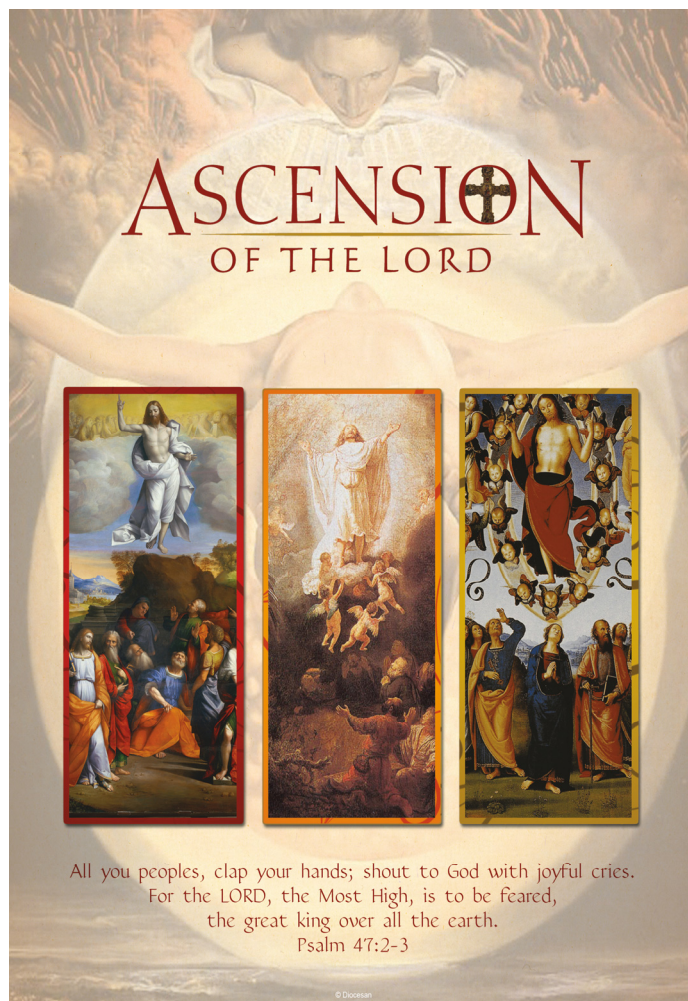




May 21, 2023

Solemnity of the Ascension



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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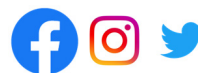
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: May 21

Church - Glen Pirnie
Chapel – Rose Mary Delaune



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Ms. Dianna D. Daigle

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

Ongoing Holy Spirit Novena

Please continue to pray the Holy Spirit Novena that began on Thursday, May 18th. It's not too late to join in even if you missed a few days!

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, May 22 12:05pm: Glen Pirnie (1st Ann)

Also remember in prayer: Special Intention (In honor of St. Joseph); M/M John Falterman & Family

Wed, May 24 12:05pm: Johnnie Leblanc

Also remembered in prayer: Ella Broussard Derise (Ann); Scooter Jenkins; MMS Baptismal Ann.

Thurs, May 25 5:15 pm: Judy Lapeyrouse

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

Fri, May 26 9:30am (Maison Teche): Steve/Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, May 27 4:00 pm: Rosalie Lejeune

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Dianne/Karey Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; M/M John Falterman, Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph); Cynthia Schexnayder; Rose Mary Delaune; Elsie Jumonville; GWS Baptism Ann.; James Reese; Ellis/Eunice Barrilleaux, Ralph Childers.

Sun, May 28 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; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; John/Carolyn/Eddie Bacon, Leslie/Carol Dow Frentz, Bacon & Dow Family; Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Myers; Earl Weber, Sr., Earl Weber, Jr., Marie L. Weber; Corinne Landry (6/4 BD); Taylor Lancon (BD); Whitey Hebert, Mildred B. Hebert, Arleen H. Guillot, Ray B Fletcher, Sr.; Helen/Michael Strozik

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Humanae Vitae IV

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



Over the past three weeks, we've examined the Church's reaffirmation of her teaching on artificial contraception. Having issued his declaration and offered some explanation, Pope St. Paul VI then proffers some predictions about what will happen in the world if artificial contraception is accepted and practiced on a large scale.

