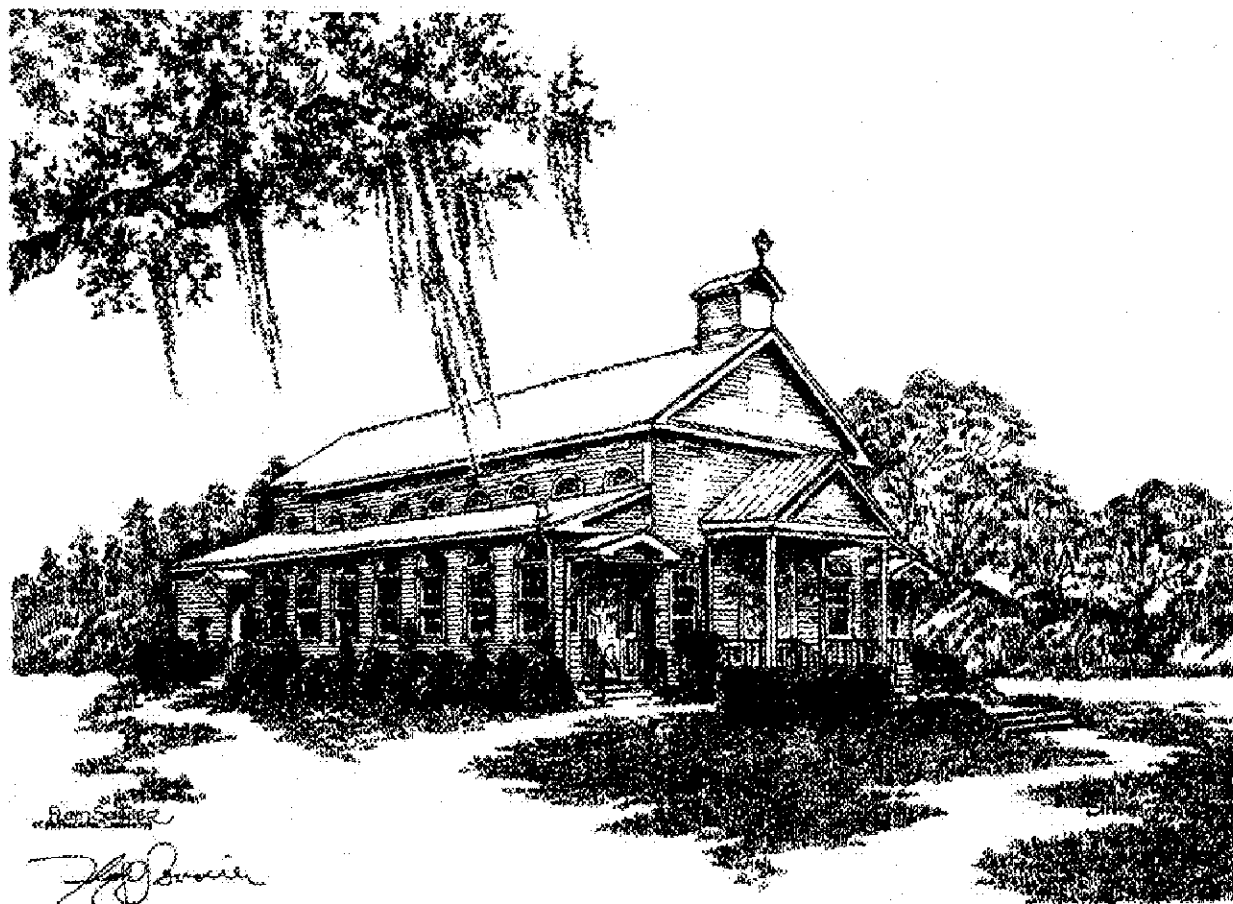


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 14, 2011 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 4:00 pm – Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 am

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 pm and Weekdays: 7:15 am

Baptisms

Parents are encouraged to call the Church during pregnancy to avoid delays of the sacrament

