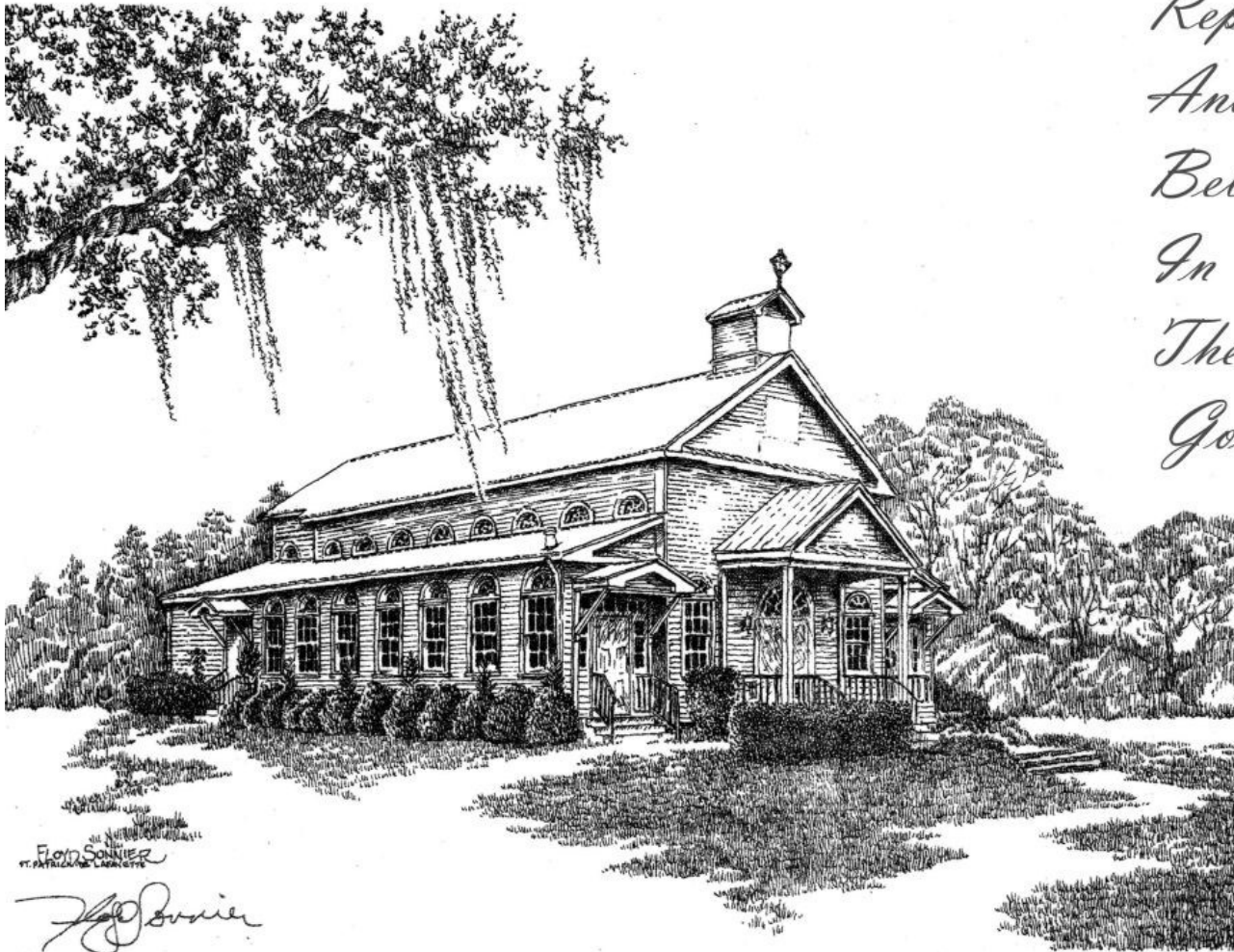


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 26, 2012 - First Sunday of Lent

*Lent 2012*

*Repent  
And  
Believe  
In  
The  
Gospel*



L'Église St. Patrick

#### **Office Hours**

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

#### **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

## First Sunday of Lent

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, February 25-- Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM: August Lanclos; Edna & Melba Parker; M/M Eugene Montagnet, Jr;