He **begins** by pointing out "how wide and easy a road would thus be opened up towards conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality." The reason for this is pretty intuitive. As Paul VI puts it, "men, especially the young... have need of encouragement to be faithful to the moral law, so that they must not be offered some easy means of eluding its observance." In other words, because human beings are weak they are more likely to sin if you take away the consequences. Worse, this tendency is still there even if people merely *think* they can escape consequences whether or not that turns out to be true. The use of contraception offers the illusion of consequence-free sex, but in fact only sometimes prevents *one* consequence. Because it is the most visible, people are easily misled into thinking everything is fine when that one is avoided.

Has this come true? Yes. The rate of divorce and infidelity rose pretty steadily over the next 50 years. Anyone taking a look around today should be able to tell that sexual immorality is much more rampant and flagrant than it was prior to the 60s. The number of children born outside of wedlock has more than doubled in that time. Is contraception the only factor? Of course not, but it's obvious that the cultural effect of telling multiple generations of teenagers that they can escape consequences has only increased careless behavior.

The **second prediction**: The pope writes that "it is also to be feared that the man, growing used to the employment of anti-conceptive practices, may finally lose respect for the woman and, no longer caring for her physical and psychological equilibrium, may come to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment, and no longer as his respected and beloved companion." Again, getting people in the habit of simply taking a pill to avoid consequences allows them to bypass the work of *understanding* the person they are interacting with. Fed the lie of sex as a safe and free exchange of "services," men in general have failed to appreciate the complexity in the way they would have had they been forced to reckon with all that sex entails.

Has this come true? I think that should be obvious as well. Look at the rates of mental illness and suicide in young women. Look at the constant bombardment of unrealistic women in media. Look at the *massive* increase in the production of pornography. Certainly the internet has been just as significant a factor, but even a lot of that content was only made possible by the lie of consequence-free sex.

The **third prediction is the abuse of power**. St. Paul VI shrewdly points out that "a dangerous weapon would thus be placed in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies." Armed with the technology to "control" birth rates, governments and large organizations will almost certainly think themselves justified in using this power to preserve the "greater good." By this time in history, forced sterilization had already been tried by Nazi Germany and even in the U.S. The widespread acceptance of selective self-sterilization as morally legitimate would only further embolden governments to try something similar.

Has this come true? Think of China's one child policy, which mandated widespread use of contraception and then resorted to abortion when that failed. They've since abandoned it, but have found that it's probably too late to avoid social collapse. A lot of "charity" organizations that operate in Africa make contraception a primary focus of their work. (Note: do not give to the Melinda Gates Foundation). Every year or so I see another article from a public activist in Africa decrying the fact that the western world keeps trying to impose their hatred of children by constantly peddling contraceptives as a "solution." We also see doctors and hospitals in our country threatened with loss of license if they refuse to cooperate in these immoral practices.

Sadly, that's not all. Next time, we'll look at the pope's fourth prophecy and his concluding exhortations.



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.

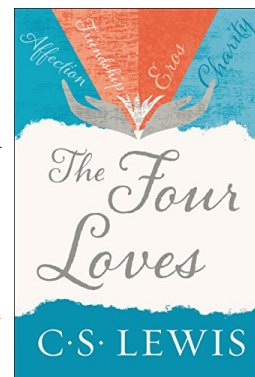


Summer Book Study

Fr. Albert will be leading a book study on **Wednesdays in June at 6:30pm**

(immediately after Benediction in the Church). The book will be "**The Four Loves**" by **C.S. Lewis**,

which looks at the different meanings of the word "love." If you are interested, please call the office to let us know. Please also purchase your own copy of the book wherever you prefer to shop.



2nd Annual Theology of the Body Summer Camp This July

More details coming soon!

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.

Baby Bottle Drive Ongoing

Please continue to collect money in the baby bottles provided in Church, then bring them and drop them in the box at the main door of the Church.

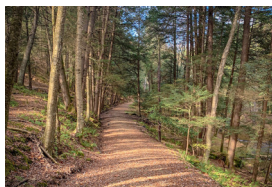
This drive supports the local unplanned pregnancy center in New Iberia, which offers important resources to mothers in crisis.

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. No Cost. Departure time 6:00am from the Church. Pack a lunch and bring money to pay for dinner.



St. John Blood Drive
June 3rd
12:00pm to 3:00pm
Parish Hall Parking Lot

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	
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\$600	\$2,600	\$31,200	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$30	\$36	\$42	\$48	\$54	\$60	\$72	\$90	
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Collections: May 14th

General Collection: \$4699.57

2nd Collection Churches Eastern Europe: \$737.02

Tithe.ly: \$476.31

Second Collections

May 21st - Summer Utilities

May 28th - 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.



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.

