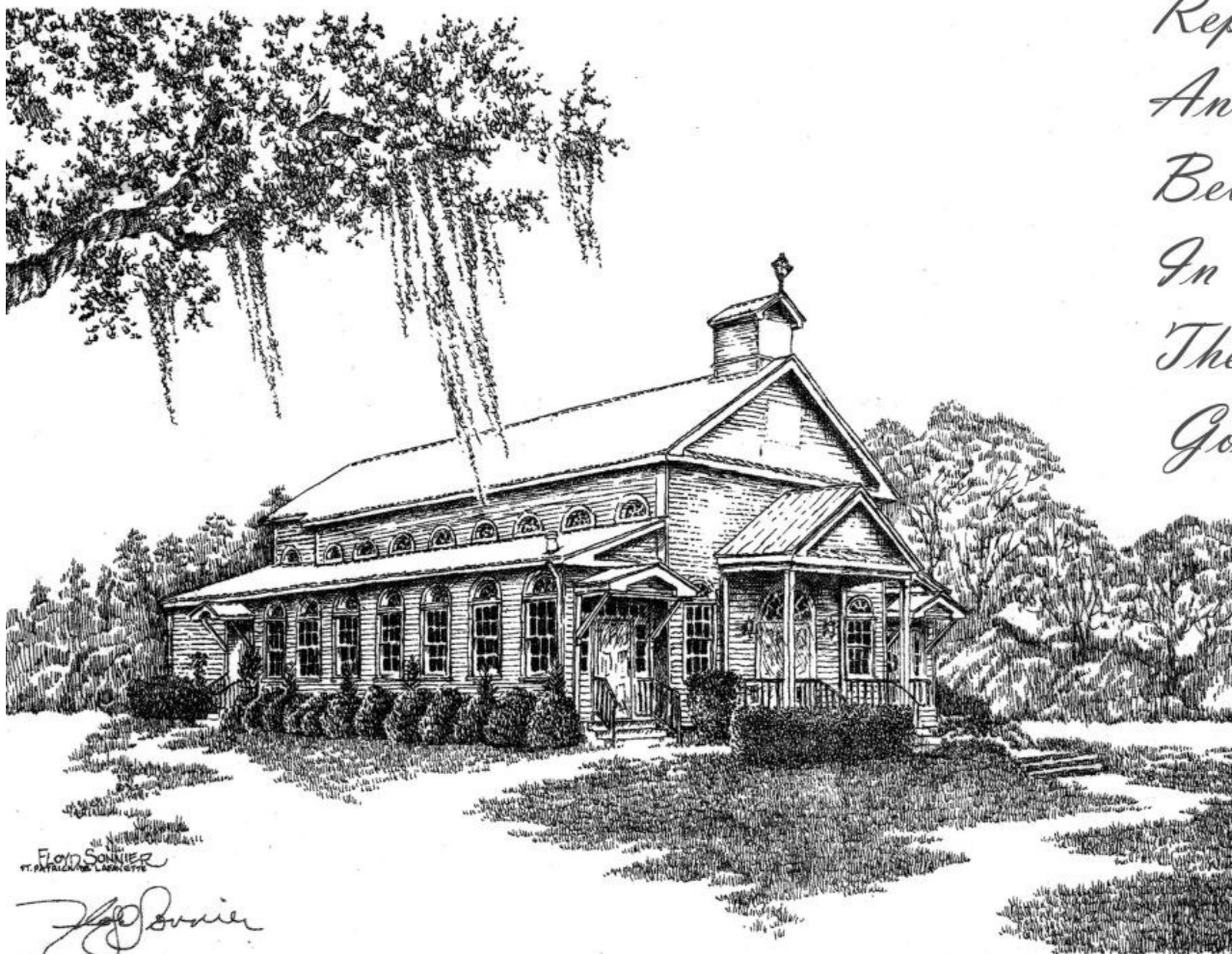


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 18, 2012 - Fourth 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 17-- Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM: August Lanclos; Edna & Melba Parker; Hebert & Benoit Families; Charles Jefferson, Sr.; John Foreman II; Pierre Montagnet

Sunday, March 18-- Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM: Francis Toups; M/M Kossuth Raccia; M/M Edias Toups; Louise Troyanowski
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Monday, March 19--St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Tuesday, March 20-- Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM: Suzanne Lavergne (living)

Wednesday, March 21--Lenten Weekday (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, March 22--Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM: Janell Thomas (living)

Friday, March 23--Lenten Weekday

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 23: Donna Guilbeau; Patsy Robicheaux; Gerrie McGovern; Shaon Lemanczyck



“2012 Divine Mercy Day of Reflection”

All are invited to attend the “2012 Divine Mercy Day of Reflection” on Saturday, **April 14**, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lafayette. Speakers include Dave & Joan Maroney (Mother of Mercy Messengers”); Roy Petitfils (Speaker, Counselor, Author, Writer); Annie Karto (Catholic Singer & Songwriter); and Fred Berretta (Author, survivor—”Miracle on the Hudson”). Registration is limited and will be accepted on first-come, first served basis through Thursday, April 5, or until sold out. Registrations will not be accepted at the door. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes lunch. Registration forms are available at www.centralregionline.org, or by contacting Mary Bergeron (337-654-8682).

“Divine Mercy Sunday” on **Sunday, April 15**, will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet and Prayers of Divine Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, etc., followed by Mass at 3:00 p.m. **The main celebrant for the Mass is Bishop Michael Jarrell, and homilist is Father Hampton Davis.** They will be joined by Father Thomas James, SVD, VE, Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region, and several other clergy. Please make plans to join us! For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682)

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 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



"Risen Christ by the Sea" – Bethsaida Biblical Archeological Presentation

Deacon Reggie Bollich, who among his many accomplishments has been an archeologist since 1982 and has gone on many excavations in the Middle East, will present "Risen Christ by the Sea", an archeological based biblical lecture on the discoveries at Bethsaida, a place where Jesus lived. The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, March 28**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Jules Catholic Church, 116 St. Jules Street, Lafayette. All are invited. There is no fee but registration is requested. Please call 234-2727 to register or for more information.

