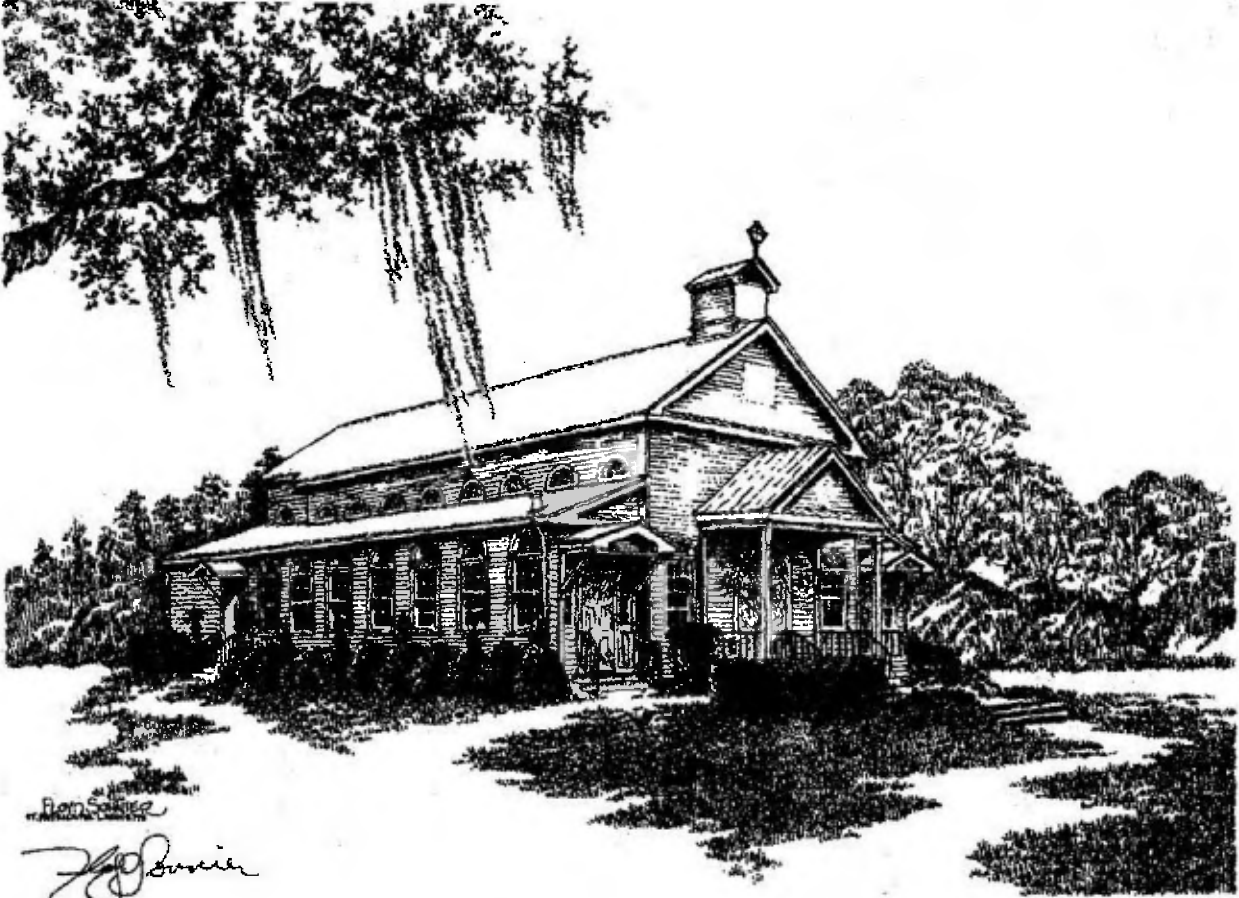


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*February 19, 2012 - Seventh 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

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, February 18-- Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM: August Lanclos; Hebert Family; Edna & Melba Parker; M/M Eugene Montagnet, Sr.

#### Sunday, February 19-- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Bertha Touchet; Sue Langlinais;  
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Monday, February 20--Weekday

7:30 AM: Bella Hernandez; Clifton Cormier; Adam Hernandez

#### Tuesday, February 21-- St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM: Jim Macready (living); Dan Freeman (living); John Calvin Anthony

#### Wednesday, February 22--Ash Wednesday

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

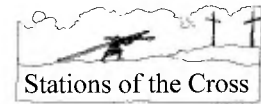
#### Thursday, February 23--St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 AM: Janell Thomas (living)

#### Friday, February 24-- Lenten Weekday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Friday—7:10 a.m.



#### 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.

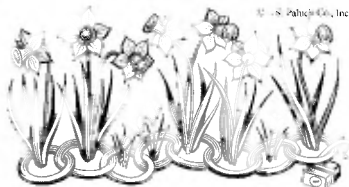
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Thursday 7:15 a.m.

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

**Shamrocks—Friday, February 24:** No cleaning.

#### Ragin'Cajun Catholics Pilgrimage to Rome

Attention young adults ages 18-35!!! Fr. Bryce Sibley, pastor of Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church and Catholic Student Center at UL-Lafayette, is leading a Pilgrimage to Rome from May 27-June 5, 2012. Spots are still open for pilgrims to register. For more information, please visit the Ragin'Catholics website at <http://ourladyofwisdom.org/2012/01/26/ragin-cajun-catholics-pilgrimage-to-rome-2/> or call 232-8742.



