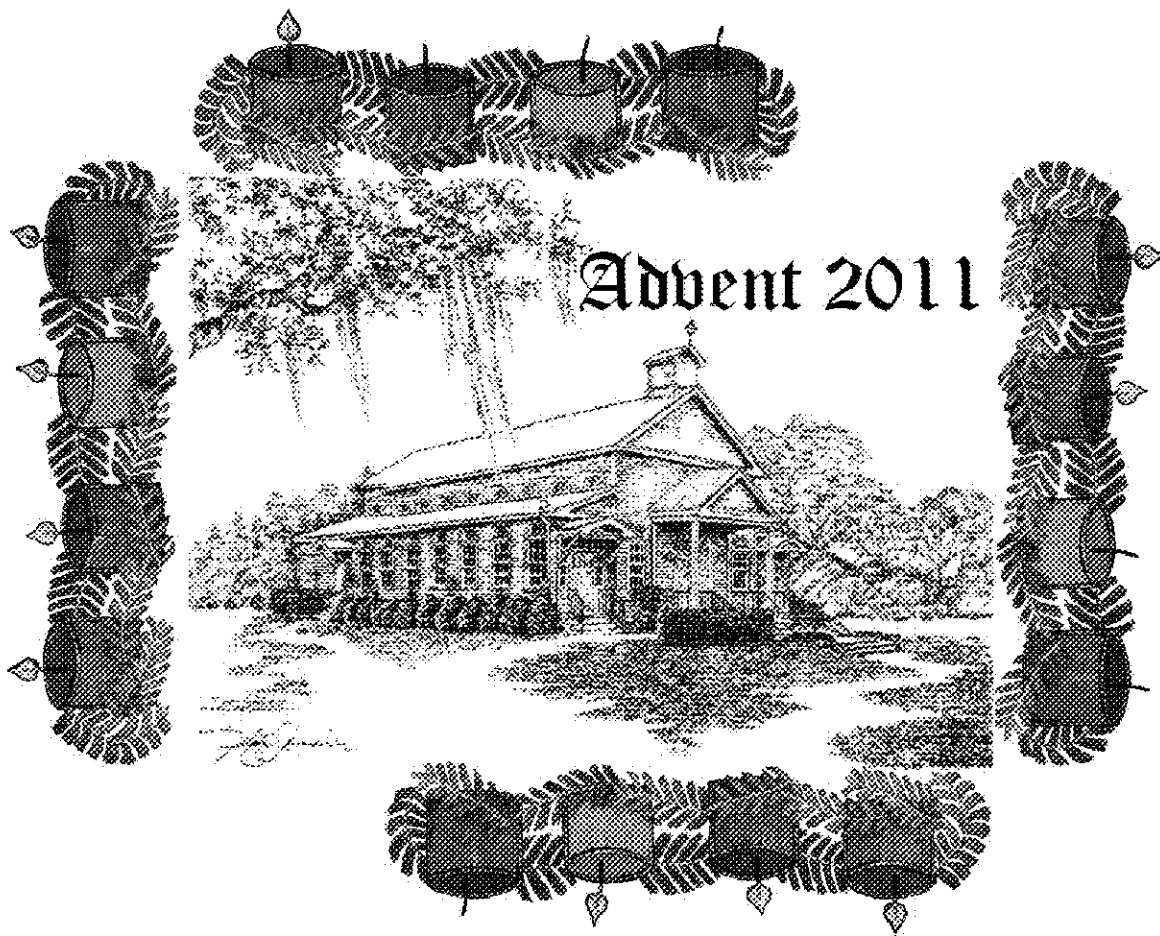


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*December 11, 2011 - Third Sunday of Advent*



#### **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*

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

*December 11, 2011*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### **Saturday, December 10-- Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM: Edna Parker; August Lancelos;  
In Thanksgiving Smith Family

#### **Sunday, December 11-- Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM: Kirt Anthony Breaux; Larry Lam-  
po; Robert Cole; Margaret & Choc Roy

10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### **Monday, December 12-- Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:30 AM: Bella Hernandez; Agnes Duple-  
chain; Gussie Hernandez

#### **Tuesday, December 13-- St. Lucy, virgin and martyr**

7:30 AM: Eddy Knight

#### **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, December 16:** No cleaning.

#### **Is God Calling Me?**

Young men and women, college and high school age, are invited to attend a Day of Recollection on **December 21** from 9am to 3pm. The day will address questions about various forms of consecrated life in the Church as well as give helps in discernment. There is no fee for the day and no registration necessary. Participants are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. The day will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 420 N. Main St., St. Martinville. For more information call Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at (337) 394-6550 or e-mail him at [frchampagne@yahoo.com](mailto:frchampagne@yahoo.com)

#### **Wednesday, December 14-- St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the church** (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

#### **Thursday, December 15-- Advent Weekday**

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

#### **Friday, December 16-- Advent Weekday**

7:30 AM: Steve Bernard; Sue Langlinais;  
Alice Ducote (living)



#### **Christmas Project Heifer International**

**Gift of a Goat: \$120— Share of a Goat: \$10**

For farming families throughout the world, goats are the key to survival.

- A good dairy goat can provide up to a gallon or rich, nutritious milk each day.
- Goats don't require lots of land, and through Heifer training, families learn to collect the manure so they can use it to actually improve their soil.
- And goats can help entire communities transform their futures as each family Passes on the Gift of offspring to another.

