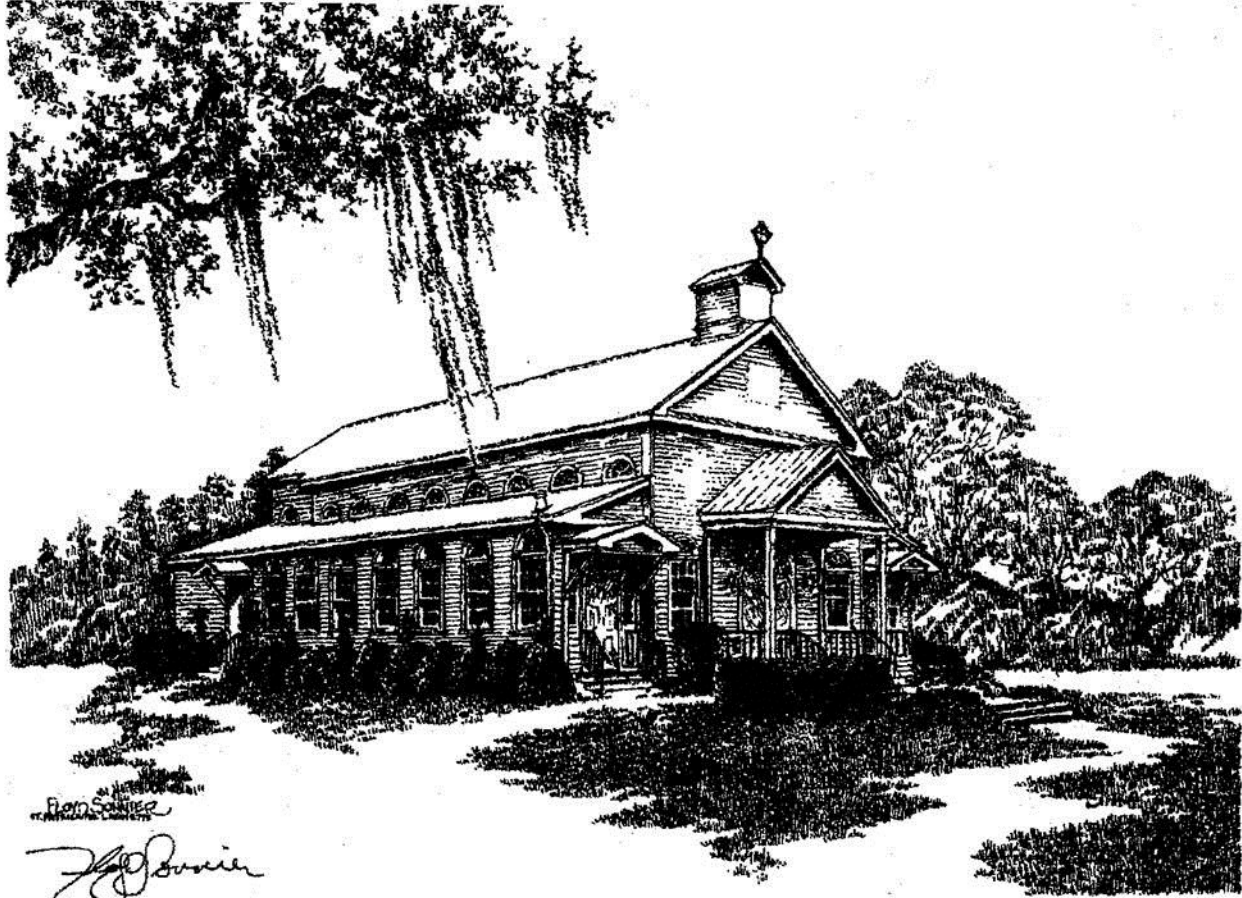


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*February 12, 2012 - Sixth 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*

## ***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Saturday, February 11-- Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM: August Lanclos;

Edna & Melba Parker

#### **Sunday, February 12-- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM: Bertha Touchet; Sue Langlinois;

John Calvin Anthony; Marie Louise Lacaze (living)

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

#### **Monday, February 13--Weekday**

7:30 AM: Bella Hernandez; Clifton Cormier;

Adam Hernandez

#### **Tuesday, February 14-- St. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop**

7:30 AM: Cecelia Ledet

#### **Wednesday, February 15--Weekday** (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

#### **Thursday, February 16--Weekday**

7:30 AM: Janell Thomas (living)

#### **Friday, February 17-- The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

#### *Altar Flowers*

*In Loving Memory of:*

**Begnaud, Bourdier & Lavergne Family**



#### **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, February 17:**

Donna Guilbeau; Patsy Robicheaux; Gerrie McGovern; Sharon Lemanczyck

#### **Bishop's Letters**

Our bulletin insert this week provides two letters from Bishop. The letter regarding the health care insurance mandate is a follow-up to the information we provided last week. (More info is available on our web site – <http://stpat.org>). The second letter concerns Operation Rice Bowl, which we invite you to participate in each year. Rice Bowl materials will be available as we approach Lent 2012.

#### **Preparing for Lent**

Where is God? Don't we have to know, if we're going to find him? Rather than leaving where we are to go and find God, perhaps it is often a matter of opening one's heart to the God who is already present, already speaking, already saving. On Sunday, **February 19th**, from 6 to 7 pm, join with Fr. Keith at St. Patrick Church to explore the many places in our lives where we can encounter our God. Our reflections will be guided by the Scriptures of this Lenten season.



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### **St. Pius Perpetual Adoration**

St. Pius Church is attempting to offer Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at their Church. However, they are having difficulty getting commitments from a sufficient number of people. If you might be interested in committing to an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Pat Dejean at 207-4733 for what hours are needed.

