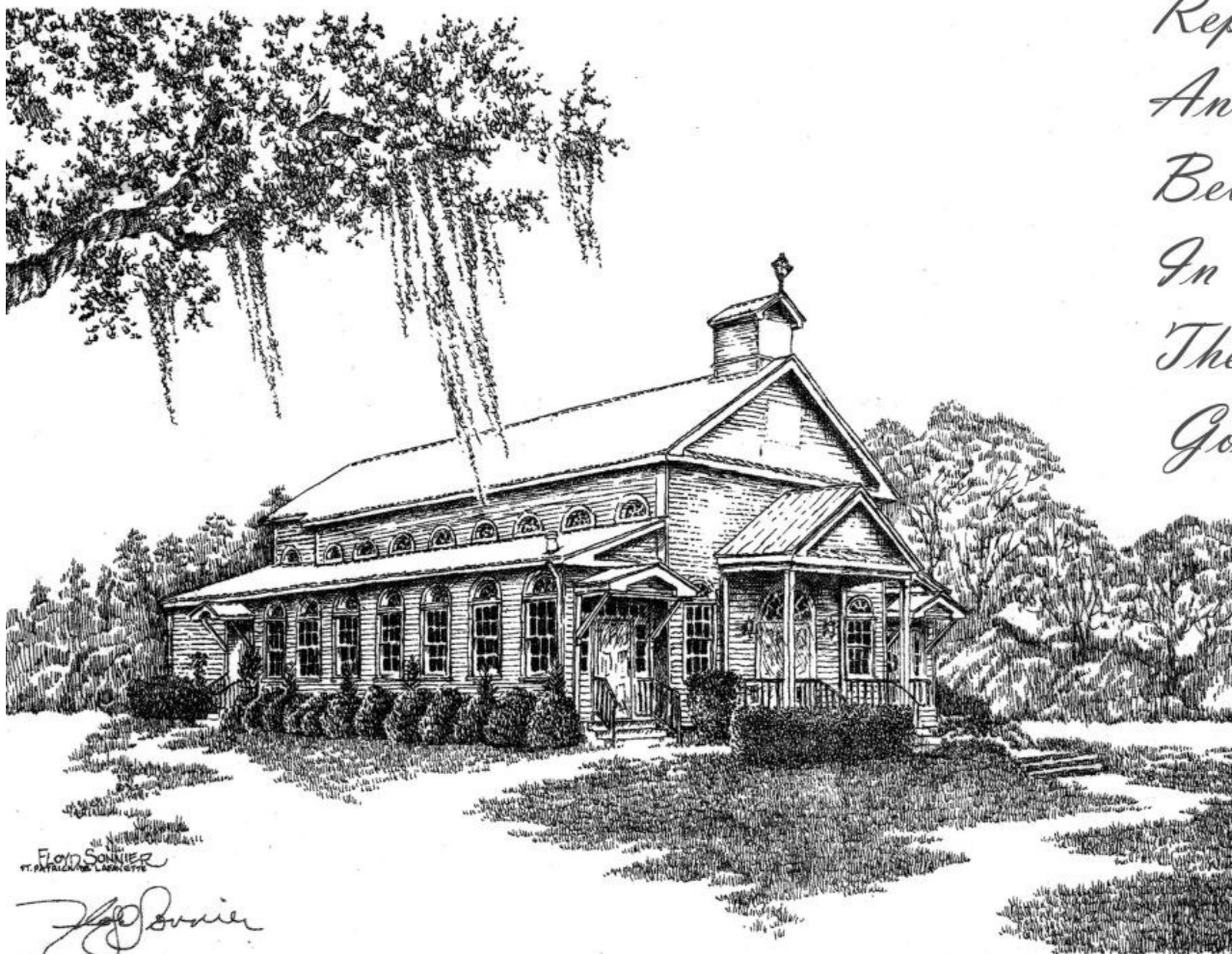


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 11, 2012 - Third 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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 10-- Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM: August Lanclos;
Edna & Melba Parker; Hebert & Benoit Families;
Janell Thomas (living); M/M Sidney Desforges

Sunday, March 11-- Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM: Mary Jean LeBlanc;
Louise Troyanowski
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Monday, March 12--Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, March 13-- Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM: Eric Combe

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 16: No cleaning; thank you
for your continued service to this Ministry!

Wednesday, March 14--Lenten Weekday (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, March 15--Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM: Janell Thomas (living)

Friday, March 16--Lenten Weekday

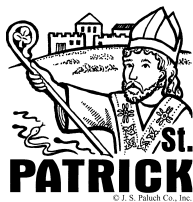
7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Friday—7:10 a.m.



Come and See Retreat

Our Office of Vocations is once again sponsoring their "Come and See" retreat, to be held on March 30-April 1, 2012 at St. Joseph Seminary College (St. Ben's), in Covington, LA. Open to men, high school age and older, it provides an opportunity to meet faculty and seminarians, and to spend time in prayer focused on considering a priestly vocation. There is no cost and transportation is provided. Contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon at 337 261-5690, or at vocations@diolaf.org. Register as soon as possible, no later than March 23, 2012.



*God our Good and Loving Father,
we thank you for the gift of faith.
May we never take it for granted.
Thank you for St. Patrick who is
a great model of faith and love for us.
May we, like Patrick, cherish our faith
and gladly and courageously share it
with others. Amen*



I, the Lord, am your God....
You shall not have other gods besides me.

—Exodus 20:2a, 3

St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast will be celebrated **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.

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.** The kindness of your donations help this ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Attention all Men!

