



May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter



### 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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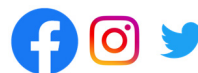
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# Spiritual Life & Worship

## Sanctuary Lights: May 14

Church - Carol Gravois  
Chapel – Judy Lapeyrouse



## 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.



### 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

### 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](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, May 15 12:05pm:** *Anna Joyce/Harvey Breaux*

Also remember in prayer: Special Intention (In honor of St. Joseph); M/M John Falterman & Family; Amy Landry (30th Ann), Harold Landry

**Wed, May 17 12:05pm:** *Johnnie Leblanc*

Also remembered in prayer: Elise Jumonville; Joe M Pugh Sr. (Ann)

**Thurs, May 18 5:15 pm:** *Sonny/Silvia/Clarence Guardia Sr, Joseph/Jules Songne, Della/Lloyd Amy, Guardia & Songne Families*

Also remembered in prayer: Judy Lapeyrouse; M/M John Falterman & Family, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph); Betty/Eddie/Rona Kern.

**Fri, May 19 9:30am (Maison Teche):** *Steve/Chris Gauthier*

Also remembered in prayer: Marilyn (9th Ann)/Eugene Dykes

**Sat, May 20 4:00 pm:** *Junius/Lauriel Legnon*

Also remembered in prayer: Dianne/Karey Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Myers; Anthony O'Donnell; Rosalie LeJeune; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh Sr.; M/M John Falterman, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph), Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore; M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysses Landry, LJ, Netta & Shirley, M/M John A Switzer; Beulah/Justin Larive (Ann), Larive Family;

**Sun, May 21 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; Leona/Ben/Ory Savoie; Glen Pirnie; Eric (Alison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, M/M Erwin Pirnie, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Roselyn "Butsy" Boudreaux; Walter/Mark Robin; Bertha/Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Judy Lapeyrouse; Burke Larroque; Marie D/Warren Hebert; Caroline/Anna Prestel; Lydia Leroy Gary; Douglas Robichaux Sr.; Neuville/Keith/Mark Sonnier; Carol Gravois; Cynthia Schexnayder; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; John/Carolyn/Eddie Bacon; Lawrence Arton; James Reese; Irene/Ronald Hebert, Hebert, Landry, Mckash & Allain Families, Clement, Touns, and Rogers Families;

# Formation & Education

## Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

## Humanae Vitae III

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



We saw last week that Pope St. Paul VI upheld the traditional teaching the practice of artificial contraception is wrong. He explained in this document that sin comes from an *act of the will* against life when engaging in the conjugal act. I urge you to think carefully about what is really being said. Americans in particular are very pragmatic and consequence driven. We tend to think that what matters most is the outcome. People will say things like “if it gets done, why does it matter how it got there?” and “all that matters are the results.” That’s simply not true. All people die eventually, but there is a big difference between someone dying from a disease like cancer vs being injected with a lethal medication. Yes, in both cases the person dies, but only one situation involves a *choice to commit murder*. This cuts both ways. We don’t get credit for something good happening on it’s own. If someone asks me to work for an hour at a soup kitchen and I refuse, they will probably still manage to feed all the people who visit the kitchen. The outcome is the same - people get fed - but in one situation I receive grace for helping whereas in the other I get nothing.

So yes, the outcome does matter, but it is not the *only* thing that matters. My *choices* matter, *even if they do not change the outcome*. This is important in understanding the difference between artificial contraception and Natural Family Planning or the difference between someone using artificial contraception and someone who is naturally infertile. When a married couple decides to have sex while one of them is infertile, they probably won’t get pregnant. When a married couple uses artificial contraception, they probably won’t get pregnant. In both cases, the outcome is the same but only one of them involves a *deliberate rejection of God’s design*. For a Catholic, responsible parenthood requires us to *cooperate with God’s design* because fertility, sexuality, marriage, and human nature are all gifts from God. Generally speaking, sex is naturally ordered towards two things: union and procreation. All other things being equal, the choice to have sex is *by default* a choice to be united to the other and to be open to the possibility of life. Even though sex only results in a new life a fraction of the time, that fundamental openness is still there. This is why St. Paul VI deliberately phrases his teaching as “each and every marriage act must *remain open* to the transmission of life.” The natural design is openness and we must *remain* in that state of openness. It is only when we use our reason and free will in the wrong way that we can contradict or reject that fundamental openness. Thanks to Original Sin and Concupiscence, this is something we do quite easily and quite often.

