



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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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: December 25th

Church - Marie/Warren Hebert Chapel — Daisy/Johnny Leblanc & Family



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.

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

Men's Rosary

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

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 26 12:05 pm Special Intention CKF

Also remember in Prayer:

Tues, Dec 27 5:30pm Feast of St. John the Evangelist Anna Joyce/ Harvey Breaux

Wed, Dec 28 12:05 am Howard J Porche Jr (6th Ann.)

Also remembered in prayer

Thu, Dec 29 5:15 pm Judy Lapeyrouse

Also remembered in prayer:

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

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, Dec 31 4:00 pm Beulah / Justin (his BD) Larive & Larive Family

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Stephen/Chris Gauthier; Rosalie LeJeune, Joann LeJeune, Fred Russell, Craig Meyers; Diane/Karey Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "Jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Betty C/Eddie C/Rona Kern; Joe E Harris, Eugene/Antoine Migues, Freddie Migues, Mercedes M. Concienne, Leonard/Mary M Verret, Adeline/Edward Guillotte, Blanch/Arthur Migues; Betty/Barry Dupre; Jodie/Gerald Landry; Gerard Eldridge; Jodie/Gerald Landry; Juliet Pugh; Mary./Ciro/Pete/Stephen Ardizone, Fabian, Sr./Stella/Ronald/James/Billie/Elizabeth Lemaire, Laura/ Charles (His Ann.) Moresi, Sandra Ousley, Beverly/Marie Causey, Louis/ Christine Habert, Eddie Boudreaux, Phil/Joann Thompson, Rita Wormser, Ruby Rinker, Mike/Lou Mannina, Joy Hoover, Eunice/Pat Granger, Elaine Foco, James Brewer, Allen/Becky Gary, Lee McGee, Frank Rogers, Dalton Sonnier, Alle Boutte, Lena / Walter, sr., Walter, Jr. Fitch; Elise Aucoin (27th Ann); Joyce Boudreaux; Alice Muffoletto (Ann.), HF/Todd Beslin; Helen/Michael Strozik; Whitey/Mildred B. Hebert, Arleen H Guillot, Ray B. Fletcher; Carol Gravois; Marie/Earl, Sr./Earl, Jr .Weber; Douglas Robichaux, Sr.; Hartman LeJeune; Edward/Mary Ann Miller & Family; Fr. Peter Rogers

Sun, Jan. 19:00 am Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)

Also remembered in prayer: Brent Breaux, Gordon/Titus Landry, Danny Bayard; Johnnie Leblanc; Scott Lancon; Leona/Ben/Oray Savoie; Brenda/ Clifford/Theresa Migues; Neuville (84th BD Jan. 3)/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Special Intention; Eric (Alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie Sr., Leona/Bub Pirnie; Roselyn "Butsy" Boudreaux; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Douglas Robichaux Sr; Glen Pirnie, Scott J. Parker, Walter/Mark Robin; Marie/Earl, Sr./Earl, Jr .Weber; Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Neil/Kathleen Shelton; Judy Lapeyrouse; JP Lapeyrouse; Leroy/Lydia Gary; Hartman LeJeune, Beatrice Hayes; Lucille Alleman, Brenda Migues, Gaston/Hortense Bouton; Gayle Fontenot, Msgr. Ronald Groth, Charles/Neva Groth, Fred/Lora Bell Groth, Walter Groth, Celestine Mason, Lee/Irene Ducote, Gene/Johnnie Ducote, Richard Ducote, Ulysse/Dorothy Fontenot, Gordon Fontenot, Leland Fontenot, Martha/ Marcellus Devillier, Walter J. Landry Sr., Roy/Bessie Webre, Walter/Dorothy Landry, Fr. Joseph Detig, Sr. Hannah O'Brian, Sr. Alphonsus, Deceased Members of the Ducote, Groth, Fontenot, & Landy Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory; Louis/Joy Hoover, William/Mary Ann Dominque, Kearney Escagne, Michael/Richard/Robert Hoover, Preston/Barbara Sonnier, Winnie/Julia Escangne, Earl/Irene Hoover, Lawrence/Betsy Bourgeois, Leonard/Helen Barrow, Lorraine Bernard, Carlyle Bourgeois, Eldridge/Liz Bourgeois, Bobby/ Lorraine Camors, Leonard/Lillian Barrow, Carlyle/Maude Bourgeois

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Merry Christmas! & Our Patronal Feast Day

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



Merry Christmas everyone! A big welcome to all the friends and family in town for the holidays.

As we enter into this Christmas season, what's on my heart as a pastor is the need for hope. War, political chaos, increasingly radical ideologies, divisions and confusion within the Church even at the highest levels, inflation, fewer jobs and opportunities - there are a lot of reasons to be worried, anxious, or simply despondent. That's why the virtue of hope is more important than ever.