#### Sunday, February 26-- First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM: Bertha Touchet; Sue Langlinais

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

#### Monday, February 27--Lenten Weekday

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

#### Tuesday, February 28-- Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM: Eric Combe

#### Wednesday, February 29--Lenten Wednesday

(Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

#### Thursday, March 1--Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM: Dieu Donne Castille

#### Friday, March 2--St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Friday—7:10 a.m.



#### Non-Liturgical Devotions

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

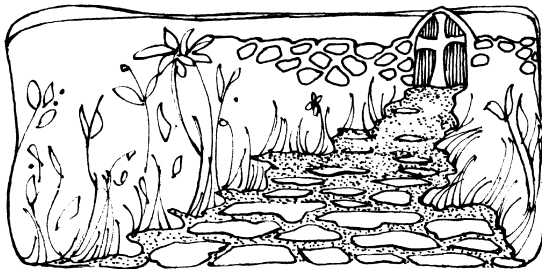
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** Tuesday 7:15 a.m.

**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—March 2:** Dee Boudreaux; Andre Arcenaux; Anne Meleton; Betty Fournet



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Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
Teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

#### Daily Mass for Lent

Our diocesan web site, <http://www.diolaf.org/>, has a new feature which makes finding a daily Mass quick and easy, especially for this Lenten season. While on Sundays and Holydays, we make a determined effort to celebrate in our own parish, many people need to find a daily Mass which works with their schedule for work and/or school. To go the new Mass Finder, or click on Mass Times on the diocesan home page, choose your City and Day from the drop-down lists, click Search, and get a listing of mass times available for that town and day. Zoom in on the map to find your way there. Click on the little red church to get more details about that parish. There is also a link to the site under Recommended Destinations on our parish web site, <http://stpat.org>.

#### Holy Hour for Vocations

Please join us for our monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" on **Monday, March 5**, from 6:00—7:00 p.m., at St. Patrick Church. All are invited and encouraged to attend.



### St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 17th., at Abacus, 530 W. Pinhook Rd., at 8:00 a.m.** This year, our Saturday gathering falls on the actual feast day of St. Patrick. Once again the cooks, artisans, craftsmen, seamstress, gardeners, etc., who wish to provide a door prize are encouraged to begin their project. Gift certificates from store owners are also accepted. Please **NOTE: it is not necessary to provide a door prize.** Rather this is a way to share one's gifts and talents with the members of our church community. Please sign the tablet at the back of the church if you are planning to attend as we need to know how many to prepare for.

### Recital of Lenten Organ Music

French Organist Thomas Ospital will perform a recital of Lenten organ music at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Downtown Lafayette, on Friday evening, **March 2**, at 7:00 p.m. Born in 1990, Mr. Ospital is currently the young-artist-in-residence at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. A French native, he has studied at the Paris Conservatory of Music under Olivier Latty, titular organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. He has performed in several European countries and won first prize at the International Organ Competition in Zaragoza, Spain in 2009. His recital is open to the public. There is no admission, but a freewill offering will be requested to help defer Mr. Ospital's expenses. For more information please contact (337) 232-1322 or email [sjcmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:sjcmusic@yahoo.com).

### Food for the Journey

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. The speaker will be **Rev. Paul LaFleur**, Pastor of St. Bernard Catholic Church, Breaux Bridge. "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, March 6**, at Crown Plaza Hotel, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., beginning at about 12:00 noon. An optional buffet lunch is available at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12.00 and includes meal, drink and tip. All are welcome—come "eat and be fed". Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682).

### Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

1110 Old Spanish Trail, Scott. "The New Evangelization", presented by Fr. Michael Champagne. Community of Jesus Crucified, from **February 27, 28 and 29**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church (talk only, no Mass). For more information, please call the Church Office at 337-235-2433.