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance to allow time for preparation

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2011

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 13-- Vigil of The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM: Edna Parker; Joseph Alexander; Dr. Francis Laborde; M/M Eugene Montagnet; M/M Albert Montagnet

Sunday, August 14-- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Bernice & Mona Broussard; Rachel Wickman (living); Velma Bernard; Anna Burts
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Monday, August 15-- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM: M/M Clay Dalferes

Tuesday, August 16-- St. Stephen of Hungary

7:30 AM: Eddy Knight

Wednesday, August 17-- Weekday (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, August 18-- Weekday

7:30 AM: Bernice & Mona Broussard; Rachel Wickman (living)

Friday, August 19-- St. John Eudes, priest

7:30 AM: Sick of the Parish

Non-Liturgical Devotions

Daily Rosary: Monday - Friday 6:55 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday 7:15 a.m.

Rosary for Priests: Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Thursday 7:15 a.m.

Pro-Life Rosary: First Friday of the month 7:00 a.m.

Shamrocks—Friday, August 19: No cleaning this week. Thank you for helping out with this important Ministry!

Anniversary Gratitude

Alongside my deep gratitude for the 30 years of priestly service I have been privileged to provide, I want to express my gratitude as well to all of you who have been so kind and supportive on this special occasion. As always, your generosity continues to amaze me, and I thank you. I also wanted to mention that in addition to several special gatherings marking the anniversary, I was particularly grateful to be able to simply celebrate the Eucharist with all of you last weekend. For me, celebrating Mass remains the most special way I can mark an event of this type, and I thank you for your ongoing faith and support. – Fr. Keith

Altar Plants

In Loving Memory of

Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinene Daniel Sonnier

Prayer for Hurricane Season

God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to you, loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with you Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Bishop Maurice Shexnayder

Roman Missal – Third Edition

Last week we mentioned here that this fall we would be replacing our Gather hymnals with the latest edition. (One small correction – the hymnals are \$15.00 each, not \$13.50.) This will aid us in learning the new musical settings of the “Ordinary” of the Mass – Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamations, etc., all of which will have some changes in the words. In addition, our missalettes will of course have the new responses, since they are renewed each year. In addition, we plan to provide “pew cards” – double sided durable cards that will have all the people’s responses in an easily usable form. With these pew cards, we won’t have to be flipping through the missalette, trying to find the right page, which would soon become tiresome. And of course, as we move into the fall, we will be providing more information about the specifics of the changes. All of this is aimed at making the transition as painless as possible!

Reporting Child Abuse

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services has launched a single toll-free number to report child abuse or neglect. This single number is available statewide and is designed to work with a centralized intake system, providing consistent screening for reports statewide. Make a note of this number, for we never know when we will encounter a child in need of protection: 855-452-5437.

Pro-Life Workshop & Seminar

On September 10, 2011, Catholic Leaders from across the state of Louisiana will come together for a one-day organizing meeting and training session with Sr. Helen Prejean to work for a repeal of the death penalty. Sponsored by the Life and Justice Committee of the Louisiana Bishops, the goal is to organize Louisiana Catholics committed to repeal the death penalty. Brochures are available on the back table, and registration is required (\$20.00).

“Gently Worn” School Uniforms Needed

“School Uniform Outreach” will continue to collect and process used uniforms. Various agencies will distribute the uniforms to the needy children in the Lafayette Parish Schools. Please bring your children’s outgrown uniforms to church ASAP. Sizes 4-20 and all adult sizes are needed. Shirts: red, white and navy blue, black and green. Pants/Shorts: navy blue, black and khaki-traditional style.

Feast of the Assumption

Because this feast falls on a Monday this year, there is no obligation to attend Mass. However all are encouraged to celebrate the Feast. We will have Mass as usual at 7:30 a.m.