"The Kings Men" is a masculine faith formation group which provides opportunities for men to gain a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith and to grow in holiness and manly virtue. Men are invited to attend the weekly "Kings Men" meetings on **Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.**, in the Upper Room at Our Lady of Wisdom on the UL campus. For details go to www.TheKingsMen.org or contact Barney Lejeune (barneylejeune@hotmail.com or 344-3544).

"A Weekend with Imaculee" - Lafayette, LA. March 16-17, 2012, at the Cajundome, www.imaculee.com

Opportunities for Confessions

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette will host five regional "Opportunities for Confession" during Lent. Several priests will be present to hear Confessions at the locations, dates and times as follows:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Catholic Church
615 Edison Street, Lafayette

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Seaton
610 Raintree Trail, Lafayette

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Church
415 Robley Drive, Lafayette

Thursday, March 29, 2012 – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
200 W. Main St. Broussard



Lenten Missions

St. Anthony Catholic Church, 615 Edison St., Lafayette—"Lenten Revival", presented by Fr. Stephan Brown, SVD, on **March 12 & 13** at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Confessions on March 14 from 7:00—8:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Church Office 337-234-5855.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 200 W. Main St., Broussard — "Matthew Kelly's Rediscover Catholicism", presented by Fr. Louis Richard and Fr. Edward Duhon & DVD's of Matthew Kelly on **March 12 and March 13** at 6:30 p.m. in Church. For more information, please call Sr. Carmelita Latiolais, 337-837-1864.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 18 12th Street, Lafayette, presented by Fr. Chester Smith, SVD, on **March 12, 13 & 14** in Church. Musical prelude begins at 6:45 p.m. each evening, with Mission from 7:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Church Office, 337-235-4618.

St. Pius X Catholic Church, 201 East Bayou Parkway, Lafayette, "Road to Emmaus", presented by Deacon Glenn and Linda Harmon on **March 12, 13, 14, 15** at 7:00 p.m. in Church; additional morning session on March 14 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call Vicki Custer, 337- 232-4656.

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Parish Lenten Mission, Monday and Tuesday, March 12 & 13, at 6:30 p.m., presented by Fr. Michael Delcambre, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Cecilia. For more information, please call 232-1322.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week, the second collection will be for:

1. **The Church in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa.** This collection supports the essential and unmet pastoral needs of the church of the region. It also makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. 2. **Catholic Relief Services** to support six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. Please be generous!

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$3,518.60
Building Fund.....\$ 919.44

Thank You!

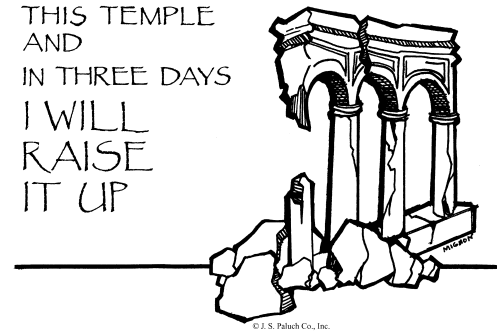
Liturgical Roles for March 2012

Date	Saturday, March 17 4 p.m.	Sunday, March 18 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, March 18 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Marguerite Montagnet	Melinda Voorhies	Michael Doumit
Eucharistic Ministers	Joy Borel Lois Delahoussaye George Eaton	Susan Cain Kay Hampton Suzanne Lavergne	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Phyllis Roy
Server	Rosalind Allen	Fred Vallot	Andre Arceneaux
Ushers	Harold Guilbeau Joyce Stelly	Rachelle Trahan Keith Touns	Jenny Feehan Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday 2 Ch 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;
 Jn 3:14-21

DESTROY
THIS TEMPLE
AND
IN THREE DAYS
I WILL
RAISE
IT UP



From the Pastor's Desk

Acts of charity are obviously a good thing to do. The value of prayer is plain to anyone who has actually built a life of prayer. These two traditional practices of Lent need little justification. The third practice however, sometimes baffles people. Why practice self-denial? I'd like to touch on three benefits that come from penance and fasting.

The first is that it reminds us that we are not alone in this journey of faith we call Catholicism. This benefit flows specifically from the fact that we observe the season of Lent together, as a community. During these forty days, I am not the only one giving something up. I am not the only one who is choosing different, perhaps simpler meals. Even when our acts of self-denial are not obvious to others, they remain something that we Catholics are doing together, precisely because it is Lent. So much of our faith life is lived as individuals, e.g., private prayer, development of character, and making the countless choices for good or for ill as we live out each day. The knowledge that I am not alone in this often difficult and always challenging following of Christ is a great blessing – even when it's expressed in passing up that burger on Friday.

The second benefit of self-denial is simply the development of self-discipline, aided of course always and everywhere by God's grace. Usually we choose to give up something during Lent that is attractive to us. Denying ourselves something we don't want is really no penance. We look around and find something that appears to us to be good in some way, and therefore desirable. This experience of refusing something that appears good actually helps us say no to sin, because sinful actions usually appear good to us, even when they are not. We grow stronger, by opening our hearts to God's grace.

The third benefit of self-denial is probably most obvious in fasting, to which we are called on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (Other Friday's ask only that we abstain from meat.) For me, fasting means that I end up feeling hungry in the course of the day. That experience of hunger, of need, of wanting something outside myself becomes a reminder, if you will, of our need for God. The hunger of fasting can lead us to pray for that hunger for God, and a deep abiding desire: for God, his grace, his love, his salvation in Christ. Hunger reminds me that I am never self-sufficient, and my life depends on the nourishment that God alone can give.

Combined with prayer and acts of charity, self-denial remains a powerful tool for the conversion of heart and mind to which we are called during Lent.

Keith