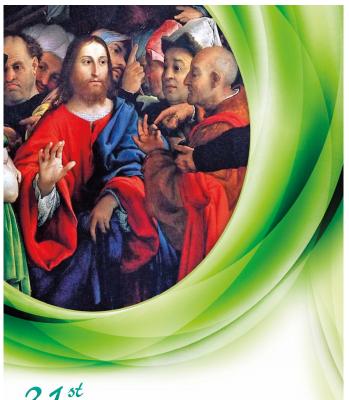


November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



31st Sunday

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 23:12

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

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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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: November 5th

Church - Robert Landry Chapel – Bertha/Marvin "Ga"/Perry Hebert



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday Adoration & Benediction

We will have Exposition in the Church after the 12:05pm Mass until 6:30pm.



Benediction will be at 6:20pm.

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, Hunter Abbey

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, November 6 12:05pm: Rita/Lawrence Arton (Wedding Ann)

Also remembered in prayer: Stephanie Cormier

Wed, November 8 12:05pm: Glen Pirnie Also remembered in prayer:

<u>Thurs, November 9 7:00am:</u> Johnnie J. LeBlanc Also remembered in prayers: Blanche Segura

Fri, November 10 9:30am (Maison Teche):

Angie/Steve/Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, November 11 4:00 pm:

Also remembered in prayer: Junius/Lauriel Legnon; Dianne/Kery Landry, Dean Derouen, Angeline "Jo" Simoneaux, M/M Bourque, Daniel Bourque, Curless Tabb, Nelson Guillotte, Richard/Laura Verret, Myrtle Prince; Gerald/Jodie Landry; ; Barbara Brignac, Rosalie Lejeune, Keith; Leonard/Jason/Scotty Boudreaux; Bill/Anna Mae Fremin, Louis/Ada/George/Jeanette Boudreaux; Shirley Landry, Irene/Ulysse Landry, Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse landr, M/M John A Switzer

Sun, November 12 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, Srt., 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: Joanne Lejeune, Fred Russel,
Craig Myers; Douglas Robichaux, Sr.; Clement/
Toups Family; Loretta LeJeune; Angie Gauthier;
Lucille Simmons; John/Eddie/Carolyn Bacon, Leslie/
Carol Frentz, Bacon/Dow Family; Glen Pirnie, Ben/
Leona/Ory Savoie; Lucille Alleman, Brenda Migues,
Gaston Hortense Bouton

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Tools of Evangelization

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

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

Last weekend, I preached about Evangelization and mentioned I would list resources in the bulletin. This is the follow-up to that promise. Door-to-door ministry is a useful tool and I do think everyone should try it at least once in their life. Still, it's not the primary way most of us will end up evangelizing effectively. The place to start is with our relationships. The method I described in my homily can be summed up in 3 steps: choose someone to love, get to know them, share the Gospel with them *as they are*.

First, identify people in your life who are not living according to the Gospel. This can be friends, family, coworkers, etc. They might be non-Christian, non-Catholic, or just non-practicing/fallen-away Catholics. They might even be Catholics who you think aren't living up to their potential in terms of faith. The key here is that they are someone you can have a friendly conversation with - not necessarily about faith, but in general. Rivals, people you have grudges against, and those who generally don't trust you are not great candidates for this particular approach.

Second, make a conscious effort to invest in them *as a person*. Do not treat them like a project. Yes, you are trying to convert them, but we must keep the priority on *loving them* and seeking their conversion *because you love them*. This investment begins with daily prayer, by name, for their openness to the Gospel. It continues in making regular attempts to have good conversation with them - about 1 to 3 times a month. In those conversations, ask questions and really listen. Take an interest in them. You don't always have to talk about faith. It's good to just do fun things sometimes. But yes, you should have the goal of looking for possible entry points for the Gospel. What drives them? What interests them? What struggles do they have? What virtues do they demonstrate? Work these things into your daily prayer for them.

