

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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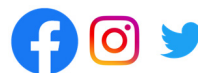
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: December 11th

Church - Brent Breaux
Chapel – Special Intention

Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead



Wednesday Adoration & Benediction & “Light is on for You” Confessions

Our usual Wednesday afternoon adoration will be extended this week. It will go from 12:30-8pm in the Church. Benediction will be offered at 7:50. Confessions will be available from 6:30-8pm as well. At that same time, our intercessory team will also be on hand to pray with those who would like personalized prayer.



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

Christmas Mass Schedule Sat 4pm - Midnight - Sunday 9am

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, Dec. 12 12:05pm *Yvette Martine Bodin*
(*Birthday*)

Also remember in Prayer: Roy Giangrosso (Birthday)

Wed, Dec. 14 12:05pm: *Evelyn Lancon (8th Ann)*

Also remembered in prayer: Irene (Birthday)/Ronald Hebert, Hebert, Landry, McKash, Allain Families; Special Intention (CKF)

Thu, Dec. 15 5:15 pm: *Judy Lapeyrouse*

Also remembered in prayer:

Fri, Dec. 16 9:30am (Maison Teche):

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, Dec. 17 4:00pm *Alice (Birthday)/Harold LeJeune*

Also remember in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Stephen/Chris Gauthier; Rosalie Lejeune; Joann Lejeune; Jodie/Gerald Landry; Diane/Kery Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline “Jo” Simoneaux, M/M Bourque; Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle L. Prince; Fr. Peter Rogers; Joe E Harris, Eugenie/Antoine Migues, Freddie Migues, Mercedes M. Concienne, Leonard/Mary M Verret, Adeline/Edward Guillotte, Blanch/Arthur Migues; Betty C/Eddie C/Rona Kern; Gerard Eldridge; Lucille Simmons; Beatrice Hayes; Special Intention

Sun, Dec. 18 10am *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

Also remember in prayer: Johnnie Leblanc; Scott Lancon; Neuville/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Neil/Kathleen Shelton; Hartman Lejeune; Special Intention; Eric (Alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Glen Pirnie; Marvin “Ga”/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Roselyn “Butsy” Boudreaux; Judy Lapeyrouse; Brent Breaux, Gordon/Titus Landry, Danny Bayard; Leroy/Lydia Gary; Douglas Robichaux, Sr.; Scott Parker; Marie D/ Warren Hebert; Walter/Mark Robin; Benjamin/Leona/Oray Savoie; Edward Miller IV; Irene/Ronald Hebert (Birthday), Hebert, Landry, McKash, Allain Families; Clifford A. Bodin (Ann.)

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Winter Ember Days

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



We'll pause temporarily on our journey through Mater et Magistra to remember an ancient practice called the "Ember Days." You may remember that we've observed these before. The Ember Days are a traditional time of prayer and fasting connected to each season of the year. The idea is to sanctify – to make holy – each season. While not as popular now, the practice of fasting has always been a central part of the Christian call to holiness. It purifies our attachment to food, reminds us of the fact that many go without, and gives us a chance to remind our bodies that there is more to life than the things of this world. We cannot forget Jesus also taught that some demons can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. This is not to say we're all possessed, but rather to acknowledge that demons are always active in trying to lead us astray. Fasting is a powerful weapon in our fight against this effort.

The Winter Ember Days are traditionally a time of prayer for a good seeding for the next year's harvest. They are always during Advent, so they are also focused on preparing for the coming of Christ as well. Finally, the Ember Days are a time to pray and fast for an increase in vocations. The date for these is linked to the feast of St. Lucy, which is December 13. As it so happens, these ember days always end up during the 3rd week of Advent, which is this week.

The Ember Days are specifically observed on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Wednesday because it is a reminder that Judas betrayed Christ on a Wednesday. Friday because that is when Christ died. And Saturday because that is when Christ lay in the tomb. Thursday, since it is connected to the gift of the Eucharist, is considered the "day between the fasts." Now, the fast is not particularly intense. It is not what some would call a "black fast," which means to eat nothing at all. Rather, it is the same as the fasts that the Church asks us to observe on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That means you can have one full meal that day and, if needed, two small snacks that are less than half a meal each. Additionally, it includes abstinence from meat. On the Wednesday and Saturday, you can have meat at the one full meal, but not at the snacks. Friday is no meat at all.

The Ember Days are an optional practice, but it is that much more beneficial to those who do it because they freely make the sacrifice. I encourage all who are able (without endangering their health) to join me in this ancient practice. If perhaps it is too daunting to keep the complete practice, then consider doing it for one or two of the days. I especially recommend the Friday. You are also free to substitute fasting from food with fasting from something else: perhaps television, the internet, alcohol, or social media. At the very least, do offer some extra prayers at this time for the Church and the harvest. Whatever you choose to do, remember that it is an offering of love and God always rewards those who love him.

- In Christ,
Fr. Albert

• St. Lucy Day

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Seasonal Days of Penance for
Prayer • Thanksgiving
Fasting • Abstinence
• Prayers for Priests •

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Wednesday • Friday • Saturday
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to Recall Judas' Betrayal
the Crucifixion • the Tomb

• Holy Cross

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Weekly Bible Study

We have three options for bible study every week in the Parish Hall: 6pm Monday, 6pm Tuesday or 9:30am Thursday. Feel free to drop in on any of them.

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.



Check out the free advent resources on the site to help make the most of this beautiful season!

Upcoming Catechism Events

- * Whole Family Catechesis (including 1st Communion and Confirmation students) meets next on January 8 4 after the 9am Mass
- * Confirmation and 1st Communion classes meet on Dec 11 and Dec 18 after the 9am Mass
- * Family night is Dec 21 at 6pm starting in the Church. Food, games, and hot cocoa in the hall after adoration



Community Life

Catholic Daughters

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



Join the Knights!

If you would like to join the KC's please call the office.



"180" - Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting is Wednesday, Jan 4. It starts in the Church with adoration and continues in the hall. All children 8th grade and up are encouraged to attend



Christmas Cards for Sale!

As we did last year, we are offering Christmas Cards featuring a picture of the Church decorated for Christmas and a promise to remember recipients of the cards in prayer at our Christmas Masses. They are \$1.50 a card or 10 for \$12

Men's Rosary

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

Support our Lighting Upgrade

We're still raising funds to upgrade and improve the lighting in the Church. Please use the iGiveCatholic envelopes to give to this need.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 17 – 21, 2024

YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025

Outreach & Evangelization

Christmas Dinner



Please contact the Sisters of the Heart of Jesus if you're able and willing to help with our annual Christmas Dinner giveaway. Pray for those who we'll be serving, too!

Aftercare Program

Please continue to support our aftercare program with snacks and drinks. Volunteers are to help chaperone are also appreciated. Please call the office to see how you can help.



Poor Box



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

Door to Door Evangelization

Door to door ministry will continue this month. Each Saturday at 9am, parishioners will meet at the parish hall to begin with prayer and go out into the neighborhood. Please join us!



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			
\$700	\$3,033	\$36,400	\$7	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$42	\$49	\$56	\$63	\$70	\$84	\$105			
\$800	\$3,467	\$41,600	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$56	\$64	\$72	\$80	\$96	\$120			
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$120	\$150			
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\$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:

December 4th

Regular Collection: \$4045.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 1638.00

Tithe.ly: \$435.71

Second Collections

December 4th: Maintenance Fund

December 11: Retirement fund for Religious

December 18th: Bishop Services Appeal

December 25th: Christmas Charities

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

Christmas Cards—————\$1.50ea./10 for \$12

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.