Since receiving the gift of two dairy goats, the Pilafi Family from Albania, have taken their family from the brink of poverty to the threshold of self-reliance. In addition to income, the second impact of the goats, has been the nutrition for their large family. They consume most of the milk and dairy products that the goats produce. Last year, they had 20-30 pounds of cheese per month. They were able to put their new income toward home improvements to give their children a decent place to live.

Make checks payable to St. Patrick Church. All donations will be sent to Heifer International at the beginning of the year. Heifer International meets the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability. For additional information please visit their website: <http://www.heifer.org/>



## Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24: 4 & 6 p.m.*  
*Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25: 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.*

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*New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31: 4:00 p.m.*  
*New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1: 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.*

### Opportunities for Confession

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette will host regional "Opportunities for Confession" during Advent. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions as follows:

**Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church  
610 Raintree Trail., Lafayette

**Thursday, December 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

St. Edmond Catholic Church  
4131 West Congress Street, Lafayette

### 2011 Parish Advent Missions-Central Region

**St. Edmond Catholic Church**, 4131 West Congress Street, Lafayette. Advent Bible Study on the Sunday Readings followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Four **Tuesdays: November 29, December 6, 13 & 20**; 6:00—8:00 p.m., in Church. Presenter: Deacon Frank Cormier, Deacon, St. Edmond Catholic Church, Lafayette. For more information, please call the Parish Office 337-981-0874

**St. Elizabeth Seaton Catholic Church**, 610 Raintree Trail, Lafayette. "Anticipation & Preparation", **December 12 & 13** (Regional Penance Service—December 14), 7:00 p.m. in Church. Presenters: Rev. Hampton Davis, Pastor Our Lady Queen of Peace, Lafayette (Dec.12); Rev. Michael Champagne, Community of Jesus Crucified (Dec.13). For more information call 337-235-1483.

*All of the people in today's readings — the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist — seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?*



*You are Invited...*

### Christmas Social

Remember our **Christmas Social, this Sunday, December 11th., at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** Bring your favorite dish; the meat and drinks will be provided.

### Lessons and Carols

St. Leo Catholic Church (300 W. Alexander St., Lafayette) will once more present their annual Lessons and Carols on Sunday evening, **December 18**, at 6:00 p.m.

### Annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game

will be **Wednesday, December 28**, at the gym on the campus of Opelousas Catholic. The game starts at 6:30. Come support vocations to the priesthood and enjoy this entertaining evening as the seminarians seek to defend their title against our local priests.

### 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.** Other items that may be donated are: potty; hi chairs and table top; bouncers; swings; walkers. The kindness of your donations help this ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend will be for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.** In the United States today, more than 34,000 women and men religious past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). Donations to the RFR furnish funding for financial, educational, and consultative support that helps religious communities care for senior members and plan for long-term retirement needs. Please give generously next weekend.

### STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us

Offertory.....\$4,104.71

Building Fund..... \$1,426.92

Heifer International.....\$1,430.00 (total)

*Thank You!*

**Liturgical Roles for December 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Saturday, December 17 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, December 18 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, December 18 10:00 a.m.</b>
Lectors	Geraldine Fuselier	Gerrie McGovern	Phylis Roy
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Spruill Candis Thompson Joy Borel	Maggie Sonnier Suzanne Lavergne Judy LeBlanc	Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux Debra Carroll
Server	Alockie Noel	Fed Vallot	Andre Arceneaux
Ushers	Oren Spruill Harold Guilbeau	William & Stephanie Bacque	Jenny Feehan Robin Roy

**I am a voice  
crying out  
in the desert**



**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27;  
Lk 1:26-38

***From the Pastor's Desk***

Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. The woman with a hemorrhage. The ten lepers, even without gratitude. Zachaeus, the tree climber. The lame man stuck by the Bethesda pool. Lazarus, three days dead. The woman whose adulterous partner was nowhere around. The wine-deprived newlyweds. The “good” thief. The funeral-bound widow of Nain. The hillside-reclining hungry crowds. The storm-frightened disciples. The unworthy official’s servant. The list could be longer, and these are just some of the ones we know about.

They’re a rather diverse group, yet with one thing in common. Each had their lives touched by Jesus in a powerful, life-changing way. These are the ones whom Jesus came to seek out.

Isaiah had prophesied: *“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.”*

Then John the Baptist stood up on the banks of the Jordan river, and proclaimed the fulfillment of that prophecy: *“I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”*

Eventually the day would come when Jesus himself would enter the synagogue of a little town called Nazareth, and would open the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He would read those words of the prophet. He would then tell them that in their hearing these words, that those words were being fulfilled.

Then he would go to seek out the poor, and the brokenhearted, the captives and the prisoners. He would go out to find Bartimaeus and Zachaeus and the widow of Nain, and all the countless others. He would reach out, smearing mud on eyes, taking little girls by the hand, and allowing the tassel of his cloak to be touched by people of faith.

All those people knew they were the poor and that they were the brokenhearted. In their heart of hearts, they knew their need for redemption and salvation. “Self-reliance” was not even in their vocabulary as they longed for the redemption of Israel. They knew that relying simply on self was the path to destruction. They knew that only in God could their souls be at rest, that only in God was their salvation. Knowing all of that, their hearts were filled with a desire and a longing that only Christ could satisfy.

Come, Lord Jesus!

*M. Keith*