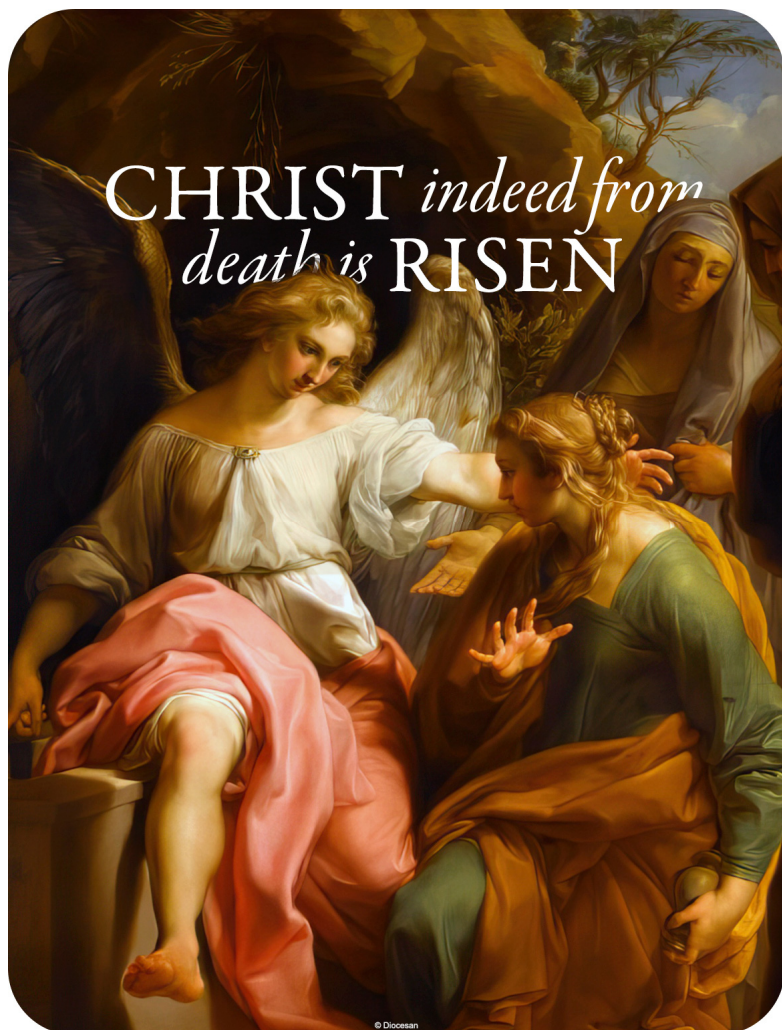




April 9, 2023

Easter



### 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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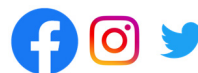
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# Spiritual Life & Worship

## Sanctuary Lights: April 9

Church - Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Myers, M/M  
Berwick Lejeune Sr.  
Chapel – Steve/Chris Gauthier



## Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Lorena Verret, Gaynell Sonnier

## 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](http://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 10 No Mass:**

**Wed, April 12 12:05pm: Jimmy Derise (5th Ann.)**

Also remembered in prayer:

**Thurs, April 13 5:15 pm: Johnnie LeBlanc**

Also remembered in prayer: Judy Lapeyrouse; Rose Mary Delaune

**Fri, April 14 9:30am (Maison Teche): Steve/Chris Gauthier**

**Sat, April 15 4:00 pm: Mr. Joe Harris (1st Ann)**

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; Cynthia Schexnayder; Neuville/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Rosalie Lejeune; 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

**Sun, April 16 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, M/M Whitney Hebert; Judy Lapeyrouse; Beatrice Hayes; Burke Larroque; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Caroline/Anna Prestel; Lydia Leroy Gary; Douglas Robichaux Sr.; Whitey/Mildred B. Hebert, Arleen H Guillot, Ray B. Fletcher; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; Sonny, Sylvia/Clarence Guardia Sr., Joseph/Jules Songne, Della/Lloyd Amy, Guardia & Songne Fly's; Earl Weber Sr./Earl Weber Jr., Marie L. Weber

# Formation & Education

## Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

## Divine Mercy

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



In the 1930s in Poland, a young nun named Faustina began to receive extraordinary messages from Jesus. He asked her to record them in a book that is today known as *The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. It covers many things, but perhaps the most famous is the message of divine mercy, the Image of Divine Mercy, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy that is based upon it.

The message is pretty straightforward: God loves us and He wants us to understand that His mercy is greater than our sins. By accepting His mercy, we can discover freedom and joy. The way to do this is simple: Ask for His Mercy, Be Merciful, and trust in Jesus completely.

To help with taking this message to heart, Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to have an image painted with the signature "Jesus, I Trust in You." Hiring an artist and describing the image, Sr. Faustina found it difficult to be satisfied with the outcome. She had him redo it several times, usually because the face was not quite right. She was never fully satisfied with the outcome (pictured here), but there remains several key features.

The red and white light symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side on the cross - a sign of the Sacraments which allow us to access God's mercy. The right hand gives a blessing while the left exposes the Heart that loves us so dearly. The face, despite Sr. Faustina's satisfaction, actually matches the facial structure of what we see on the Shroud of Turin. Notice in particular the eyes. They are looking down. This is the kind of facial expression you would use when approaching a hurt person or animal in order to appear non-threatening. Since the point of the message is mercy, the image is designed to be as palatable as possible to someone who is frightened of Jesus. A direct stare can come across as judgmental and cause someone to turn away. I personally prefer this original version to the versions with a direct stare. Of course, Jesus himself told Faustina not to fret over the image too much because the picture isn't what matters, but God's grace. Regardless of which version you prefer, so long as the basics are there (Jesus, the rays, the written message), then it is not worth fighting about.



Jesus also gave Sr. Faustina the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as a simple devotional practice to promote Divine Mercy. Usually taking around 5 minutes, it is a repeated plea for mercy coupled with exclamations of trust. Though simple, it is a great way to habituate oneself to the practice of trusting in God's mercy. It's also a great ecumenical prayer. Most protestants who wouldn't be willing to try the rosary find that the simple focus on mercy of this prayer is approachable for them. Connected to this chaplet in particular and to the whole devotion is the idea of Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday after Easter (called the 2nd Sunday of Easter) always has the Gospel where Jesus gives the Apostles the authority to forgive sins. So, it eventually came to be called Divine Mercy Sunday. When combined with the ancient practice of praying novenas, this works out brilliantly because for a Novena to end on Divine Mercy Sunday, you'd start on Good Friday! In addition, our Lord promised that those who devoutly prayed this novena would receive an abundance of grace as well as the same benefits of a plenary indulgence.

If you missed the start of the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, then don't fret. It's not too late to join in! The details of how to pray it can be found here: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> and there are still copies printed out and in the Church. You can just pray first two or three together on the first day. I myself have had great success in praying this novena for the conversion of loved ones and in using it to deepen my own trust in Jesus Christ. Whether you pray the novena or not, please take to heart the message. Also, please join us Next Sunday at 2pm for a Holy Hour consisting of a adoration, confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.





### 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](https://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 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

### 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

### "180" - Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting is Wednesday, April 12. It starts in the Church with adoration and will meet in the office this time. All children 8th grade and up are encouraged to attend.



### Catholic Daughters Annual Fundraiser April 23rd, 2023

Bar-B-Que Sausage Po-Boy, Chips & Cold Drink  
Pick up from 11:00am—1:00pm  
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			
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\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$60	\$75			
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\$800	\$3,467	\$41,600	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$56	\$64	\$72	\$80	\$96	\$120			
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## 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)

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](http://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.

## 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.