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).

An Evening of Affirmation for Caregivers

Marlene Foreman, ACNS-BC, ACPN, Clinical Nurse Specialist/Education Coordinator with Hospice of Acadiana, Lafayette, will offer ways to assist and affirm those who, for whatever reason, have become caregiver of elderly parents/ relatives, spouses, the chronically ill, disabled children/siblings or to any individual who is in need of care. The presentation will be held from 6:30—8:30 p.m on **Tuesday, March 27**, at St. Joseph's Parish Family Life Center, Rayne, directly across from St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rayne. The invitation is open to all. No registration is required and there is no cost. For more information, please contact Janeth Harrington (337-258-0078 or JHarrington@diolaf.org).

Lenten Missions

St. Elizabeth Seaton Catholic Church, 610 Raintree Trail, Lafayette, "Forgiveness", presented by Deacon Nelson Schexnayder on **March 19 & 20** at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Confessions will be heard on March 21 from 7:00—8:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Church Office 337-235-1483.

St. Bernard Catholic Church, 204 North Main Street, Breaux Bridge, "Living the Beatitudes", presented by Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on **March 19, 20, 21** at 7:00 p.m. each evening in Church.

St. Joseph & St. Louis Catholic Churches, Parks, 1034 Bridge Street Highway, Parks, "Parish Lenten Mission", presented by Deacon Cody Miller from **March 26-29** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Confessions will be heard March 28. For more information, please call the Church Office 937-845-4168.

Pro-Life Scientist to Speak on Vaccine Manufacturing, Contaminants, and Conscience Rights

We all know vaccines are a good that when properly used protect societies from serious diseases, birth defects, and deaths. What we do not all know is that many vaccines in production, distribution, and use today are vaccines that were grown in commercially available human cell lines that were originally prepared over 40 years ago from tissues of aborted human fetuses. All are invited to a presentation by Pro-life scientist, Dr. Theresa Diesher, Ph D. in molecular and cellular physiology from Stanford University, who will speak on Vaccine Manufacturing, Contaminants, and Conscience Rights, on Monday, **March 26**, at St. Jules Catholic Church Hall, 116 St. Jules St., Lafayette, at 9:30 a.m., and again at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church on the ULL campus at 6:30 p.m. No registration is required and there is no fee. For more information, please call 234-2727 or visit www.laityaction.org.

Angola Trip Scheduled

The Office of Justice and Peace, Diocese of Lafayette, is sponsoring the Angola Trip, on **Sunday, April 1, 2012**. Do you have a loved one at Angola? Do you want to visit? The bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from St. Paul's Catholic Church (corner of Simcoe and St. John Street, Lafayette). Please contact Edward J. Boustany, Director Office of Justice and Peace, 337-261-5545 for more information or to reserve a seat.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
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Thank You!

Liturgical Roles for March 2012

Date	Saturday, March 24 4 p.m.	Sunday, March 25 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, March 25 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Angie Kovacs	Jessica Hamsher	Brenda Demette
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Spruill Candis Thompson Rosalind Allen	Patsy Robicheaux Larry Lewis Maggie Sonnier	Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux Debra Carroll
Server	Alockie Noel	Mary Kramer	Harry Demette
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	Keith Toups Anne Pitre	Jenny Feehan Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

Monday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



From the Pastor's Desk

As I sit down to write, I find myself thinking about two seemingly different things. The first is the life and service of St. Patrick, our patron saint, whose feast we mark this March 17th. The second is a phrase from one of the Prefaces of Lent that came up last week in an email group I participate in. Let's take them in order.

The bulletin insert we provided last week on St. Patrick (I hope you had time to read it!) pointed out an often overlooked chapter in St. Patrick's life. Kidnapped as a teen, this British youth spent six years as a slave in Ireland, until he was able to escape. Having returned to his homeland with great difficulty, his journey to Ireland years later was a return trip. This time, he arrived in Ireland not as a shepherd slave, but as a Bishop of the Church.

It is impossible to know the many ways in which his time as a slave would impact his ministry as a preacher of the Gospel in pagan lands. We do know that it left him as a staunch opponent of slavery of any kind, centuries before slavery would be officially condemned by the Church. We can assume that his time as a slave gave him a knowledge of the land, the language and the people of Ireland that he would not have had otherwise. From that perspective, Patrick was uniquely suited to evangelize Ireland, much more so than any other churchman who had never set foot on her shores.

We are told that it was after his enslavement and escape to freedom that Patrick truly embraced the Catholic faith. Here again, we can only guess at the ways in which his experience of bondage led him to become a whole-hearted servant of Christ. Having been set free, he clearly judged that the best way to use that freedom was in the service of the Gospel.

This brings us to our second point, a phrase from the second Preface of Lent: "freed from disordered affections". This is something we are praying for, as a gift and a result of our Lenten observances. The point I would make that there are different kinds of bondage. Certainly slavery as St. Patrick and countless others experienced it is a grave and inexcusable evil. But oftentimes the things that limit our freedom come not from without, but from within. When we have "affection", desire, or want for things of this world, over and above all other things (especially God!) this "affection" is truly "disordered". And as long as our choices in our daily lives are driven by these affections, these attachments, we are not free. We are not free to choose, we are not free to love, we are not free to serve. We are enslaved.

What are your "disordered affections"?

Keith