



December 17, 2023

3rd 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

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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 17

Church - Glen Pirnie
Chapel – Marvin “Ga”/Bertha/Perry Hebert

Mass Intentions

Mon, December 18- 12:05: Ronald Hebert (BD), Hebert, Landry, Mekash,, & Allain Families

Also remembered in prayer: Clifton A. Bodin (Ann)

Wed, December 20- 12:05: Keith Sonnier (7th Ann)

Also remembered in prayer: Glen Pirnie

Thur, December 21- 6pm Burke Larroque (1st Ann)

Also remembered in prayer: Cynthia Schexnayder (1st Ann)

Fri, December 22 - 9:30am (Maison Teche): Johnnie LeBlanc

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, December 23 4:00 pm: Junius/Lauriel Legnon

Also remembered in prayer: 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; Lorena Clark; Gerald/Jodie Landry;

Sun. December 24 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.; John/Eddie/Carolyn Bacon, Leslie/Carol Frentz, Bacon/Dow Family; Clement/Toups Families; Adele DeGravelle Meyer; Lejeune, Boudreaux, Cassara, Kaufman Families; Able/Pat Trimble

Sun. December 24 4:00pm: Marie/Earl Sr/Earl Jr Weber

Also remember in prayer: Barbara Brignac; Betty/Barry Dupre, Kyleen Myers; Alice Beslin Muffoletto, HF/Todd Beslin; Joyce/Bob May; Zack/Larry Freeman, Mathilde Martin; Bill/Anna Mae Fremin, Louis/Ada/George/Jeanette Boudreaux; Lejeune, Boudreaux, Cassara, Kaufman Families; Michael Lorenzo; Margurite Hebert, Joyce Boudreaux (Ann), Patricia Sinitare Buteaux, Roger Broussard; Sonny/Sylvia/Clarence Guardia, Sr, Joseph/Jules/Carolyn Songne, Della/Lloyd Amy, Guardia/Songne Families; Rolando V./Blanca/Roe Bastanzuri; Lucille Alleman, Brenda Migues, Caston/Hortense Bouton; Whitey/Mildred B. Hebert, Arleen H. Guillot, Roy B. Fletcher;

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>CHOOSE ^{a different} 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.

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Sanctify the Season: Winter Ember Days

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



It's that time again: time for the Winter 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 fasting 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, for vocations, for the harvest, and for a holy Christmas Season. 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

W I N T E R

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

Ash Wednesday •

S P R I N G

Ember Days

W e d n e s d a y • F r i d a y • S a t u r d a y
after the Feast
to Recall Judas' Betrayal
the Crucifixion • the Tomb

A U T U M N

• Holy Cross

BarefootAbbey.com

Pentecost •

S U M M E R



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>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
<u>Jan 7</u>	Whole Family Classes

stjohnjeanerette.org/religious-education.html

Community Life



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

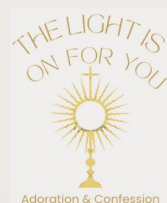
Dec 6,13,20

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**



Light will enter the darkness

Advent 2023

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

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	
\$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	

Collections: December 9/10
Due to early bulletin requirements offerings will be put in next bulletin

Second Collections

Nov. 5th: Maintenance Fund
 Nov. 12th: Bishop Service Appeal
 Nov. 19th: Religious Ed
 Nov. 26th Insurance Fund



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 non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics.

