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

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

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 24 -- Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent
   4:00 PM: August Lanclos;
   Edna & Melba Parker; M/M Tom Stutes & family; M/M Alfred Hitter, Sr.; Alfred Hitter, Jr.
Sunday, March 25 -- Fifth Sunday of Lent
   8:30 AM: Louise Troyanowski;
   Leodus Vallot; Emma Vallot; Midred Manuel;
   Malta Manuel; Marie F. Gautreaux; Thaddeus Stutes
   10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick’s

Monday, March 26 -- The Annunciation of the Lord
   7:30 AM: Bella Hernandez; Clifton Cormier;
   Adam Hernandez

Tuesday, March 27 -- Lenten Weekday
   7:30 AM: Kenneth Colomb

Wednesday, March 28 -- Lenten Weekday (Msgr. Charles Mallet)
   7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, March 29 -- Lenten Weekday
   7:30 AM: Janell Thomas (living)

Friday, March 30 -- Lenten Weekday
   7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart
   Friday—7:10 a.m.
   Stations of the Cross

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 30: No cleaning. Thank you for your continued service to this Ministry!

Thank You

Our Annual St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast was enjoyed by many last Saturday at Abacus. A special thank you to all who helped with the organization, décor, setting of tables, distributing tickets, door prizes, etc. Thanks to all who prepared or brought a door prize! Congratulations to Mrs. Maggie Sonnier, the recipient of this year’s Spirit of St. Patrick Award. We are blessed to have each one of you worship here at St. Patrick!

“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).
Save the Date: The Triduum
As we approach the conclusion of our Lenten season, we prepare to celebrate the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Make plans now to attend the three services that are the great celebration of our redemption in Christ. Thursday, April 5: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 6 pm. Friday, April 6: Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion at 3 pm. Saturday, April 7: The Easter Vigil at 8 pm. Mark your calendar so that you can participate in these three holiest celebrations of the Church year.

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:

**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

An Evening of Affirmation for Caregivers
Marlene Foreman, ACNS-BC, ACHPN, Clinical Nurse Specialist/Education Coordinator with Hospice of Acadiana, Lafayette, will offer ways to assist and affirm those who, for whatever reason, have become caregivers 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).

“Freedom of Conscience, the First Amendment, and the Health Care Mandate”
All are invited and encouraged to attend a presentation on “Freedom of Conscience, the First Amendment, and the Health Care Mandate” on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church Jeanmard Hall. Presenter will be Camille A. Domingue. Drawing from her years of legal practice and knowledge of federal law, in this lecture, Ms Domingue will look at the controversial Health Care Mandate in light of both the Constitution and US Supreme Court jurisprudence. Ms Domingue is a compelling speaker and is very knowledgeable on this particular subject. In 1991, Ms. Domingue joined the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Louisiana in Lafayette. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Lenten Mission
St. Joseph & St. Louis Catholic Churches, Parks, 1034 Bridge Street Highway, Parks, “Parish Lenten Mission”, presented by Deacon Cody Miller, 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.

Rice Bowls
If you participated in Operation Rice Bowl during the season of Lent, please bring the Rice Bowls with you next weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK
Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us
Offertery......................$3,434.08
Eastern Europe, Africa & Catholic Relief Services.....$ 649.50

Thank you!

The second collection next weekend will be for our Building Fund.
Liturgical Roles for April 2012

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Readings for the Week

Monday Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47[15:1-39]

From the Pastor’s Desk

This is an article of remembrance. On March 24th, 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero, of San Salvador, was celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel. He never completed that Mass because an assassin’s bullet ended his life, pouring out his blood over the altar. His offense? He dared to speak out on behalf of the poor.

El Salvador was in the midst of a bloody civil war that the UN Truth Commission would call genocidal, as thousands of people were slaughtered by government forces. Cadavers clogged the streams and tortured bodies were thrown in garbage dumps. The oppression would leave over 75,000 Salvadorans dead, one million would flee the country, and another million would be left homeless in a country of only 5.5 million. Two months before his death, Romero wrote to then President Jimmy Carter “You say that you are Christian. If you are really Christian, please stop sending military aid to the military here, because they use it only to kill my people.” Romero’s pleas were ignored. The U.S. sent $1.5 million in aid every day for 12 years. For those years, the 1% continued to use violence and oppression to trample upon the 99%.

When appointed archbishop, no one expected this man to become the voice of the poor. He received little support from others in power. Yet he knew well the risks he took by daring to speak truth to power. In one of his homilies, he said, “I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me, I will be resurrected in the Salvadoran people.” Today, over 30 years later, the people of El Salvador continue to mark the anniversary of his death.

He preached: “Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty.”

He preached: “We must not seek the child Jesus only in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek him among the undernourished children who have gone to bed at night with nothing to eat, among the poor newsboys who will sleep covered with newspapers in doorways.”

He preached: "Brothers, you are from the same people; you kill your fellow peasant . . . No soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God . . . "

So they killed him.