



October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

© Diocese

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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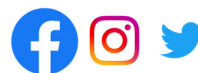
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: October 1st

Church - Carol Gravois

Chapel – Special Intention in honor of St. Joseph



Please Pray For Our Beloved Dead
Mrs. Barbara Brignac

Wednesday Adoration & Benediction

We will have Exposition in the Church after the 12:05pm Mass until 6:30pm. Benediction will be at 6:20pm.



No adoration for 1st Friday

Because of the Rally this Thursday, we will not have exposition in the chapel this Thursday or Friday.

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 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, October 2 12:05pm: Simon Becnel

Also remembered in prayer:

Wed, October 4 12:05pm: Judy Lapeyrouse

Also remembered in prayer: Glen Pirnie; Gert Naquin

Thurs, October 5 7:00am: Johnnie Leblanc

Also remembered in prayers:

Fri, October 6 9:30am (Maison Teche): Steve/Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer:

1st Friday October 6 12:05pm: Sister Mary Magdaline & Sister Mary Peter

Also remembered in prayer:

1st Saturday October 7 8:30am: Special Intention

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, October 7 4:00 pm: Claude/Emerite Hebert

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 Landy; Steven Blanchard, M/M Ted Moore, M/M TJ Moore & Cleveland, M/M Ulysse Landry, M/M Johny A Switzer, Joann Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Myers; Lucille Alleman, Brenda Migues, Gaston/Hortense (Ann) Bouton; Joe Harris, Eugenie/Antoine Migues, Freddie Migues, Mercedes M. Concienne; Evelyn/Taylor Lancon, Juliet/Joe Pugh Sr.; Eugene Migues Sr.

Sun, October 8 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; Neville/Mark/Keith Sonnier; Mark/Walter Robin; John/Carolyn/ Eddie Bacon, Leslie/Carol Dow, Frentz/Bacon/Dow Families; Judy Lapeyrouse; Marvin "Ga"/Bertha/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Robert Landry; Dianna Daigle; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/Dora Warf; Calvin Bodin, Lydia/ Leroy Gary; Eric (Allison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Marie/Warren Hebert; Fr. Peter Rogers (Ann); Marie/Earl Sr./Earl Jr. Weber; Russell Derise

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Sacrosanctum Concilium VIII: Keeping the Purpose First

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



Next up in our journey through this historic document is the Church's guidelines for the Liturgical Year. As you probably know, the Church celebrates certain spiritual seasons throughout the year to focus on the different aspects of Salvation history. This includes the major feast days as well as commemorating the many saints across history. Over time, the list of saints has grown long and the calendar got to be quite a bit cluttered and confusing, leading to complicated formulas for when multiple saints and feasts fell on the same day. So, as with many other aspects of liturgy, the Second Vatican Council asked for some reorganizing and decluttering to be done.

First things first, the council stresses that Sunday is to maintain its precedence as primarily a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. Only the highest of feasts are to replace it. In a similar vein, it calls for the seasons themselves to generally have preference over the saints so as to maintain the pattern of the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension) as the primary structure of the year. In practice, this led to fewer saints being listed as what we call "obligatory memorials." It also led to the practice of putting priority on the readings of the day (e.g. Thursday of Ordinary Time, Week 2) instead of the readings for the saint. This allowed people at daily Mass to follow the pattern of readings with fewer interruptions, though there are of course still some for more significant feasts and saints.

The only other specific guidance the Council gave on the liturgical year is regarding Lent. It asked that Lent's connection to Baptism be strengthened through various rituals and teachings. We see this in the Catechumenate, which now has several moments of prayer and baptismal preparation built into the Sundays of Lent. It also asks for a greater awareness and practice of the penance associated with Lent. More specifically, it asks bishops to adapt *communal* penances appropriate to their local culture while still honoring the tradition, which is why we still abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent. Even though seafood isn't exactly penitential for us, avoiding meat still does require us to *think* before we eat and it connects us the wider Church throughout the world today and in history. The Council reminded everyone of the importance of the "Paschal Fast," which goes through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. In practice, fasting is required of all Catholics ages 18-65 on Good Friday. Fasting on Holy Saturday is encouraged, but not required. Unfortunately, most don't even know about that part. If you are able, I encourage you to stretch your fasting at least a little to include Saturday, perhaps by avoiding meat or deserts if skipping meals is too much.

Next is liturgical music. In this brief section, the Council urged bishops and pastors to train their people in liturgical music. It asks that tradition be preserved, Gregorian chant be given "pride of place," and adaptations be made for different cultures, especially in missionary areas. It stresses that the music should have a clear tie to what's going on, helping people engage with what's being said and done. Music for its own sake *has no place in the liturgy*, which is why the Church consistently forbids people from playing secular music at Funerals, Weddings, or any other sacramental celebration. The document also lists three possible ways for music to be beneficial: "it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites." People sometimes complain that they don't "enjoy" the music at a particular Church. This isn't entirely wrong, since adding "delight to prayer" is one of the purposes of liturgical music. The key thing to remember is that the focus is still on *prayer*, not merely the pleasure of listening. Still, the other two purposes can't be overlooked. "Unity of minds" comes from music that expresses Catholic belief. So, the words of the song *matter*. In fact, the Church consistently teaches that *the words are the most important part*. Done well, the music helps people learn and remember key aspects of our faith. Finally, sometimes the music is there to "confer greater solemnity." Yes, it takes more work and more time to sing a prayer rather than just say, but sometimes that is exactly the point. The music says "hey, this is special" and helps us devote more attention to the God we are worshipping with this ritual.

The final section of the document is on *décor*. It says nothing about ripping out altar rails and statues or painting over art. All it says is that Bishops should promote good art, support faithful artists, strive for a "noble beauty" in Churches, and remove any art which is "repugnant to faith." It also teaches that the Church allows for a wide variety of styles, so long as the art is beautiful and appropriate to worship. In other words, churches should be functional for people worship in and they should look like churches. Sadly, as we've seen in other areas, many people simply lied about what was said and claimed it justified their decision to destroy beautiful things. What all this means, of course, is that we still have work to do in making our worship better and doing what the Second Vatican Council actually asked us to do. So let's keep at it.



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.



Catechism Schedule

Meets after Sunday 9am Mass in the Parish Hall



<u>Oct 1</u>	Whole Family Class
<u>Oct 8</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Discipleship
<u>Oct 18</u>	(Wed @ 6) Family Night
<u>Oct 22</u>	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, Oct 11



Catholic Daughters

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

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

Diocesan Eucharistic Rally - Bus Trip

The diocese is hosting a Eucharistic Rally at the **Cajundome Convention Center this Thursday, October 5 from 6 to 9:30pm**. It will begin with Mass (homily by Fr. Albert), followed by a meal, an address from Dr. Ralph Martin (author, president of Renewal Ministries), and close with Adoration and Benediction.

The parish is providing a bus. It will leave here at 5pm and return as soon as the even ends. Please call the office to register. We're asking \$25 for the bus, no charge for the event itself.



Outreach & Evangelization

McGowen United Methodist Church Will be hosting a Rummage Sale

Oct. 7th
8am to 1pm
1315 Church St., Jeanerette LA

Poor Box

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



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			
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\$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			

For Sale in Parish Office

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

Collections:

General Collection : \$3169.00
Online: \$283.66
Insurance Fund \$1250.00

Second Collections

Oct. 1st Maintenance Fund
Oct. 8th Religious Ed
Oct. 15th BSA
Oct. 22nd World Mission Sunday
Oct. 29th 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.

Job Openings:

Maintenance: part time care of grounds and facilities