Third, nudge them to the next step. That step can be very small and very indirect. It probably shouldn't be "Hey, you need to come back to Mass." It can be inviting them to a more "shallow end of the pool" type event like a social, a festival, a small group. It will probably be even smaller than that. Things like telling cool stories about saints, sharing interesting facts about Catholicism, dispelling myths about the Church, or simply offering to pray for them and even with them right then and there. Draw on what you know about the person to help them find what they're looking for in the Church in the most accessible way possible. Keep in mind the objective goal of holiness and the Church's teaching, but it's just as important to keep in mind their subjective experience of the Church and of God. Don't focus so much on where they should be as on what, from their perspective, might help them learn to know and trust God and/or the Church just a little bit more.

As for resources, here are some I recommend:

<u>The Contagious Catholic</u> by *Marcel Lejeune* is a practical guide to evangelization. Marcel also runs a website called <u>CatholicMissionaryDisciples.com</u> that has lots of resources and blogs devoted to the art of proclaiming the Gospel.

Why I Am Catholic by *Brandon Vogt* is a straightforward book on the plusses of being Catholic. This can help you know your faith, appreciate it, and recognize things that might appeal to outsiders.

<u>Forming Intentional Disciples</u> by *Sherry Weddell* is an excellent book on discipleship and how conversion happens. It's recently been updated and is worth a read.

<u>The Spiritual Gifts Handbook</u> by *Randy Clark & Mary Healy* is what it sounds like. Cowritten by a solid Catholic Scriptural theologian and a protestant evangelist, it might help you recognize and learn to make use of the supernatural help of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Robert Barron is one of the leading evangelists in the United States. <u>WordonFire.org</u> is the website run by the ministry he started and is chock full of resources on evangelization based on his experience evangelizing over the past few decades.

Above all, trust the Holy Spirit. Make the effort, ask for the opportunities, and know that love is never a waste.

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

<u>Formed.org.</u> Just click "I belong to a parish or organization" and use our zip code to register for free.



National Eucharistic Revival!

Check out <u>EucharisticRevival.org</u> to learn more about the ongoing effort to renew devotion in our country.



There is an <u>app available for</u> both iPhone and Android.

Search "Eucharistic Revival" in the app store to find it.



Catechism Schedule

Meets after Sunday 9am Mass in the Parish Hall



Nov 5	Whole Family Class
<u>Nov 12</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Discipleship
<u>Nov 15</u>	6pm Children's Adoration & Family Night
Nov 19	1st Communion Confirmation - Formation

stjohnjeanerette.org/religious-education.html

Community Life



Join the Knights!

If you would like to join the KC's please call the office. Next Meeting Wed, Nov 8th



Catholic Daughters

If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call the office. Next Meeting Mon, Nov 13th

Mass Times Survey

We're conducting a survey on how many people attend Mass each weekend and at which time. We will use the data to assess if we need an additional Mass and determine how we can help people to meet their weekly obligation.

Please take some time to visit our parish website and fill out the survey. Anyone who lives in Jeanerette or who regularly attends Mass here is welcome to submit a response.

Road to Purity

Men who want to have more self-control of their sexual behaviors are invited to join a confidential group called "Road to Purity." By learning about chastity, providing fraternal support, and offering accountability, road to purity has a proven track record of helping men to break bad sexual habits.

If you're interested, you can contact Josh St. Germain at 337-380-7222

St. John Yard Sale Nov. 18th 8am to 4pm At the Parish Hall

Items will be collected the week of the yard sale. Dates and time to come. Clothing, Shoes (slightly Worn), Purses, Scarves, jewelry, baby items and cloth, Household items, toys, games, books etc.

All items should be in good condition. Items such as small appliances in good work order.

Outreach & Evangelization

Poor Box



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

Thanksgiving Baskets

We are accepting staple food items such as can goods, rice, box foods etc. for our Thanksgiving Baskets.

Please drop off donations in the back of Church.

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.



Thank you to those who have helped make it possible!

We are seeking additional volunteers. **Even as little as 2 hours 1x/week is a big help**. Call the office if you're 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
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For Sale in Parish Office

Case of Candles———42.00 Individual Candles——4.00 Holy Water Bottles——1.00

Collections: October 28/29

General Collection: \$4661.00 Online: \$153.24 Insurance Fund: \$1182.00

Second Collections

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

You can give online!

Visit <u>stjohnjeanerette.org/online-giving</u> to sign up. You can also find information on the website about using an app to give via your smart phone.

Job Openings:

<u>Maintenance</u>: part time care of grounds and facilities