

### 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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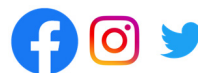
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# Spiritual Life & Worship

## Sanctuary Lights: January 8th

Church - Joann Lejeune  
Chapel – Steve/Chris Gauthier



## Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Carrie Buteaux

## 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](http://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 9 12:05pm Donna Bishop

Also remember in Prayer:

### Wed, Jan 11 12:05 pm Special Intention (CKF)

Also remembered in prayer:

### Thu, Jan 12 5:15 pm Tina Bevis Persica

Also remembered in prayer: Judy Lapeyrouse;

### Fri, Jan 13 9:30 am (Maison Teche): Corinne Landry (Ann.)

Also remember in prayer: Steve/Chris Gauthier; Joann Lejeune (5th Ann.)

### Sat, Jan 14 4:00 pm Carol Gravois

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Rosalie LeJeune; Diane/Karey Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "Jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Steve Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M JT Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry/TJ/Neta, Shirley Landry, M/M Eno Maturin, Julius & Peter, M/M Leonard Verret, Gerard Eldridge; Fr. Peter Rogers; Special Intention

### Sun, Jan. 15 9:00 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; Neuville/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Special Intention; Eric (Alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie Sr., Leona/Bub Pirnie; Glen Pirnie; Roselyn "Butsy" Boudreaux; Marie D/ Warren Hebert; Douglas Robichaux Sr; Scott J. Parker, Walter/Mark Robin; Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Neil/Kathleen Shelton; Judy Lapeyrouse; Leroy/Lydia Gary; Hartman LeJeune, Beatrice Hayes; Ferdinand/Hortense Gonsoulin & Family; Shirley Clement; Fr. Francis Viaecher; Joyce May

# Formation & Education

## Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

## Pope Benedict XVI

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



Though we're still on Pope John XXIII in our journey through papal teaching, I'm going to jump ahead a few popes to Benedict XVI in honor of his death last week. Please continue to pray for him and to ask his intercession.

Born on April 16, 1927 (Holy Saturday that year) in Marktl, Bavaria, Joseph Ratzinger was the third child of Joseph Ratzinger Sr. Interestingly, Joseph Sr. met his wife, Maria Peintner, by placing a very straightforward singles ad in the newspaper when he was 43. She, 36 years old, responded and they were married four months later. Described by the future pope as "strict but fair," Joseph Sr. was a police officer and Maria the daughter of a baker who had training as a cook.

At the age of five, Joseph Ratzinger Jr. once saw a cardinal dressed up in his distinctive red clerical attire and reportedly told everyone that he wanted to be a cardinal one day. As he grew older, the Nazis rose to power and his family's opposition to them caused them a great deal of trouble. At the age of 14, he was conscripted into the Hitler Youth - a fact journalists sometimes tried to use against him - but he was an uncooperative member of the organization. That reluctance continued throughout his military career and he apparently did not face direct combat. He deserted towards the end of the war and spent some time as a prisoner of war under the American soldiers.

After the war, Joseph and his older brother Georg both entered seminary to become priests. Though Georg was a year ahead of Joseph, he prolonged his time in preparation for a year and the two brothers were ordained at the same time: June 29 1951 in Freising. Joseph became a professor at the University of Bonn in 1959 and then at Munster in 1963. At that point, the **Second Vatican Council** had just begun and Fr. Joseph Ratzinger was a theological consultant at those meetings. Back then, Fr. Ratzinger was seen as a reformer and an ally of those calling for radical changes in the Church. As time went on, however, history has shown him to be balanced and faithful to the Church even when his colleagues and supposed theological "allies" kept pushing the envelope - at least one of them wound up excommunicated. Some people claimed that he suddenly turned away from "liberal" ideas to more "conservative" ones, but he insisted that his theological work was consistent throughout and that it was shifts in the world around him that made it look like he had changed directions. Though Fr. Ratzinger explored many theological concepts, he remained a dedicated son of the Church and her Tradition. He frequently defended the teachings of the council, but was always an advocate of the continuity of the Church before and after the Council. His academic work continued for the rest of his life, even into his time as Pope.

In 1977, Fr. Ratzinger was appointed the Archbishop of Munich and Freising in Germany. His motto was *Cooperatores Veritatis*, Latin for "cooperators of the truth." He was named a cardinal not long after. Pope St. John Paul II named him the Prefect of the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF)**, which basically made him the second most powerful teacher and theologian in the Church. The CDF (now renamed to DDF) is the office in the Church responsible for ensuring doctrinal correctness within the Church. This put him in the position of having to correct and sometimes call for the punishment and even excommunication of people who formerly considered him allies. Faithful to the Church, Cardinal Ratzinger often pointed out heresy among theologians and worked brilliantly to bolster a correct understanding of the faith at every level. The CDF was also responsible for handling the cases of priests who committed certain crimes, including sexual abuse. People have tried to lay the blame for all sorts of crimes at his feet, but their claims are often flimsy. He worked hard to do the right thing in every case that came to his attention. There is of course controversy and debate around what the "right thing" was, but there's no credible claim that Ratzinger did anything malicious or enabled further abuses.

Cardinal Ratzinger tried a few times to resign his prominent position and do quieter, simpler work behind the scenes, but wasn't allowed to. In 2005, after four ballots, he was elected the pope to succeed John Paul II and took the name Benedict XVI. His work and teaching as pope are something we'll come back to in due time, but we can say all of it was in continuity with his work before. He worked hard to emphasize the continuity of the Church, the priority of a living faith in theology, and the primacy of Love in everything. As internal struggles and age caught up to him, Pope Benedict XIV discerned that the Lord was asking him to step aside. So, in 2013, Benedict XVI became the first pope to resign in 600 years. He continued to serve as "Pope Emeritus," meaning he was not in charge anymore, but still closely connected to the Church's leadership. He spent the remainder of his days praying for the Church. He passed last Saturday, Dec 31, 2022. His last words were "Lord, I love you." May he receive his reward and may his prayers remain with us!



## 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](https://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 to help you discern your gifts and put them in service to the Church. It's an excellent way to deepen your spiritual life. The next series starts Tue, Jan 17. Another one will begin Mon, March 13.



**Called & Gifted**

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 February 5 after the 9am Mass

\* Confirmation and 1st Communion classes meet on Jan 15 and Jan 22 after the 9am Mass

\* Our next Family night is Jan 18 at 6pm starting in the Church. Food and games in the hall after adoration



## Save the Date for the All Leader's Meeting Friday, February 3rd

Beginning with Vespers at 6 PM in the Small Chapel  
Followed by Supper and Meeting in the Parish Hall

# Community Life

## Catholic Daughters

If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. Next Meeting is Jan. 9th



## Join the Knights!

If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. Next Meeting Jan. 11th



**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*

## "180" - Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting is Wednesday, Feb 1. 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.

*From the Sisters of the Heart of Jesus*

## THANK YOU

*To all who worked and provided meals  
for those in need on Christmas Day*

*May God reward you all  
and may your days be filled  
with the joy and peace of Christ.*

# Outreach & Evangelization

## Food Pantry



This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Beans

## 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 in Lent. 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			
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\$2,000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$240	\$300			

## Collections:

Due to Holiday Offerings will be posted next week.

## 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 [stjohnjeanerette.org/online-giving](http://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.

