



December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family



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

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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 24

Church - Bertha/Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert
Chapel –



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Mr. Gerald Hebert Sr.

Wednesday Adoration & Benediction

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



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1)

Normally, January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Unlike Christmas, when this feast falls on a Monday, it is not a day of obligation. So, there will only be one Mass that day.

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, Hunter Abbey

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, Jan 1 - 12:05pm: *Whitey/Mildred B. Hebert / Arleen H. Guillot/Ray B. Fletcher, Sr.*

Also remembered in prayer: Fr. Peter Rogers; Winnie/Janet Landry;

Wed, Jan. 3 - 12:05pm: *Neville (BD) Mark/Keith / Sonnier*

Also remembered in prayer: Glen Pirnie; Harvey Blanchard, Sandra Pepper Freeman, Carrie Buteaux

Thur, Jan. 4- 7am: *Johnnie LeBlanc*

Also remembered in prayer:

Fri, Jan 5- 9:30am (Maison Teche): *Angie/Steve/Chris Gauthier*

Also remembered in prayer:

Fri, Jan 5 1st Friday 12:05 in Church : *Fr. Card Bonaventura Cerretti*

Also Remembered in Prayer:

Sat, Jan. 6-8:30 First Saturday: *Emerite/Claude Hebert*

Also Remembered in Prayer:

Sat, Jan. 6 4:00 pm: *Winnie/Janet Landry*

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Joanne LeJeune, Fred Roussel, Craig Myers; Barbara Brignac, Rosalie LeJeune, Keith; Lorena Clark; Anne Holbrook; Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry, M/M John A. Switzer; Dianne/Kerry Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "Jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Yvonne Russo; Jodie/Gerald Landry; Bill/Anna Mae (BD), Louis/Ada/George/Jeanette Boudreaux; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/ Juliet/Joe Pugh; John Myrtle Grisaffi (Wedding Ann)

Sun. Jan. 7- 9:00 am: *Pro Poulo (For the people of the Parish*

Also remembered in prayer: Brent Breaux, Gordon/ Titus Landry, Danny Bayard; Scott Lancon, Joyce May; Neville/ Mark/Keith Sonnier; Judy Lapeyrouse; Eric (alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Glenn Pirnie, Leona/Ben/Ory Savoie; Douglas Robichaux, Sr.; Clement/Toups Family, Loretta LeJeune; Angie/Steve/Chris Gauthier; Robert Landry; Bertha/Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert; M/M Whitney Hebert; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; John/Eddie/Carolyn Bacon, Leslie/Carol Frentz, Bacon/Dow Family; Faye Buteau; Alice Beslin Muffoletto , HF/Todd Beslin; Earl Weber, Jr.; For the next Soul to be released from Purgatory; Frances B. Copp (BD); Carol Gravois

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Lumen Gentium IV

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



We return to our ongoing journey through the document *Lumen Gentium*. We last looked at the ways in which we have hope for the salvation of those who are not explicitly members of the Catholic Church. In short, anyone who sincerely seeks the truth and strives to live according to their conscience is therefore *connected* to the Catholic Church even if they don't realize it. At the final judgment, all people will see clearly how God entrusted the fullness of truth to the Catholic Church and established her as the Body of Christ. At that time, genuine seekers of truth and goodness will finally recognize in the Church everything they had sought in life. Thus, we say that all who go to heaven get there *through* the Catholic Church, even if they themselves don't see that until the end.

Of course, it bears repeating that sincerely seeking the truth and living according to our conscience is *not easy*. Without the guidance of the Gospel and the Church, without the assistance of grace given in the sacraments, the likelihood of someone living a just, honest, and good life is much lower. Some people think we might actually help people by *not* telling them about the gospel, as if giving them the gospel would somehow make it harder to know and love God. This document quotes St. Paul who says "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" It reminds us that the gifts of the Catholic faith are in fact gifts. By sharing the truth of the Catholic faith in a loving and convincing way, we *increase* the chances of someone getting to heaven. Also, becoming Catholic does not destroy the true, good, and beautiful things that a person knew and loved before. *Lumen Gentium* tells us that, "through her work, whatever good is in the minds and hearts of men, whatever good lies latent in the religious practices and cultures of diverse peoples, is not only saved from destruction but is also cleansed, raised up and perfected unto the glory of God, the confusion of the devil and the happiness of man." So yes, we have hope for people who die before coming Catholic, but that is absolutely *not* an excuse for never even trying to evangelize them.

