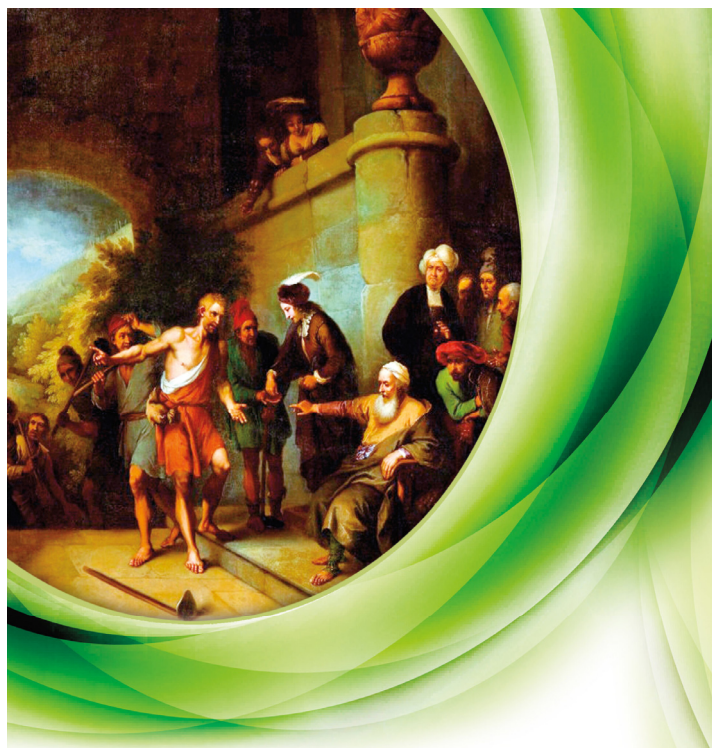




September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:15-16

The Pharisees Question Jesus by James Tissot, between 1888 & 1894
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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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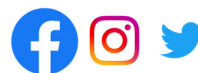
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Sanctuary Lights: September 24

Church - Douglas Robichaux Sr.

Chapel – Simon Becnel (BD)/Viola Burk (BD)/Everette
Gouner III (BD)



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, September 25 12:05pm: Fr. Patrick O'Mara SJ

Also remembered in prayer: Elsie Jumonville

Wed, September 27 12:05pm: Judy Lapeyrouse

Also remembered in prayer: Glen Pirnie; Gert Naquin, Louise/O'Neil/Dalton Sonnier, Wilbert "Spic"/Mickey/Kaleb Leblanc; Lydia Gary (BD)

Thurs, September 28 7:00am: Johnnie Leblanc

Also remembered in prayers:

Fri, September 29 9:30am (Maison Teche): Steve/Chris Gauthier

Also remembered in prayer:

Sat, September 30 4:00 pm: Sister Mary Megdalene & Sister Mary Peter

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; Elsie Jumonville; Cynthia Schexnayder; Robert Landry; Calvin Bodin; SCS Baptism Ann,

Sun, October 1 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; Carol Gravois; Mark/Walter Robin; John/Carolyn/Eddie Bacon, Leslie/Carol Dow, Frentz/Bacon/Dow Families; Judy Lapeyrouse; Marvin "Ga"/Birtha/Perry Hebert, M/M Arthur Hebert, M/M Whitney Hebert; Robert Landry; Margie Lejeune; Dianna Daigle; Mark/Walter Robin; Dave/Irene/Richard Landry, Oden/Ester/ Dora Warf; Calvin Bodin, Everette Gouner III (BD); Leroy Gary (BD); Ernest F. Pitre (BD); Winnie/Janet Landry; Eric (Allison)/Loretta Mouret, M/M Charles Mouret, Sr., M/M Erwin Pirnie, Sr., Bub Pirnie; Helen Michael Strozik; Gloria Bishop; Marie/Warren Hebert

Formation & Education

Pastor's Column

Thoughts and updates from Fr. Albert

Sacrosanctum Concilium VII: The Liturgy of the Hours

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



We return this week to our ongoing journey through Vatican II's document on the liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (1963). The document beautifully reminds us that Jesus "continues His priestly work through the agency of His Church, which is ceaselessly engaged in praising the Lord and interceding for the salvation of the whole world." This image and reality of constant prayer by the Church is seen perhaps most clearly in the **Divine Office**, which we now call the **Liturgy of the Hours**. It is the set of prayers that every priest, deacon, and religious man or woman prays every day. They are structured to take place at certain times of day to sanctify the day and so are called "hours" even though they don't usually take a full hour. When taken in connection with the whole world, it means that there is basically always some part of the Church that is actively praying these prayers at any given moment.