To put it another way, when a married couple comes together sexually, they are expressing a total gift of themselves to the other. If they happen to be infertile at that moment, it is still a total self-gift of themselves as they are in that moment. But, if one of them makes a *second choice* to simultaneously hold back a part of themselves (by using the pill or another device to counteract their own fertility), they are *not* making a total self-gift. They would then be partly *lying* to their spouse and to themselves by saying one thing with their bodies (“I am totally yours”) while saying another thing with their choice to contradict their own human nature (“I won’t give you my fertility”).

As you have probably realized by now, it is still possible for a person to use Natural Family Planning in the wrong way. A person’s attitude and intention do matter. It is possible to use the right *method* for the wrong *reasons*. We call this the “contraceptive mentality” and it is also a sin. This is something the Church (especially Pope St. John Paul II) addresses in a variety of ways after this encyclical. Still, the primary goal of this document is to make the point that some *methods* are always wrong, regardless of intentions and circumstances. Artificial contraception, by it’s very nature, involves a *choice against Human Nature and God’s design*. So, it is always sinful to use it for the purpose of avoiding pregnancy.

It’s worth noting that the pope also immediately addresses crimes against the *unitive* side of sex as well. He isn’t just obsessed with babies. He states clearly that “a conjugal act imposed without regard for his or her condition and lawful desires is not a true act of love.” Put plainly, everyone understands that forcing yourself on another - even your spouse - is a sin against the unitive meaning of sex because it contradicts that fundamental expression of love that it is supposed to be. So, it shouldn’t be hard for us to see that *forcibly* separating fertility from sex is also violation of what sex is supposed to be. From here, the pope then turns to make a few predictions about the consequences of a widespread acceptance of this violation. As I’ve mentioned before, we’ll see that these predictions turn out to be prophetic in their accuracy.





### 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.



### National Eucharistic Revival Ongoing!

Check out [EucharisticRevival.org](https://EucharisticRevival.org) to learn more about the ongoing effort to renew devotion in our country and to get involved!



### Upcoming Catechism Events

- \* Confirmation Retreat and rehearsal is May 13 at 9am in the Church
- \* Confirmation Mass is 9am on Sunday, May 21



# Community Life



### Catholic Daughters

If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. The next meeting is June 12



### Join the Knights!

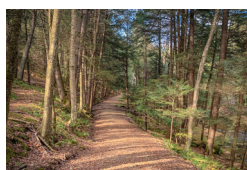
If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. Next Meeting June 14. Welcome New Brother Knights; Eric Lancon, Allen Edley, Allen Boudoin Jr., and Seth Landry

### Baby Bottle Drive Next Weekend

Next weekend marks the beginning of our annual baby bottle drive. You take home the bottle and fill it with money, then bring it back to church to drop in the box we'll have set up for that purpose. This drive supports the local unplanned pregnancy center in New Iberia, which offers important resources to mothers in crisis.

### Summer Hiking Trip June 9

All St. John families (especially those with teenage children) are invited on our first **Summer Hiking Trip on Friday, June 9th**. We'll be going to Tunica Hills to enjoy nature, pray together, and foster a deeper appreciation for God's gifts to us. It



is mildly strenuous, so please consider ability before committing to join us. More details coming soon.



# Outreach & Evangelization

## Food Pantry



This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Rice

## Summer Evangelization Walks

This summer, we are planning several days to do door-to-door evangelization. While it might seem intimidating, it really isn't as hard as you likely imagine.

We mostly just knock on the door and get to know people. We take prayer intentions and answer questions. It is not the high pressure approach you may have experienced when others have come to your door.

So, please consider pushing out of your comfort zone a little and giving this a try.

## Poor Box

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



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

## Collections: May 7th

General Collection: \$4862.81

2nd Collection Maintenance: \$1973.00

## Second Collections

May 7th - Maintenance Fund

May 14th - Aid to Churches Eastern Europe

May 21st - Summer Utilities

May 28th - 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

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.