Shifting gears, we next learn about the hierarchical structure of the Church. Jesus established the Catholic Church with a hierarchy on purpose - it wasn't added on later. He fully intended the Apostles to become the first Bishops with Peter as the first Pope and that each of them would in turn hand on that authority when the time came. This authority is real and comes from God himself, but it is of course not unlimited. They are entrusted with the Deposit of Faith in order to hand it on to future generations. As such, neither the Pope nor the Bishops can simply change the faith or add to it things that were not present in some form from the beginning. Bishops are also required to remain in union with one another and with the Pope in order to retain their special authority to interpret and hand on the truths of the faith. Based on Jesus own words to Peter - "I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18) - the Pope is established by God as "the perpetual and visible principle and foundation of unity of both the bishops and of the faithful." Bishops, in turn, are "visible principle and foundation of unity in their particular churches" (i.e. dioceses). So, we're taught that "the individual bishops represent each his own church, but all of them together and with the Pope represent the entire Church in the bond of peace, love and unity." As St. Irenaeus put it "Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church."

Of course, all this authority is rooted in their call to serve. To teach, lead, and even correct someone can be and ought to be an act of service. As such, the Bishops' foremost responsibility is to proclaim the Gospel and to "bring forth from the treasury of Revelation new things and old, making it bear fruit and vigilantly warding off any errors that threaten their flock." This, in turn, means that we have a responsibility to accept and follow their legitimate teaching. The document explains that "Bishops, teaching in communion with the Roman Pontiff, are to be respected by all as witnesses to divine and Catholic truth. In matters of faith and morals, the bishops speak in the name of Christ." Because of this "the faithful are to accept their teaching and adhere to it with a religious assent."

Now, the idea of "religious submission of mind and will" mentioned here is something easily misunderstood. So, we'll spend a fair amount of time unpacking it as we continue our journey through this Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.



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.



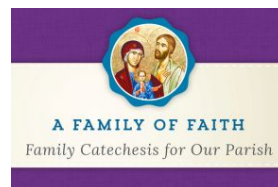
National Eucharistic Revival

Check out EucharisticRevival.org to learn more about the ongoing effort to renew Eucharistic devotion in our country.



Catechism Schedule

Meets after Sunday 9am Mass in the Parish Hall



<u>Jan 7</u>	Whole Family Classes
<u>Jan 14</u>	1st Communion & Confirmation—Discipleship
<u>Jan 17</u>	6pm Adoration & Family Night
<u>Jan 21</u>	1st Communion & Confirmation—Formation

stjohnjeanerette.org/religious-education.html

Community Life



Join the Knights!

If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. Next Meeting Jan. 10th

Catholic Daughters

If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. Next Meeting Jan. 8th



Light of the World Retreat Feb 16-19

Our annual Light of the World evangelization retreat is February 16-19. If you've never attended, I encourage you to sign up! Please pray for and invite others that you think could benefit from re-igniting their faith.



Altar Server Training Sat, Jan 10 @ 10am

Any child who has received their first communion is eligible to serve at the altar. Servers are assigned 1x/month and those schedules are made with special requests and needs in mind. Call the office or sign up in the back to register.

Road to Purity

Men who want to have more self-control of their sexual behaviors are invited to join a confidential group called "Road to Purity." By learning about chastity, providing fraternal support, and offering accountability, road to purity has a proven track record of helping men to break bad sexual habits.

If you're interested, you can contact Josh St.Germain at 337-380-7222



Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all those who sent me cards or gave me gifts this Christmas! I'm always moved by the generosity of my people. Happy New Year and God bless you all!

- Fr. Alexander Albert

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	
\$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 December 9/10

General: \$3492.85

Retirement Religious: \$835.61

Immaculate Conception: \$ 727.00

Tithe.ly: \$356.14

Second Collections

Jan 7 - Maintenance Fund

Jan. 14 Religious Ed.

Jan 21 Insurance Fund

Jan 28 Church in Latin America



For Sale in Parish Office

Case of Candles—————42.00

Individual Candles—————4.00

Holy Water Bottles—————1.00

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



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