### St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Rd., Lafayette. "The Eucharist in Sacred Scripture", presented by Mrs. Susan Castille on **February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, and March 27** from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in Church. For more information, please call Cindy Guidry, 337-981-3379

### St. Genevieve Catholic Church

417 Simcoe St., Lafayette. "A Call to Holiness of Life and gospel Living: The Sacrament of Matrimony", presented by Mr. Dan Jurek and Fr. Neil McNeil on **February 29, March 7 and March 14** in Church, beginning with 5:30 p.m. Confession and 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Lenten Mission. The Mission is delivered in the context of the Eucharistic Holy Hour (there is no Mass). For more information, please call Fr. Thomas Habetz, Associate Pastor, 337-234-5147.

### St. Edmond Catholic Church

4131 West Congress St., Lafayette. "Parish Lenten Mission", presented by Fr. Rudolph Papes, C.Ss.R., Redemptorist Missioner, from **March 4, through March 7** from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in Church. For more information, please call St. Edmond Parish Office, 337-981-0974.

### Second Collection next weekend

The second collection next weekend will be for our **Building Fund.**

### STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us  
Offertory.....\$3,134.46  
Black & Indian Missions...\$ 631.67

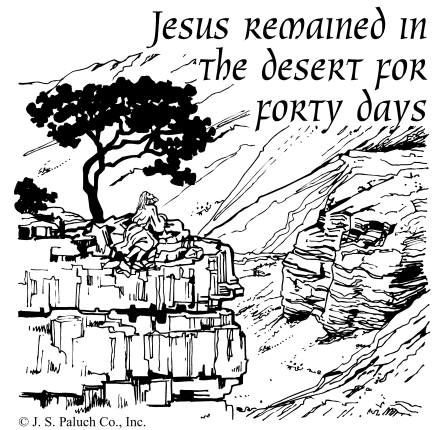
*Thank You!*

**Liturgical Roles for March 2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Saturday, March 3 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, March 4 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, March 4 10:00 a.m.</b>
Lectors	Dana Guidry	Dana Phillips	Linda Garber
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Delahoussaye Rosalind Allen Joy Borel	Sandra LaGrange Larry Lewis Maggie Sonnier	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Michael Doumit
Server	George Eaton	Glenn LaGrange	Phyllis Roy
Ushers	Joyce Stelly Harold Guilbeau	Donald & Helen Vallot	Jenny Feehan Lionel Jeanmard

**Readings for the Week**

Monday     Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday    Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday   Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday    Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday       Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday    Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday      Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;  
                  Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



**From the Pastor's Desk**

This last Thursday, the second day of Lent, we read from the 30<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Deuteronomy, which includes these words: “I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.” There is something stark and final about those words: Here is your choice – decide. And given the choice between the blessing and the curse, who would not choose life? But do we?

The following paragraph is from a Lenten reflection by Sr. Melannie Svoboda, printed in the February issue of “Give Us This Day”:

*“Choose life. At first this seems like a no-brainer. Given the option between life and death, wouldn’t we naturally opt for life? Not necessarily, for keeping God’s commandments and following Jesus are not easy. In fact, they often involve a kind of death—death to sin and selfishness. Choosing life can take a variety of forms in our lives. It can mean choosing integrity over duplicity, forgiveness over retaliation, gratitude over whining, nonviolence over brute force, words that nurture over words that belittle, care for our planet over personal convenience, and what’s best for the common good over what’s best for only me or my country.”*

At Mass that morning, I pointed out that this choice between life and death, the blessing and the curse, is not usually presented so forcefully. As Sr. Svoboda points out, it is a choice made not once and for all, but rather in countless smaller decisions, made by us day in and day out. It is choosing to forgive rather than to seek revenge when someone has harmed us. It is choosing to remain silent, rather than to broadcast that juicy bit of gossip. It is choosing to speak the truth, rather than embrace the tiny deceit of the little white lie, “which didn’t hurt anybody”. It is to go the extra mile, to turn the other cheek, to give and not seek anything in return.

Given those choices, who wouldn’t choose life? In fact, we fail to choose life over and over and over. That is why we call it sin. That is why we return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, over and over again, hoping that this time will be different. That is we observe once more the season of Lent, a special season of grace devoted to conversion and repentance.

Therein lies our hope. No matter how many times we have chosen the curse rather than the blessing, our God is a God who offers us the opportunity to choose once more, that we might choose Life.

*Fr. Keith*