Hope really is a virtue, too. We often think of feeling hopeful - and that's a real thing - but we know that is also a way of life, a disposition, a repeated choice to be a particular kind of person. Unlike other virtues - patience or self-control for example - the virtue of hope is supernatural. It's something we can't create for ourselves, but is given to us by God. Yet, once it is given to us, we are called to put it into practice and to take advantage of opportunities to strengthen and build it up. A major step toward doing this is simply to recall that it is a virtue and that we are not at the mercy of our feelings.

So, how do we stir up hope this Christmas? I suggest two things: remember what we celebrate and then really making it a celebration. 2000 years ago, things looked pretty bleak for God's chosen people. The Roman Empire had a firm hold on everything they considered the promised land. The prophecies spoke of an unending kingdom of David, but several wars and two major exiles later, the heir to the throne was working as a poor carpenter in a small, unimportant town. Paganism seemed to triumph at every turn. Sexual immorality was rampant. So many of the Jewish people had compromised their faith, mingling it with abominable practices. Those religious leaders who appeared to keep the faith were also hypocritical, harsh, and seemed more interested in maintaining political power than bringing about genuine holiness. Sure, there were promises of some kind of heroic figure showing up to make everything right, but it had been centuries and he had not shown up. Why would they have hope?

But many of them did. Mostly among the unimportant. The little ones who just scraped out a simple life and kept to their prayers and the reading of scripture. Then, on a quiet night in another small, unimportant town, a baby was born in a stable. Centuries and millennia of events - many of them unnoticed by people at the time - led up to this moment. Within a few decades, the entire religious landscape would change. People would perform great wonders. Men, women, and children would endure great suffering and death all while experiencing incomparable joy. People would rise from the dead. In just a few centuries, the empire itself was converted to the religion that began with a child in a stable. God always has plans of which we do not know. It is a mistake today - as it was back then - to let our own limited perception of the world stop us from holding on to hope. Hope is not wishful thinking, but the motivation that comes from believing that God keeps his promises and remembering that one of those promises is to care for those who seek him. Watch only the bare minimum of news required for your state and life and spend the rest simply doing the good thing in front of you, knowing that God's already at work in ways beyond our comprehension. Remember what we celebrate this season!

Then celebrate! Remember that Christmas has only just begun! We celebrate Christmas for two full weeks and there a traditionally of going all the way to February 2! So, don't take down those decorations just yet and don't forget to keep wishing people a Merry Christmas. Maybe you went to a lot of "Christmas Parties" during Advent. How much more should we have parties during the actual season? Epiphany is coming soon and is always a great reason to get together for prayer, food, drinks,

and king cake (named after the Three Kings who showed up at Epiphany). By celebrating our hopes, we make them more real, shedding light in the darkness and keeping our eyes where they should be.

For us here at St. John the Evangelist, there's an extra dose of celebration. The feast day of our Patron Saint John is December 27th, which is this Tuesday. That's why we're having a special Mass and potluck supper that evening. Mass is at 5:30pm in the Church. Please bring a dish to share to the parish hall before Mass. You're also welcome to bring any wine you want to have blessed. Some wine will also be provided. After Mass, we will have the blessing of wine and supper. You're all invited. Rejoicing in the gift of Christ, let us magnify that joy by celebrating also one of his closest friends, most faithful disciples, and our own dear patron. Jesus Christ is born, let us rejoice!

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

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.



Called & Gifted Starts Jan 17

Called & Gifted is a program designed you help discern your gifts and put them in service to the Church. It's an excellent way to deepen your spiritual life. The <u>next series starts Tue</u>, <u>Jan 17</u>. Another one will begin <u>Mon</u>, <u>March 13</u>.



Please visit the office or our parish website under "religious education" to register.

Upcoming Catechism Events

* Whole Family
Catechesis (including
1st Communion and
Confirmation
students) meets next



on January 8 after the 9am Mass

- * <u>Confirmation and 1st Communion classes</u> meet on <u>Jan 15 and Jan 22 after the 9am Mass</u>
- * Our next <u>Family night is Jan 18 at 6pm</u> starting in the Church. Food and games 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.



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

"180" - Youth Group

Our <u>next Youth Group meeting is</u>

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

Support our Lighting Upgrade

We're still raising funds to upgrade and improve the lighting in the Church. Please use the iGiveCatholic envelopes to support the campaign.



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!

Poor Box



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

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.



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
\$1,200	\$5,200	\$62,400	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72	\$84	\$96	\$108	\$120	\$144	\$180
\$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

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)

Collections:

Offering Dec. 17/18 Regular: \$3733.25 BSA: \$562.00 Tithe.ly: \$184.56

Second Collections

January 1st: Maintenance Fund
January 8th: Religious Ed
January 15th: BSA
January 22nd: Church in Latin America
January 29th: Insurance Fund

You can give online!

Visit <u>stjohnjeanerette.org/online-giving</u> to sign up. You can also find information on the website about using an app to give via your smart phone.



Job Openings:

<u>Maintenance</u>: part time care of grounds and facilities <u>Cantor/Musician</u>: Sat 4pm; Occasional sub for Sun 9am Call the office for more information.