



October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given
to a people that will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

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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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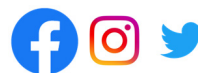
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: October 8th

Church - Glen Pirnie

Chapel – Mrs. Gert Naquin

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

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 9 12:05pm: Anna Joyce/Harvey Breaux

Also remembered in prayer: Bill/Anna Mae Fremin, Louis/Ada/George/Jeanette Boudreaux

Wed, October 11 12:05pm: Judy Lapeyrouse

Also remembered in prayer: Glen Pirnie; Gert Naquin

Thurs, October 12 7:00am: Johnnie Leblanc

Also remembered in prayers: Lester Aucoin (Ann.)

Fri, October 13 9:30am (Maison Teche):

Steve/Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer: Elodie Bodin

Sat, October 14 4:00 pm: Barbara Brignac

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 Johnny A Switzer; Cynthia Schexnayder, Calvin Bodin, Rosalie, Joann, **Margie Lejeune**

Sun, October 15 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; 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, Eric (Allison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Marie/Warren Hebert; Russell Derise, Able/Pat Trimble, Joann Lejeune, Fred Russell, Craig Myers; Zack Freeman; Michael Lorenzo, Barbara Brignac; Carol Gravois; Lester Aucoin (Ann.)

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Social Media & The Gospel

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



After the teaching on the Liturgy, the **Second Vatican Council** next published a document on Social Communication, titled **Inter Mirifica** (Latin for “Among the wonders”). The 1900s were full of invention and dramatic changes to our ability to communicate with one another. So, the Church decided to issue this document addressing that potential benefits and harms of such technology while also providing guidelines for how it can be used to promote the Gospel. The bishops also express their hope “the teaching and regulations it thus sets forth will serve to promote, not only the eternal welfare of Christians, but also the progress of all mankind.” I mention this sentiment because it helps us to remind ourselves that religion is not a private matter. If our faith is true and God is who we believe Him to be, then our teachings are *actually beneficial* to all human beings, even if they do not share our faith.

The document starts out by asserting that the Church has the “inherent right” to make use of any communication technology that is useful for the instruction of Christians. This right, like all rights, is based on a prior responsibility: the Church is obligated to proclaim the Gospel. It then explains that we need to be careful in the use of new media, pointing out that its users need to consider what they’re saying, who they’re saying it to, how well the medium conveys that message, and what impact the media can have on a person. They wisely note how drastically new media can affect people. They write that technology’s “influence can be so great that men, especially if they are unprepared, can scarcely become aware of it, govern its impact, or, if necessary, reject it.” They later on issue a clear warning to young people to develop moderation and self-control in using such technology. Even a brief look at the latest studies on screen addiction, anxiety, and loneliness proves this to be a prophetic warning. Media doesn’t just convey information, it *affects people* simply by being used, regardless of what it communicates.

Of course, the information itself does matter, so the Church reiterates the rather common sense teaching that people ought to be honest. What is said and how it is said should serve the truth and the rights and dignity of human beings. We are reminded that “in society men have a right to information... about matters concerning individuals or the community.” Someone deliberately distorting or hiding relevant information is guilty of deception even if they aren’t telling outright lies. In other words, propaganda is sinful because it hurts people and misuses technology. Later on, the document also makes the point that those with a wider audience have more responsibility to use their influence well. It’s one thing to be sloppy or deceitful when you talk to 10 people, but if you regularly reach 10,000 people or 10 million, it counts that much more for your credit or your guilt how you use communication technology.

Then we read that “the second question deals with the relationship between the rights... of art and the norms of morality.” Creativity, art, and freedom of expression do involve real rights which should be respected, but the Church steadfastly teaches the “absolute primacy of the objective moral order.” The dignity and freedom of artists does not justify or excuse the production and distribution of objectively and gravely evil things. An obvious example here is pornography. The document clarifies that this does not mean evil behaviors and actions can never be depicted in any way. Indeed, plays, songs, and other works that reveal evil and its consequences can actually be of great service. In other words, telling a story in which you describe or portray (with appropriate restraint) the evil choices of some characters is not only acceptable, but even beneficial if done well.

The council does defend freedom of the press, but cautions that public authority should show “vigilance” and “through the promulgation and careful enforcement of laws” try to protect the welfare of society. Young people especially should not be exposed to things harmful for their age. This is obviously far from a simple task and the Church can’t list specific laws that would work in every case, but it is a reminder that both extremes of complete censorship or media free-for-all are just that, extremes.

Finally, the Council gives guidance on specifically Catholic media. It calls for a robust Catholic press, the support of well-qualified experts in communications to proclaim the Gospel through media, and the training of clergy in using technology to support their ministry. The council calls for commissions, special feast days, organizations, and experts to help carry this out. EWTN, founded about 15 years later, is partly a response to this call. If the world can spare no expense to proclaim errors, the Church should spare no expense to combat those errors. It also reminds us that Bishops are to “watch over such works” in their own dioceses. This means that, as protectors of the faith, Bishops can legitimately correct and reprimand those who claim to teach the faith, but in fact distort it. I’m sure this power has been abused, but it seems to me we more often fail to use it at all. I think most of the problems after Vatican II were caused by people abusing the media to distort the message of the Council.



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



A FAMILY OF FAITH
Family Catechesis for Our Parish

<u>Oct 8</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Discipleship
<u>Oct 18</u>	(Wed @ 6) Family Night
<u>Oct 22</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Formation
<u>Oct 29</u>	4-6pm Trunk or Treat!

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

Pictures of Parish Life

If you have any pictures from parish events in the past few years, please send high quality versions of them to the office. We are looking to incorporate more images into our Pictorial Directory, which we began working on last year. You can send them to stjohnnev@stjohnjeanerette.org.



Outreach & Evangelization

Poor Box



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

Food Pantry

This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Water



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			
\$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: Sept 30/Oct 1

General Collection : \$3513.75

Online: \$303.24

Insurance Fund \$1361.86

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

