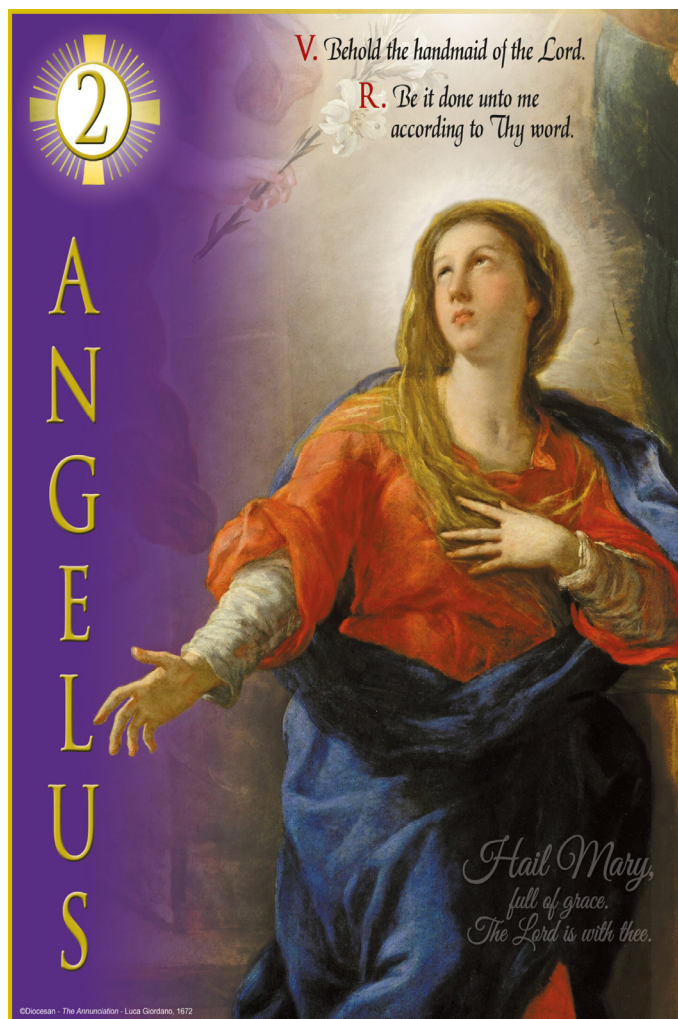




December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent



Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am Mass

Weekday Schedule

Monday 12:05 pm

Wednesday 12:05pm

Thursday 7:00 am

Friday (at Maison Teche) 9:30am

1st Friday (at Church) 12:05pm

1st Saturday 8:30am

Confessions

30 minutes before weekend Masses

15 minutes before weekday Masses

Or by appointment

Pastor

Fr. Alexander Albert

Staff

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ursula Gouner

Director of Discipleship: Becki Landry

Cemetery Records: Lynn Hebert

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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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: December 10th

Church - Mark/Walter/Linda Robin & Howard Porche
Chapel – Calvin Bodin



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday Adoration & Benediction

We will have our usual adoration from
12:30-6:30pm. Benediction at 6:20pm.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec 24th at 4pm (Children's Choir)

Sunday Dec 25th at 12am (Midnight)

Sunday, Dec 25th at 9am

Catholics are expected to attend Mass *twice* when Christmas falls on a Monday: once for the 4th Sunday of Advent and once for Christmas. You can't count one Mass for both.

This graphic helps explain your options.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION CHRISTMAS RUNDOWN	
<div>DECEMBER</div> <div>24</div> <div>EVERY SUNDAY IS A HOLY DAY</div> <div>CHOOSE ONE</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY VIGIL MASS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY MASS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL</div>	<div>DECEMBER</div> <div>25</div> <div>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</div> <div><i>a different</i></div> <div>CHOOSE ONE</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> MIDNIGHT MASS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</div>

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, December 11- 12:05: Yvette Bodin (BD)

Also remembered in prayer: Fr. Francis Lyons MSC

Wed, December 13 - 12:05: Glen Pirnie

Also remembered in prayer:

Thur, December 14– 7:00am Johnnie LeBlanc

Also remembered in prayer: Irene Hebert (BD):

Hebert, Mekash, Landry, Allain Families; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh, Sr.