### **Theresians “Day of Renewal”**

The Roses of Acadiana District Theresians is sponsoring a “Day of Renewal” for women on Saturday, **March 3**, from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 201 East Bayou Parkway, Lafayette. This year’s retreat, entitled “A Gentle Walk into Awareness”, features the theme “Discern and Learn Simple Ways to Pray”. Speakers are Father Mark Thibodeaux, S. J.; Kitty Cleveland; and Lynn Holy Doucet. Registration forms are available at [www.acadianatheresians.com](http://www.acadianatheresians.com). For more information, please contact Claudette Landry (296-4020) or Ivette Davis (234-7329) or email [register@acadianatheresians.com](mailto:register@acadianatheresians.com).

### **“Melchizedeck Project”**

Discernment group for men (16-40) will meet four times during the Spring Semester at Our Lady of Wisdom Student Center library on the campus of UL. The format: begin with a 45 minute group discussion based on the book “To save a Thousand Souls” by Fr. Brett Brannen, then attend Mass together, and conclude with a simple supper after Mass. The dates are February 12, March 4, March 25, and April 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon (Director of Vocations and Seminarians) for more details at [perebordelon@gmail.com](mailto:perebordelon@gmail.com) or call 261-5634

### **Circle of Friends**

Single adults in Acadiana, ages 30 and up, can find a venue of fellowship and speakers every Tuesday, except the third Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. Supper Club provides a monthly social at a local restaurant on the 3rd. Tuesday of every month. For more information or about the meetings or to be added to the email list, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 261-5653 or [www.catholiclifefellowshipnetwork.webs.com](http://www.catholiclifefellowshipnetwork.webs.com)

### **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: diapers for infants and sizes 3, 4 & 5; wipes; body wash; baby lotion, diaper bags.** Other items that may be donated are: any and all plastic hangers; bath towels; wash cloths; twin and queen sheet sets. The kindness of your donations help this ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity!.

### **Annual Day of Recollection**

St. Edmond Altar Society will be holding their Annual Day of Recollection, on Thursday, **February 23** at St. Edmond Church, 4131 W. Congress St., Lafayette. Donuts and coffee will be served in the Atrium at 8:00 a.m. Rosary begins in Church at 9:00 a.m. The Retreat Master: Rev. Clint Trahan, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Morse, LA. Tickets are \$10.00 and includes lunch and must be purchased in advance, in order to make adequate arrangements. Send check by February 15th. to St. Edmond Altar Society, RaNelle Simon—Ticket Chairperson, 116 Delmar Lane, Lafayette, LA 70506. For more information please call 337-232-2849

### **“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.

### **Second Collection next Weekend**

Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for **Black and Indian Missions**. Our financial contributions helps to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American evangelization programs particularly in the south. Let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the collection with generous hearts.

### **STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK**

Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us  
Offertory.....\$4,860.73  
Building Fund.....\$ 930.00

*Thank You!*

**Liturgical Roles for February 2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Saturday, February 18 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, February 19 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, February 19 10:00 a.m.</b>
Lectors	Angie Kovacs	Jessica Hamsher	Phyllis Roy
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Delahoussaye George Eaton Janelle Venable	Patsy Robicheaux Kathy Kalweit Maggie Sonnier	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Michael Doumit
Server	Alockie Noel	Mary Kramer	Harry Demette
Ushers	Joyce Stelly Harold Guilbeau	Keith Toups Rachelle Trahan	Joyce Stelly Lionel Jenamard

**Readings for the Week**

Monday     Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday    Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday  Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday   Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday      Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
 Saturday   Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13  
 Sunday     Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12



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

Two things have happened in the last week. More and more signs have gone up at restaurants, advertising crawfish for sale. Secondly, the barricades are out on Johnston Street. Only one conclusion can be reached: Lent is almost upon us.

From the date of this bulletin, Lent will begin in about 10 days. That means it's not too early to start thinking about it. Some obvious questions come to mind. Where and at what time will I go to Mass on Ash Wednesday? Will I participate in Operation Rice Bowl or go to one of the many missions in town? Will I go to daily Mass, once or twice a week perhaps, or even every day? And of course, what will I give up?

All these questions revolve around the question of how I will observe the season itself. And that's important. Lent is truly a season of grace, with its own character and emphasis. It is a season of grace that is filled with hope. Underlying the calls to repentance and forgiveness is the conviction that repentance and forgiveness are possible. By God's grace, things in our lives can change. We can change. And unless we happen to have a life that is ideal in all aspects, that is good news. It is reason for hope.

"Turn away from your sins and believe in the Gospel." I've long preferred those words for the distribution of ashes, rather than "Remember that you dust, and to dust you shall return". The second is more dramatic, and perhaps more existential, reminding us of our fundamental nature as limited and created. But the first is I think more dynamic and life-giving. Quite simply, it tells us what we can do, even if we are dust and return to dust. It says that turning away from the things in our lives that harm us and others is actually possible. It shows us the path, belief in the Gospel, which leads to that kind of change. Not so explicit, of course, is the fact that this kind of change can only happen by God's grace.

So I want to suggest a slightly different avenue of searching as we approach this Lenten season. The question, "What shall I give up for Lent?" usually assumes something I go back to after Lent is completed. What if we asked, "What do I want to take out of this Lenten season?" How can my attitudes, actions, and values be different on Easter Sunday? What is God asking me to change in my life, not just for these forty days, but in an ongoing, life-giving way? Then we can ask, "What do I need to do during Lent so that this change can actually happen?" The practices of Lent become a way of letting God transform our lives so that grace continues to be active, long after the crawfish are eaten and the barricades put away.

*Keith*