



May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday



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)- 12:05pm

Saturday after 1st Friday - 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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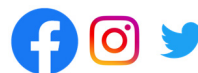
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: May 28

Church - Carol Gravois
Chapel – Cynthia Schexnayder



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday Adoration & Benediction

There will be no Adoration & Benediction
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

Fete Dieu du Teche South August 15

The annual Eucharistic Procession down Bayou Teche on August 15th will pass by our Church this year. Please mark your calendars. If you'd like to register your boat to be in the procession, please email fetiedieuduteche@gmail.com

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

Fr. Albert will remember these intentions in his private Masses

Mon, May 29 No Mass: *Fr. Daniel Troy*

Also remember in prayer:

Wed, May 31 No Mass: *Johnnie Leblanc*

Also remembered in prayer: Scooter Jenkins

Thurs, June 1 No Mass: *Judy Lapeyrouse*

Also remembered in prayers:

Fri, June 2 No Mass: *Steve/Chris Gauthier*

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, June 3 8:30am No Mass:

Sat, June 3 4:00 pm: *M/M John Falterman & Family*

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; Special Intention (In Honor of St. Joseph); Cynthia Schexnayder; Rose Mary Delaune; Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Myers; Elsie Jumonville; James Reese; Rosalie Lejeune; Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry, LJ, Netta, Shirley, M/M John A Switzer; Winnie/Janet Landry; Deacon Douglas/ Dolores Hebert

Sun, June 4 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; 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; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh, Sr.

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Humanae Vitae V

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



In our fifth and final week looking at *Humanae Vitae* by Pope St. Paul VI, we pick up with the **fourth and final prediction** of what widespread acceptance of artificial contraception would cause. The first three were: lowering of morality and increase of infidelity, loss of respect for women, and governments forcing these technologies to “control” populations and interfere in the sacred bond of the family.

Unlike the others, this last warning is less explicit, but is a theme that runs throughout the document: **man's domination of his own body**. The pope notes in a few places that human beings do in fact have some dominion over themselves. He exhorts people to practice that dominion in the form of rational self-control. But he also reiterates that “one must necessarily recognize **insurmountable limits to the possibility of man's domination** over his own body and its functions.” By widespread acceptance of artificial contraception, mankind furthers the illusion of absolute control, leading to ever greater distortions of his own nature. These limits are not arbitrary rules that can be ignored by technology, but come from the nature of what it means to be human. Pope Pius XII called it the “principle of totality.”

For example, no one controls their own birth and no one has direct control over things like digestion and dozens of other necessary functions in the body. Part of being human is accepting what we are and *cooperating* with that nature rather than trying to override it. This same principle is part of why it is sinful to get drunk, to mutilate ourselves, or to take our own life. In the same way, the ability to procreate is *entrusted* to us, but is not *completely ours to control*. Sadly, whenever we accept the idea of *complete dominion* in one aspect of life, we inevitably start to apply that idea in other aspects. As Pope Paul VI says here, by accepting the false dominion offered by artificial contraception, mankind inevitably seeks out other, even more harmful forms of self-domination.

Has this come true? Absolutely. Simply look at the increase of assisted suicide, artificial procreation (“test tube babies”) and the rise of gender ideology. People increasingly believe they have the right to so dominate their bodies as to completely reject them by killing them or trying to turn them into something they are not (e.g. a man trying to become a woman). People want to blame gender ideology on a lot of different causes, but the majority of the blame should fall on the widespread acceptance of artificial contraception. Once we accepted the idea that sex and life were no longer connected, it wasn't a far leap to accept the idea that it doesn't matter who you have sex with (same-sex activity) and from there to the idea that you can do whatever you want with your own body's sexual identity, even to the point of trying to change.

Having explained the principles, clarified the teaching, and warned us about the consequences, Pope Paul VI then turns to his closing exhortations. He knows that “this teaching will perhaps not be easily received by all.” He responds by reminding us that we are meant to be a “sign of contradiction” just as Jesus was. He doubles down on this difficult teaching and explains that, even if people hate us for it, our stubbornness on this issue actually contributes to a more “truly human civilization” because we are defending what it actually means to be human. He admits that this teaching will be very difficult to put into practice, but reminds us that it is meant to be an effort shared by individuals, families, communities, and the whole Church. Above all, he points to our perpetual need for God's grace to strengthen us.

In closing, Pope St. Paul VI addresses a variety of groups to encourage them in the part they will play in proclaiming and defending the truth about human life. Teachers are praised for their role in explaining the truth. Rulers are challenged to consider their responsibility to families, which are the most fundamental block of society. Scientists are exhorted to cooperate with nature by better developing Natural Family Planning rather than contradicting it with the brute force of chemicals and machines. Married couples are reminded that the education, discipline, and communication needed to practice this teaching will make them better people and strengthen their relationships. Instead of selfishly seeking sexual pleasure whenever they want, this forces them to selfless consideration for the other as a whole person. Priests and bishops are challenged to uphold this doctrine and proclaim it in all charity - something we know far too few actually did. And yet, as time passes, more and more Catholics and even non-Catholics are realizing, the Church was right. She still is. Thanks be to God that, every year, more priests, bishops, and married couples are realizing this and living it out.



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.



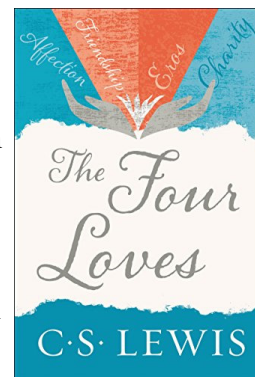
Summer Book Study

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

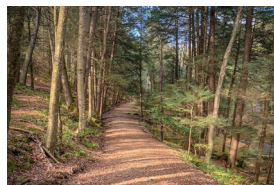
Please continue to collect money in the baby bottles provided in Church, then bring them and drop them in the box at the main door of the Church. This drive supports the local unplanned pregnancy center in New Iberia, which offers important resources to mothers in crisis.



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

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.



Congratulations to the class of 2023!

We wish a heartfelt congratulations to all who have finished high school, college, or trade school this year! You are in our prayers as you take this next step in your lives.



Outreach & Evangelization

Food Pantry



This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Rice

Poor Box

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



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.

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	
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\$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: May 20/21

General Collection: \$ 3207.56

2nd Collection Summer Utilities: \$ 1578.00

Tithe.ly: \$137.44

Second Collections

May 28th - Insurance Fund

June 4th - Maintenance

June 11th - Bishop Service Appeal

June 18th - Summer Utilities

June 25th - 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.

