



May 7, 2023

5th 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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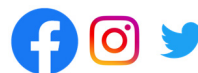
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: May 7

Church - Barbara Landry
Chapel – Viola Burke, Adel Pepper & Rita Gouner



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! Theriot; Jennifer Thibodeaux, Reece Vice

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



YOU ARE INVITED TO
A SPECIAL
Widows' Mass
SATURDAY MAY 13 @ 10AM
ST MARTIN DE TOURS CHURCH
133 MAIN ST, ST MARTINVILLE

Join us for refreshments in hall after Mass
No registration needed.

To have names listed for the Mass, please
call Sr. Mary Peter at 337-463-2164
or Priscilla Theriot at 337-277-1234

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 8 12:05pm: Special Intention

Also remember in prayer: Special Intention (In honor of St. Joseph); M/M John Falterman & Family; Harold/Alice Lejeune, George Cassara, Leonard Boudreaux; Fr. Paul Raper SSS

Wed, May 10 12:05pm: Johnnie Leblanc

Also remembered in prayer: Elsie Jumonville, Special Intention, Rose Mary Delaune

Thurs, May 11 5:15 pm: Clair/Norton Garcia

Also remembered in prayer: Judy Lapeyrouse; M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph); Betty/Eddie/Rona Kern.

Fri, May 12 9:30am (Maison Teche): Steve/Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer: C Michael Bodin (7th Ann)

Sat, May 13 4:00 pm:

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; Anthony O'Donnell; Rosalie LeJeune; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh Sr.; Whitey/Mildred B. Hebert, Arleen H. Guillot, Ray B. Fletcher, Sr.; Bouy, Bodin, Chastant, King, Landry & Pepper family; Betty/Barry Dupre; M/M John Falterman, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph).

Sun, May 14 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; Burke Larroque; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Caroline/Anna Prestel; Lydia Leroy Gary; Douglas Robichaux Sr.; Neuville/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Carol Gravois; Cynthia Schexnayder; Myrtle Landry Grisaffi; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; John/Carolyn/Eddie Bacon, Leslie/Carol Dow, Frentz, Bacon & Dow Family; Lucille Alleman, Brenda Migues, Gaston/Hortense Bouton; Earl Sr/Earl Jr/Marie L Weber, Beulah/Justin Larive, Larive Family; Elise Aucoin, Rita Arton, Judy Arton, Corinne Landry, Audrey Abshire, Frances B. Copp, Rosalie G. Hebert; Evelyn Lancon, Juliet Pugh; Mrs. Fee Ansley; Daisy Leblanc; Jean Dooley; Able/Pat Trimble; Beryl Bonin, Clair B Meyers; Barbara Landry, Linda Robin, Mrs. Anatole Durocher, Odette Porche, Georgina Verret, Rena Delahoussaye, Delorous Derouen, Barbara Durocher, Yvonne Durocher, Louise Sonnier

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Humanae Vitae II

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



Last week we laid the groundwork for this landmark document from Pope St. Paul VI. Now let's take a look at what it says. Right away, he sets a clearly Catholic tone for the document by calling the act of "transmitting human life" a "duty." Increasingly the world sees children as a right or a luxury, but we have always understood our power of reproduction to be a sacred power that comes with duties and responsibilities. The pope then notes that there have been many challenges and difficulties throughout history before he goes on to address more recent developments.

After summarizing the events that led to the formation of the **Pontifical Commission on Birth Control** in 1963, the pope then offers his reply by laying out the key principles involved. Immediately, he rejects the tendency of modern thinkers to compartmentalize and tells us that this question must be answered "in the light of an integral vision of man and of his vocation, not only his natural and earthly, but also his supernatural and eternal vocation." Noting that believers have appealed to the concepts of "responsible parenthood" and "conjugal love," he decides it is important "to state very precisely the true concept of these two great realities of married life."

Starting with **conjugal love**, the pope identifies the four characteristics that mark a correct understanding of it. First, the love is **fully human**. This means it is not just animal instinct, but includes the spiritual. Human love is primarily an act of the free will because it is that spiritual capacity to choose that helps distinguish us from mere animals. This love is also **total**. He defines this as "a very special form of personal friendship" in which husband and wife give *everything* to each other, each rejoicing at the chance to enrich the other. True conjugal love is **faithful and exclusive until death**. Finally, this love is **fecund (fruitful)**. Citing the recent document from Vatican II, **Gaudium et Spes**, he reminds us that the Church has always taught that "marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the begetting and educating of children." These four characteristics get taken up by future theologians and popes. You'll often find Catholic teaching saying that conjugal love must be "**Free, Total, Faithful, and Fruitful**."