Fri, December 15 - 9:30am (Maison Teche):

Steve/Chris/Angie Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer: Hortense Bouton

Sat, December 16 4:00 pm: Elise Pitre Aucoin,

Charles Pitre, Sr. (Wedding Ann)

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Dianne/Kery Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "Jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Barbara Brignac; Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry, M/M John A Switzer; Rosalie LeJeune, Keith; Douglas, Sr., Douglas, GeGe Freeman, Johvanna G.F. Legnon; Yvonne Russo, Alice Lejeune (BD); Lorena Clark; Forrest Jack Champagne; Joe Harris, Eugenie/Antoine Mignes, Freddie Mignes, Mercedes M.

Concienne; Rosalie

Sun. December 17 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; Neville/Mark/Kieth Sonnier, Carol Gravois; Judy Lapeyrouse; Eric (Alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Bertha/Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; Calvin Bodin; Robert Landry; Douglas Robichaux, Sr.; Angie/Steve/Chris Gauthier; John/Eddie/Carolyn Bacon, Leslie/Carol Frentz, Bacon/Dow Family; Clement/Toups Families; Adele Degravelle Meyer; Loretta LeJeune; Anne Holbrook; Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russel, Craig Myers; Marie, Earl, Sr./Earl, Jr. Weber;

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Lumen Gentium III: Who Can Be Saved?

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



We've been focused on special topics the last few weeks, but you might recall that, prior to those, we had begun our journey through the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, **Lumen Gentium** (Light to the Nations). Last we looked at it, we were seeing how the Church defines the "People of God," and the various ways in which someone belongs to the Church. This is important because "the Church is necessary for salvation." The most obvious way people belong to the Church is by being baptized into the Catholic Church and making use of the sacraments.

Now, Jesus was clear that Baptism is necessary for salvation and the Church has always maintained that teaching. Nonetheless, we know that God is not limited by the sacraments. We have a sacred duty to do everything in our power to observe the requirements of salvation God has given the Church and we *must* avoid presumption on God's mercy as if he'll save us and others even if we neglect our duty. This is one reason why, if someone is unbaptized and in immediate danger of death, *anyone* can baptize that person and they should if that person asks for it. Children, Catechumens, and anyone who asks for baptism in the face of death ought to be baptized because this sacrament is so important.

Still, because God is just, merciful, and reasonable, the Church also teaches us about the ways in which God's offer of salvation can extend beyond the literal baptism of water. The first example of this is our teaching on the death of a Catechumen. A Catechumen is someone who is not yet baptized, but is actively preparing to be baptized and join the Catholic Church. Once they have been received into the order of Catechumens, they already belong to the Catholic Church, albeit in an incomplete way. Should that person die before their preparation is complete and before they are baptized, we still have hope for their salvation because their desire and intention for baptism was explicit. This is sometimes called "Baptism by Desire." This same concept applies to the children of Catholics who die in the womb or before baptism. God won't hold it against someone if they die before they have the chance to be baptized.

This document also explains how people might "participate" in the life of the Church in indirect or hidden ways and so have some hope of salvation, even if it's less certain than being an explicit member. One indirect kind of membership that we recognize is those who are non-Catholic Christians, especially if they are baptized. Because they have Scripture, they share some of the truth that the Church professes. Through the sacrament of baptism, they are united to Christ even if imperfectly because they do not outwardly accept his body, the Church. If a non-Catholic Christian really does not know and recognize the Catholic Church as the Church established by Christ, but nonetheless strives to live the truth he does know as sincerely as possible, God extends his grace and mercy to them. This imperfect connection to the Church through teaching and baptism may yet become perfect in eternal life. To be clear, if they do realize that the Catholic Church is the one established by Christ but stubbornly refuse to join for whatever reason, they then risk their souls because we can no longer say they are sincerely pursuing the truth.

