



December 3, 2023

1st 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

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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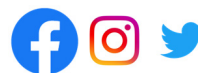
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: December 3rd

Church - Mark/Walter/Linda Robin, Howard Porche
Chapel – Gail Leblanc (Ann)



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday Adoration & Benediction

We will not have adoration and exposition this week.



Men's Rosary

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

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, December 4- 12:05: Lorena Clark

Also remembered in prayer:

Wed, December 6 - 12:05: Glen Pirnie

Also remembered in prayer:

Thur, December 7- 6pm Johnnie LeBlanc

Also remembered in prayer: John C Sonnier (23rd Ann), Adria Durocher (9th Ann); Lester/Elise Aucoin (Wedding Ann)

Fri, December 8 - 7am Church: Steve/Chris/Angie Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer: Michael Lorenzo, Loveless Savoy, M/M Vanice Savoy, Carles/Ann Prados

Fri., December 8-12:05: Gail Leblanc (Ann)

Also remembered in prayer: In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother; Sonny/Silvia/Clarence Guardia Sr., Joseph/Jules/Carolyn Songne, Della/Lloyd Amy, Guardia/Songne Families.

Sat, December 9 4:00 pm: Gerald/Jodie Landry

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; Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russel, Craig Myers; Rosalie LeJeune, Keith; Barbara Brignac; Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry, M/M John A Switzer; Douglas, Sr., Douglas, GeGe Freeman, Johvanna G.F. Legnon, Yvonne Russo

Sun. December 10 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 (BD 12/13), 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, Leroy Gary (BD 12/1)

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Making the Most of Advent

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



It's already begun. So many people would say it is already the Christmas season. Whether it started the day after Halloween or at 4pm on Thanksgiving Day, most of the country began putting up decorations and wishing each other a "Merry Christmas" or a "Happy Holidays." People look forward to this time all year long, so once they get the chance to get started, they jump at the opportunity. And you know what? Fine. People are free to act as they see fit. But I'm also free - in fact, I'm obligated - to point out the truth. It's not the Christmas season, not yet.

Even the phrase "Christmas Season" hints at the reason for this. A "season" is an external reality. We use the word to describe something that is beyond our control. No matter how eager we are, we cannot just decide that December is Summer. Even if we changed the words around, it wouldn't make the day last any longer or the weather any warmer. The same is true for trying to call August the "Spring." It wouldn't make it any less hot and humid. Indeed, if someone insisted on calling January the "summer" and went outside dressed to swim, they could very well end up sick or worse.

The other part of that is where the phrase "Christmas Season" came from. It came from the Catholic Church. Very early on, probably by the year 400, the Catholic Church had divided up the year into Liturgical "seasons" that focused on various aspects of our redemption in Jesus Christ. Just as human beings have always lived their lives in cycles throughout the year, so our spiritual lives follow a cycle. While some names and dates have shifted some over the centuries, the same basic structure has always been in place. Christmas, Easter (or Pascha in most other languages), and Pentecost served as the pivotal points around which the year was built. Christmas and Easter in particular both got a "season" of preparation. This usually focused on extra prayer, penance, and charity as a way of purifying ourselves to better receive the gifts and graces from the great feasts of the Church.

So, even if everyone in the world decides to call November and December the "Christmas Season," but the Church tells us the Christmas Season *starts* on the night of December 24th, it is the Church who is right. The point of this isn't to rain on people's fun. The analogy between natural seasons and liturgical seasons is helpful here. Just as treating winter like it was summer can be physically dangerous, so treating Advent like it is Christmas (or Lent like it's Easter) can be spiritually dangerous. The seasons, both natural and liturgical, are one more aspect of God's lesson to us that *we are not in charge*. Part of a healthy and holy human life is learning to accept reality and respond accordingly. It is a quality of humility to recognize that "freedom" doesn't mean we do whatever we want, it means having the ability to *freely choose* to do what is good. God designed this universe and He guided salvation history. Learning that design and cooperating with it is much more freeing than stubbornly insisting on making it different than it is. Part of that design is that it is not the Christmas season yet. It is the Advent season. And Advent is a great season, offering something Christmas cannot.

So, make the most of Advent! It is still a season of Joy, but with particular focus on *anticipation*. It is the experience of *not yet* that gives it a unique flavor. Many people still like the challenge of Lent; Advent is similar to that. Try giving up something, holding off until Christmas to give yourself a more tangible sense of looking forward to it. Add on a daily Mass or devotional (like the one recommended on the next page) to foster a sense of moving towards something that isn't yet here. And please, please try divert some, if not most of your giving toward people in real need, the ancient practice of giving alms. After all, it is the Birth of Christ we're preparing for and by giving to the poor, we're giving to God. A lot of those same people who start Christmas now are sick of it by the time Christmas is actually here. By honoring Advent, however, you'll not only just be getting started, you'll have had the joy of a whole season that many others simply missed.



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 devotion in our country.



There is an **app available for both iPhone and Android.**

Search "Eucharistic Revival" in the app store to find it.



Catechism Schedule

Meets after Sunday 9am Mass in the Parish Hall



A FAMILY OF FAITH
Family Catechesis for Our Parish

<u>Dec 3</u>	Whole Family Class
<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

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



**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**

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



Advent Mission!

Wednesdays

Dec 6, 13, 20

6-8 PM

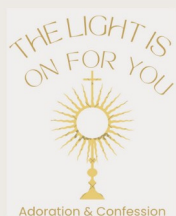
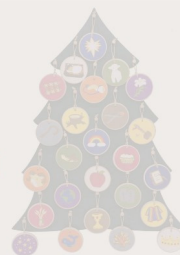
6-6:30 Adoration and

Benediction

6:30-8 Mission Talk

Confessions available

throughout



Adoration & Confession

**Children's Advent Mission
offered Simultaneously in
the**

**Parish Hall Atrium
Ages 2-10**



Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd

Light will enter the darkness

Advent 2023

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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\$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

Collections: November 25/26

First Collection: 3004.97

Insurance Fund: 1225.00

Tithe-ly: 365.28

Second Collections

Nov. 5th: Maintenance Fund

Nov. 12th: Bishop Service Appeal

Nov. 19th: Religious Ed

Nov. 26th 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:

Maintenance: part time care of grounds and facilities