Over time, it became very common for priests and even some religious to cram all of the "hours" into a single, extended time slot, preferring to get them all done rather than risking a busy schedule preventing them from getting some done at the proper times. That isn't completely wrong. Still, the Church wanted to renew the intention to spread throughout the day. Hence, She asked that the **Breviary** (the book which has the prayers in it) be revised to facilitate that. The major changes were the removal of one "hour," shortening most of the others, adding a wider variety of readings, and adjusting the requirements especially of priests and religious in certain forms of active ministry. It wasn't specified in the document, but a byproduct of the emphasis on the proper hours caused people to start calling it "The Liturgy of the Hours" instead of the Divine Office. They are the same thing, technically, but some people still use the older term and sometimes they use it to refer to the old version. Also, individual monasteries often have permission to use their own variations.

As we've seen repeatedly throughout this document, it does give permission to use the vernacular (local language) if authorized by a legitimate authority. Again as we've seen repeatedly, some people got carried away. I know of one monastery in the United States where someone in Rome at the council called the monastery *the day this was published* and told the monks to translate the prayers for the next day *overnight*. So, a whole monastery full of monks prayed in Latin, went to bed, and with no warning at all, woke up the next day to pray their morning prayers in English. There was no approval by proper authority, the translation was rushed, and it was forced on people without asking their opinion. Even if you think moving away from Latin is a good idea, that was not the way to go about it. Some of these monks had prayed in Latin for over 70 years. Most of them were fluent in Latin. It's an arrogant thing unilaterally change it such a jarring way. Unfortunately, people with agendas manipulated the situation to impose their ideas on millions of people without warning and contrary to the *actual intentions* of the Second Vatican Council.

Now, many people *did* do it the right way. Priests who wanted to switch had to ask permission and most of the priests in the world *did ask*. So, almost every diocese in the world very quickly developed translations and got them approved. Soon most priests in the world began praying in their own native language, though even today every priest has the option to pray in Latin and some do. I personally prefer to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in English most of the time, but must admit that some of the translations aren't very good. Fortunately, a new translation that is less rushed is almost finished and will be rolled out in the next few years.

The last thing to mention about the Breviary/Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours is that the Church asked pastors to offer it in their parishes for their parishioners to join in. It mentions especially Vespers (evening prayer) on Sundays and special feasts. I do try to offer that on special days like our Patronal feast of St. John and we used to have vespers on Thursdays. You can find a few parishes that still offer that chance. The CJC's in St. Martinville are a religious order, so they also pray these hours and sometimes allow people a chance to join them. They even sing most of it, which the document says is preferred. Either way, the document encourages the laity to pray these hours privately or in their own groups, something that is much easier now that they are shorter, in English, and easily found on a variety of websites and apps. You can find one such resource on our parish website (under Sacraments, Mass Readings and Daily Prayer) and I encourage everyone to give the Liturgy of the Hours a chance, even if it ends up not being a regular thing.



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>Sept 24</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Formation
<u>Oct 1</u>	Whole Family Class
<u>Oct 8</u>	1st Communion Confirmation - Discipleship
<u>Oct 18</u>	(Wed @ 6) Family Night

stjohnnjanerette.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

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@stjohnnjanerette.org.



Diocesan Eucharistic Rally - Bus Trip

The diocese is hosting a Eucharistic Rally at the **Cajundome Convention Center** on **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 organizing a bus to bring people to this event. It will leave here at 5pm and return as soon as the even ends. Please call the office or visit the website if you're interested. We're asking \$25 for the bus, no charge for the event itself.



Outreach & Evangelization

Food Pantry



This month, the pantry is accepting donations of Water

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	
\$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	
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\$1,200	\$5,200	\$62,400	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72	\$84	\$96	\$108	\$120	\$144	\$180	
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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	

Collections:

General Collection : 2777.75

Online: 444.08

Religious Ed: 943.60

Second Collections

Sept. 17th Religious Ed

Sept. 24th Ins. 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

Job Openings:

Maintenance: part time care of grounds and facilities