2011—2012 CCD Registration

Students from St. Patrick’s who would like to attend CCD Program—all grades, First Communion and Confirmation, need to register at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 818 12th. St., Lafayette. Registration is ongoing and **will conclude on August 31, 2011**; in the Immaculate Heart Cafeteria; Monday—Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Students will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. All new students must have their baptismal record on the day of registration.

Reminder—Baby Items

Next weekend is time to bring baby items to be given away to those mothers who choose life for their babies. **Immediate need this month: diapers for infants and sizes 3, 4 & 5; Wipes; Body Wash; Baby Lotion, Diaper Bags.** These items are a most costly necessity for the women going for help. The kindness of your donations help this ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Famine Relief for Africa

Bishop Jarrell, along with Bishops across the country, is asking us to help offer relief to the peoples suffering from drought and famine in Somalia & the eastern parts of Africa. Catholic Relief Services is already on the ground, providing aid. **Therefore next weekend, Sept. 20-21, we will have a second collection** for those who wish to donate to this cause. Funds will be channeled to those in need through Catholic Relief Services as usual.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$ 4,704.78
Building Fund.....\$ 1,525.91

Thank You!

In today’s reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, “God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.” To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Liturgical Roles for August 2011

| Date | Saturday, August 20 4:00 p.m. | Sunday, August 21 8:30 a.m. | Sunday, August 21 10:00 a.m. |
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| Lectors | Angie Kovacs | Linda Garber | Jo Ann Nicko |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Lois Delahoussaye Rosalind Allen Joy Borel | Judy LeBlanc Gerrie McGovern Kay Hampton | Michael Doumit Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux |
| Server | Alockie Noel | Adelia Sparrow | Debra Carroll |
| Ushers | Janelle Venable Joyce Stelly | Fred & Linda Vallot | Robin Roy Lionel Jeanmard |

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

From the Pastor's Desk

In some ways it's like the calm before the storm. The last trips to the beach or to grandma's are winding down. Teachers are relishing their last days of freedom, school supplies are stacked in the corner, kids are resigning themselves to early wake-up calls or they're wondering what that new teacher will be like. The summer is ending, the school year is starting, and it's what we've done so many times before.

In other directions it is anything but calm. London is burning, the Somali's are starving, the Arab spring is still a huge question mark as power shifts around from faction to faction. Congress is still embroiled in its own particular brand of dysfunction, markets are in turmoil and everybody is arguing over who is responsible for the downgrade. The western states are recovering from their huge wildfires while much of the south suffers a tremendous heat wave. The list could go on and on. Many problems are evident. Solutions are in dispute.

Yet somewhere this morning, someone got up at his or her usual time, made the coffee, fed the bird, dressed for work and showed up as usual. For countless others, the dog still needed to be walked, the garbage taken out, the dishes and clothes still had to be washed. Kids needed to be tended to, the grass needed to be cut and the dog needed to be walked – again.

In much the same way, we gather again here in this Church for Mass, as we do Sunday after Sunday. We gather and we do pretty much the same thing we did last Sunday, with variations in readings and prayers as needed. As a matter of fact, we gather this weekend and do pretty much what Catholics have been doing every Sunday for a little over 2000 years. We tell the stories and we break the bread, we eat and drink the presence of the Lord. And when we get home, the dog still needs to be walked – again.

There is a tremendous value in that kind of routine, that kind of ritual. It needs to be there in our communal life, and it needs to be there in our personal life. In the 4th century and the 8th century and the 15th century, the Catholics who gathered knew nothing of stocks and bonds or Facebook or Twitter or choosing the right soap for the dishwasher. They had their own challenges, their own disruptions of daily life, their own disasters and triumphs. They gathered and so do we.

In and through all of that, God is God. We are not him. And he remains God. That is why no matter what's happening in the world out there, or in my little world, I need to come back to God, over and over and over again. I need to stay in touch with the source of my life, with my hope and salvation, whether or not the dog needs to be walked -- again.

M. Keith