Trimble; Barbara/Steve Landry, Dugal Carruthers, Clement, Troups, Rogers Fly; Douglas Robichaux Sr.; Whitey/Mildred B. Hebert, Arleen H Guillot, Ray B. Fletcher; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh Sr.; Winnie/Janet Landry; Mike Brignac; Don/Gloria/Donna Bishop, Marsha Pugh, Gene Migues Sr.; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Holy Week

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



Today (Palm Sunday) begins the holiest week of the year, fittingly called Holy Week. While our culture tends to emphasize Christmas, we know that it is this week which even makes Christmas so great. Jesus was born, God became Man precisely so that he could offer himself up as a perfect sacrifice of love to atone for our sins and open the way to heaven. So, even if you've failed miserably at your Lenten penances, keep at it and offer your best this week, building up to Good Friday, which is a required day of fasting and abstinence for everyone between 18 and 65 years old. Offer some sacrifice each day. Also, join us on **Tuesday, April 4th for the 4th Cup seder meal** to prepare us to better understand Holy Thursday. Make Wednesday extra penitential because that is the day of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, called **Spy Wednesday**. It's why in the ancient church and in some places today, people fast and sacrifice on every Wednesday of the year in addition to every Friday. So, if you can, make this Wednesday appropriately penitential. Then, take Holy Thursday to relax a little and refresh before diving even deeper into the somber sacrifice of Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

I say to relax on Holy Thursday because, technically, Lent ends on Holy Thursday. Thursday evening begins the special time known as the **Paschal Triduum** ("Paschal" is the word for "Easter" in the rest of the world). There's almost a gap between the two because of what happens on Holy Thursday morning. Each year, all the priests in a diocese are supposed to travel to the Cathedral to concelebrate the **Chrism Mass** with the Bishop. Lay people are welcome and encouraged to attend as well, though seating is pretty tight. This is the Mass where we bless the holy oils we use throughout the year: Oil of the Sick for Anointings, Oil of Catechumens for those entering the Church, and the Chrism for Baptisms, Confirmations, and Ordinations. It's also the Mass where priests renew their priestly promises. Although not technically the end of Lent, the Chrism Mass is a festive event and does include singing the Gloria, which we don't normally sing during Lent. So, I personally like to relax *some* of my Lenten penance and make Holy Thursday more celebratory. It's not Easter, so I don't go all out, but it's still a joyful moment before the deep dive of Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Whatever you do, I **highly encourage** everyone to attend our Holy Thursday **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30pm**, where we celebrate the first institution of the Eucharist. It's also when we commemorate Christ washing his Apostles' feet. At the end of Mass, the Eucharist is brought to a different place (where we normally have the Mary statue) and people are encouraged to join Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he prayed before his passion. The Church will remain open until Midnight for this adoration. Try to spend some time there that evening. Recall Jesus' words to his Apostles that night: "Could you not keep watch one hour with me?" (Matt 26:40)

The next day, please plan to attend **Our Good Friday Celebration of the Passion at 3:00pm**, where we enter into the Lord's passion, pray for the world, and venerate a relic of the True Cross. Afterwards, the Church will remain open until 10pm for people to pray before and venerate the relic of the True Cross. I'd also like to point out that Friday is the day to start the **Divine Mercy Novena**, which ends on Divine Mercy Sunday the next week. I highly encourage you to pray this novena for conversion in our community or your own intentions. Copies will be in the Church.

Holy Saturday is all too often overlooked. It is considered a day of great silence, when Christ lay dead in the tomb. I urge you to try to avoid skipping over this important moment in the spiritual journey of the year. If possible, maintain a penitential attitude. You aren't required to fast, but I would encourage it or some other sacrifice. Look for opportunities to spend extra time in silent prayer, reflecting on what it must have been like for Jesus' followers to spend a whole day thinking him dead and gone. Then, **please attend our Easter Vigil at 8pm**, where we rejoice in the light of Christ's resurrection, receive new believers into the Catholic Church, renew our own Baptismal promises, and of course celebrate the Eucharist in thanksgiving for victory over death. It's longer than a normal Mass, but absolutely packed with great and beautiful things so that it really doesn't seem long. I plan to have some light refreshments available after that Mass, so you can look forward to finally closing out your fast and entering fully into the joy of the Easter season. Speaking of which, Easter is so great that the entire week after is considered one long spiritual festival. So, make plans to host a party or two somewhere in that week to make the Church's calendar - and Christ's life - a more tangible part of your own life.



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!



Community Life



Catholic Daughters

If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. April 10th

Join the Knights!

If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. Next Meeting April 12th.



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

"180" - Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting is Wednesday, Apr 12. It starts in the Church with adoration and continues in the hall. All children 8th grade and up are encouraged to attend.



Upcoming Catechism Events

- * Whole Family Catechism meets next on April 16 after the 9am Mass
- * Next family night will be Wednesday, April 19
- * 1st Communion and Confirmation Class meet April 23rd and 30th after the 9am Mass

THE 4TH CUP & LAMB OF GOD



www.the4thcup.com

Presentation and Seder Meal

April 4th, 6 PM

In the Parish Hall

Join us and learn more about the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist through experiencing a traditional Jewish Seder (Passover) Meal. Find out why Jesus did not drink the 4th cup of wine during the Passover meal, then led His Apostles out to the Garden of Gethsemane. Learn just how Jesus fulfills the Passover meal in His own Body and Institutes the New Covenant in His Blood for all Time and Eternity.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Outreach & Evangelization

Food Pantry



This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Beans

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	
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Collections:

March 25/26

General Collection: \$ 2922.00

Insurance Fund: \$ 1477.00

Tithe.ly: \$157.44

Second Collections

April 2nd: Maintenance Fund

April 7th: Holy Land

April 9th: Easter

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.