#### “Spiritual Growth Through Transitions”

Are you looking for a Lenten experience? Sr. Kathleen Farrelly, O. Carm. and Toni Hare are offering a series of workshops for women on the topic of transition. Changes are inevitable in this life, but it is possible to find peace and spiritual growth as we accept transitions. The transitional phases of our lives will be examined through the use of video, music, reflection, discussion, and journaling. Sessions will be offered on five consecutive Tuesdays from 6—7:30 p.m. Dates for the sessions are **February 28, March 6, 13, 20 and 27**. These workshops will be held at Toni Hare's home in Lafayette: 328 Silverbell Parkway, near St. Pius Church. The fee for the entire series is \$35.00. Participants are asked to bring a Bible and their favorite journal. Seating is limited so please respond quickly if you are interested by calling Sr. Kathleen at 337-322-7255. Diocesan teachers who are not working toward certification may count one hour per session toward their required Religion hours.

It is I, I, who wipe out,  
for my own sake, your offenses;  
your sins I remember no more.

— Isaiah 43:25



This Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. There will only be **one Mass at 7:30 a.m. and ashes will be distributed at that Mass.**

**The Lenten Schedule of Masses is:**

**Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m.**

**Way of the Cross: Fridays 7:10 a.m.**



**Fast and Abstinence**

*The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:*

• **Fasting**

*On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.*

• **Abstinence from Meat**

*Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.*



**We invite you to participate in:**

**Operation Rice Bowl:** *In 1975, Catholic Relief Services founded Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program that invites people to place a cardboard container (given out in parishes) in their homes, and put in the money that is saved because of their fasting and the things they give up for Lent. On Palm Sunday, the Rice Bowl is brought to Mass, and the money is used for development projects in poor nations and hunger relief in the local diocese.*

**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). Deadline for early registration is **February 23**, (postmark the 22). For more information, please contact Claudette Landry (296-4020) or Ivette Davis (234-7329) or email [register@acadianatheresians.com](mailto:register@acadianatheresians.com).

**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.

**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.

**Young Adult Gathering**

All young adults (ages 18-40, married or single) are invited to attend the Well! The Well is held every fourth Tuesday of the month at Sts. Peter & Paul in Scott, LA, and includes Praise and Worship, Adoration, and a Guest Speaker (7-8:30p.m.). For more information contact the [well.lafayette@gmail.com](mailto:well.lafayette@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events**

**“A Weekend with Immaculee”** - Lafayette, LA—March 16-17, 2012: Registration Information is available at [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com)

**“Divine Mercy Day of Reflection”** - Saturday, April 14, 2012

**“Divine Mercy Sunday”** Mass—Sunday, April 15, 2012

Please mark your calendars for these two events. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK**

Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us  
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*Thank You!*



**Liturgical Roles for February 2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Saturday, February 25 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, February 26 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, February 26 10:00 a.m.</b>
Lectors	Janelle Venable	Gerrie McGovern	Robert Andrus
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosalind Allen Peggy Spruill Candis Thompson	Susan Cain Suzanne Lavergne Kay Hampton	Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux Debra Carroll
Server	Joy Borel	Glenn LaGrange	Andre Arceneaux
Ushers	Oren Spruill Harold Guilbeau	Keith Toups Anne Pitre	Jenny Feehan Robin Roy

**Readings for the Week**

Monday     Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday    Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday  Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 —6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday   Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday      Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday   Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday     Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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

Two weeks ago, we provided information on the recent HHS health care mandate in our bulletin. Since then, there have been adjustments by the administration. This week we received a letter from the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops. The full text of the letter is available on our parish website: <http://stpat.org>. We reproduce part of the letter here:

*The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently ruled that Catholic institutions must provide health insurance that offers sterilizations, abortion inducing drugs, and contraceptives. This is a direct attack on the religious liberty of Catholic institutions which serve ALL people, not just Catholics.*

*As we have read, on Friday, February 10th President Obama offered some changes to the original HHS ruling. Instead of Catholic institutions having to provide the objectionable coverage the insurance companies would do it. There are three major problems with that supposed compromise. First, Catholic institutions would still have to pay for this objectionable coverage. Second, in many cases Catholic dioceses are self insured. Third, individuals would be forced to pay premiums for this coverage. ...*

*Please send a message to respectfully request your U.S. Senators and Congressman to co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) that has been introduced by Representative Fortenberry and Senator Blunt. This measure ensures that the rights of conscience of Catholic institutions will be respected. You can do this by following the link to Voter Voice on the homepage of our website at [www.laccb.org](http://www.laccb.org).*

This remains a very complex issue. I remain convinced that the issue is not whether one agrees with the church stance on contraception, but rather whether our nation will uphold the principle of religious freedom. It is about the right of all churches to act in accord with their faith not only within the walls of the church, but also in service to a broader society. The narrowness of the HHS definition of church activity is at the core of the problem. One thing that disqualifies Catholic hospitals from the exemption in the law is that they provide health care to non-Catholics. The fact that we serve people of any faith is one of the distinguishing marks of Catholic health care. We as Catholics should be able to decide what a Catholic hospital looks like and how it acts in our society. The current mandate fails to respect that right. We pray that an acceptable compromise will be reached.

*Keith*