



April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of 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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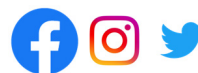
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: April 30

Church - M/M Moise Breaux

Chapel – Steve/Chris Gautier



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!

1st Friday/1st Saturday this week

- + 40 Hours Devotion in the chapel after the 5:15pm Mass on Thursday until 8:00am Saturday
- + First Friday Mass at 12:05 in the church
- + First Saturday Mass at 8:30am in the church

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. Call the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor before selecting your godparents.

- **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, May 1 12:05pm: *M/M John Falterman & Family*

Also remember in prayer: Special Intention (In honor of St. Joseph), Mark Merchant (Birthday), Preval (Ann.) & Marie Landry

Wed, May 3 12:05pm: *Johnnie Leblanc*

Also remembered in prayer: Elsie Jumonville

Thurs, May 4 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, May 5 9:30am (Maison Teche): *Steve/Chris Gauthier*

Also remembered in prayer:

Fri, May 5 12:05pm (Church): *M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph)*

Sat, May 6 8:30 am: *M/M Moise Breaux*

Sat, May 6 4:00 pm: *Joe Harris (Birthday 5/8) & Family, Freddie Miques (4th 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; 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; Rosalie LeJeune; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh Sr.; Donna Bishop, Deacon Douglas/Dolores Hebert; Harold LeJeune (30th Ann); Dewey Billodeau (1st Ann)

Sun, May 7 9:00 am – 1st Communion and May

Crowning: 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; Burke Larroque; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Caroline/Anna Prestel; Lydia Leroy Gary; Douglas Robichaux Sr.; Neuville/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Carol Gravois; Cynthia Schexnayder; Winnie/Janet Landry; Myrtle Landry Grisiaffi (Ann.); Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; Clements, Troups & Rogers Families

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Humanae Vitae I

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



Perhaps the one document Pope St. Paul VI is most known for is the encyclical **Humanae Vitae** (“Of Human Life”) written in July of 1968. The reason it was written was to address the morality of using artificial contraception. Prior to the invention of the birth control pill, contraception was an unreliable practice. It was also considered sinful by almost every Christian denomination. In ancient times, contraception was often associated with some kind of sorcery or alchemy and so generally was condemned in the same way by Christians. Indeed, St. Paul’s warning in Galatians 5:20 against “sorcery” comes from the Greek word *pharmakeia*, which you might recognize as being similar to the word “pharmacy.” Those words are related, but not identical. Medicine is not evil, but *pharmakeia* had a more connection to the practice making supposedly magic potions designed to prevent pregnancy. In the early 1900s, however, more and more Christian denominations began to change their stance. Thinking that contraception was now considered “medicine” rather than “sorcery,” almost every denomination besides Catholicism started to teach that artificial contraception used within marriage was an acceptable practice. Pope Pius XI had reaffirmed the Catholic Church’s traditional teaching against birth control in 1930 after the Anglican’s changed their teaching.

With the creation of the Oral Birth Control pill (1960), cultural attitudes towards sexuality shifted even more rapidly. It is no coincidence that the sexual revolution happened in the 60s. With that cultural shift, more and more people put pressure on the Catholic Church because we are the largest and oldest group of Christians. Indeed, we believe ourselves to be the original, true Church of Jesus Christ and, despite the world’s efforts to treat us as irrelevant, our teaching and example matters.

So, the world asked “What does the Catholic Church say now?” **Pope St. John XXIII** decided to answer that question. Like any good pastor, he sought the counsel of trusted advisors before simply issuing a statement. To that end, he formed the **Pontifical Commission on Birth Control** in 1963, composed of theologians, doctors, women, bishops, and cardinals. As is often the case, this commission of the Church took a long time to come to a decision and John XXIII died before they finished. Pope St. Paul VI added some members, bringing it up to 72 people. In 1966, the commission produced a final report in which 64 of the members voted in favor of permitting contraception. Famously, one cardinal, two bishops (one of which was the official Papal Theologian), and four theologians objected to the “majority report.” The majority report and the dissenting minority report were supposed to be private and given only to the pope. Unsurprisingly, they were leaked to the public in 1967, which created even more expectation of a change in the Church’s teaching.

You’ll notice that this is a common pattern in the Church-World dynamic from the 1960s and continuing today: reports of changes are “leaked,” the world gets excited, the Church takes a while to respond but ultimately stands her ground, people never really hear the answer or reject it, and ultimately a lot of Catholics go about their lives believing something false or simply ignoring what the Church actually teaches.

Well, this pattern held true for this issue. After a year of speculation, expectation, and debate, Pope St. Paul VI finally responded with his letter **Humanae Vitae**. In it, the pope explicitly rejected the commission’s majority report and rejected the proposal to allow artificial contraception. In the letter, the pope explained that the teaching *could not be changed* on this issue. He re-presented the Church’s traditional teaching while also explaining that *natural methods* of spacing birth could be considered acceptable because these respected the integrity of the human person and the sexual act. These natural methods are what we now call **Natural Family Planning (NFP)**. People often sneer at this and mock it, comparing it to the old “rhythm method,” which was highly unreliable. NFP is not the rhythm method, however, and people who claim it is are simply misinformed or outright lying.

Again unsurprisingly, the majority of the world rejected this teaching. Many bishops, priests, and catechism teachers openly rebelled against the magisterium of the Church. Many, many lay people were either told *nothing* about the Church’s teaching or outright told to use artificial contraception. But the Pope held his ground. He also offered four prophetic predictions of what would happen if the teaching was ignored. As we’ll see in the coming weeks, history proved him right.



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 April 30th after the 9am Mass
- * 1st Communion Retreat and Rehearsal are May 6 at 9:00am in the Church
- * 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.



Youth Group Summer Hike

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.

Parish Picnic May 7th

Join us after the 9am Mass on May 7th for our annual Parish Picnic! We will be celebrating the 1st Communicants for our parish and enjoying the community we all share. Food and drinks will be provided. There will be a fun jump for the kids. And, as always, we'll have the cake walk during the picnic. Please plan to attend!



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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\$800	\$3,467	\$41,600	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$56	\$64	\$72	\$80	\$96	\$120	
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\$1,800	\$7,800	\$93,600	\$18	\$36	\$54	\$72	\$90	\$108	\$126	\$144	\$162	\$180	\$216	\$270	
\$2,000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$240	\$300	

Collections: April 23rd

General Collection: \$ 3657.00

2nd Collection: \$721.16

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.