The Church then turns its attention to "those who have not yet received the Gospel" to explain how they "are related in various ways to the people of God." First in this category are the Jewish people who sincerely pursue the old covenants. "God does not repent of the gifts He makes or the calls He issues." So, if through no fault of their own, they do not know Jesus but sincerely strive to be faithful to the covenant they do know, their faithfulness will be rewarded. The document also points out that Muslims have a connection to Abraham and so are credited for the ways in which they strive to be faithful to the slivers and portions of truth found there. Speaking more generally, the Church tells us that anyone "who through no fault of their own does not know the Gospel of Christ or His Church" may still "attain to salvation" so long as they "sincerely seek God and moved by grace strive by their deeds to do His will as it is known to them through the dictates of conscience." Again, I must stress that this does not mean all religions are equal or that everyone goes to heaven. This is a *hope*, not a guarantee and it *requires sincerity*. We all know of times when we *knew* something was true, but refused to openly acknowledge it because we didn't want to have to change our behavior to match that truth, saying something like "I don't want to know because then I'd have to do something about it." We'll talk more about that dynamic in a few weeks.



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.



Men's Rosary

A group of men pray the rosary together in the chapel every Saturday at 6am. All men are encouraged to attend!

Catechism Schedule

Meets after Sunday 9am Mass in the Parish Hall



A FAMILY OF FAITH
Family Catechesis for Our Parish

<u>Dec 10</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Discipleship
<u>Dec 17</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Formation
<u>Dec 6, 13, 20</u>	Advent Mission 6-8pm Children's Session Included
<u>Dec 27</u>	6pm St. John Mass & Potluck

stjohnjeanerette.org/religious-education.html

Community Life

Join the Knights!



If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. No meeting in December

Catholic Daughters



If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. No meeting in December



FREE CHRISTMAS DINNERS!

PLEASE CALL

THE CHURCH OFFICE

IF YOU ARE HOMEBOUND AND IN NEED OF DELIVERY

OR

TO VOLUNTEER TO PREPARE, SERVE, OR DELIVER MEALS

DINNERS MAY BE PICKED UP AT NOON ON CHRISTMAS DAY

ON MAIN STREET AT THE VETERANS PAVILION





Advent Mission!
Wednesdays
Dec 6,13,20
6-8 PM
6-6:30 Adoration and Benediction
6:30-8 Mission Talk
Confessions available throughout



Children's Advent Mission
offered Simultaneously in the
Parish Hall Atrium
Ages 2-10



Catechists of the Good Shepherd

Light will enter the darkness
Advent 2023



EXPERIENCE DOOR-TO-DOOR MINISTRY THIS ADVENT!

- Invite Neighbors to St. John's Events
- Build Community
- Share Faith
- Pray with and for Others



Saturdays
DEC 2, 10, 17
Meet in the Parish Hall Chapel
9 AM

Outreach & Evangelization

Poor Box



Poor box funds are used primarily to help elderly residents in the Jeanerette area. Thank you for your generosity!



Food Pantry

Donations of Beans

Aftercare Program

Our aftercare program provides a safe, faith-filled, and fun place for children in Pre-K through 6th Grade to be after school. We provide tutoring, faith lessons, a snack, and games to the kids who attend.



We are in need of donations of water and healthy snacks. Please contact the office if you are able and willing to help.

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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\$600	\$2,600	\$31,200	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$30	\$36	\$42	\$48	\$54	\$60	\$72	\$90	
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\$2,000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$240	\$300	

For Sale in Parish Office

Case of Candles—————42.00
 Individual Candles—————4.00
 Holy Water Bottles—————1.00

Collections: December 2nd & 3rd

First Collection: 4683.56
 Maintenance Fund: 1111.08
 Tithe-ly: 441.11

Second Collections

Dec 8: Immaculate Conception
 Dec 10: Priest Retirement Fund
 Dec 17: Bishop Service Appeal
 Dec 24: Religious Ed
 Dec 31: 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.

Job Openings:

Evangelization Assistant (Part-time): Assists the pastor and director of discipleship in coordinating ways to evangelize non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics.