Obviously that last one especially connects to the other reality of "responsible parenthood." Paul VI affirms that it is right to insist on practicing responsibility in parenthood. He affirms that we must control our instincts, guiding them according to reason. He also affirms that there are conditions and times in which it is responsible to avoid a new birth. He then lays out what everyone else kept avoiding: "Responsible parenthood also and above all implies a **more profound relationship to the objective moral order established by God**, of which a right conscience is the faithful interpreter. The responsible exercise of parenthood **implies, therefore, that husband and wife recognize fully their own duties towards God**, towards themselves, towards the family and towards society, **in a correct hierarchy of values... they must conform their activity to the creative intention of God**" (emphasis added). In simpler terms, the decision to have or not have a child isn't just about convenience or preference! It is a *moral decision*.

It is here that Pope St. Paul VI quotes Pope Pius XI in *Casti Connubii* and lays out clearly the Church's answer: "**The Church**, calling men back to the observance of the norms of the natural law, as interpreted by their constant doctrine, **teaches that each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of life**." Remember that the more the Church repeats a teaching across multiple popes and in high level documents (like these encyclicals), the more it indicates that that teaching is an unchangeable dogma.

Now, there are some other questions to be answered about this definitions, which is part of what the rest of the document addresses. The big one is this: what does it mean to be "open to the transmission of life?" Some people assume that means Catholics have to try for a baby every time they have sex, which is not what it means. Indeed, the pope points out that that's just not how sex works. The key part of being open to life is not the *biological* factor, but the *spiritual* one. This is why he first defined conjugal love and made the point about it being a spiritual reality that involves an *act of the will*. It is the *choice against life* that is the problem. Hence, when a couple is infertile "independent of the will of husband and wife," then the sexual act is not necessarily wrong. Understanding the distinction between *choosing to act against life* vs *cooperating with reality* is key to this teaching. Obviously, that will take a bit more space, so we'll pick up there next week.



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. 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.

Baby Bottle Drive Next Weekend

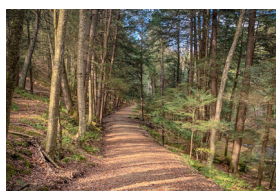
Next weekend marks the beginning of our annual baby bottle drive. You take home the bottle and fill it with money, then bring it back to church to drop in the box we'll have set up for that purpose. This drive supports the local unplanned pregnancy center in New Iberia, which offers important resources to mothers in crisis. This is an important part of being pro-life, so please be generous!

Upcoming Catechism Events

- * 1st Communion Mass and Parish Picnic are May 7 at 9am
- * Confirmation Retreat and rehearsal is May 13 at 9am in the Church
- * Confirmation Mass is 9am on Sunday, May 21

Summer Hiking Trip June 9

All St. John families (especially those with teenage children) are invited on our first **Summer Hiking Trip on Friday, June 9th**. We'll be going to Tunica Hills to enjoy nature, pray together, and foster a deeper appreciation for God's gifts to us. It



is mildly strenuous, so please consider ability before committing to join us. More details coming soon.

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!



Summer Evangelization Walks

This summer, we are planning several days to do door-to-door evangelization. While it might seem intimidating, it really isn't as hard as you likely imagine.

We mostly just knock on the door and get to know people. We take prayer intentions and answer questions. It is not the high pressure approach you may have experienced when others have come to your door.

So, please consider pushing out of your comfort zone a little and giving this a try.

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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\$1,400	\$6,067	\$72,800	\$14	\$28	\$42	\$56	\$70	\$84	\$98	\$112	\$126	\$140	\$168	\$210	
\$1,600	\$6,933	\$83,200	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$96	\$112	\$128	\$144	\$160	\$192	\$240	
\$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: \$4190.62

2nd Collection Insurance Fund: \$1147.00

Second Collections

May 7th - Maintenance Fund

May 14th - Aid to Churches Eastern Europe

May 21st - Summer Utilities

May 28th - 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.

