April 8, 2012 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!!!

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 7 -- Holy Saturday
8:00 PM: The family of Dr. Walter Comeaux, Jr., deceased and living; August Lanclos; Edna & Melba Parker; Janell Thomas (living)

Sunday, April 8 -- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 AM: Sue Langlinais; Mary Jo LeBlanc; Louise Troyanowski; Ewing Latimer (living)
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick’s

Monday, April 9 -- Monday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 AM: Bella Hernandez; Agnes Duplechin; Gussie Hernandez

Tuesday, April 10 -- Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 AM: Ewing Latimer (living)

Wednesday, April 11 -- Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (Msgr. Robert Angelle)
7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, April 12 -- Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 AM: Janell Thomas (living)

Friday, April 13 -- Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

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.

Easter Flowers
In loving memory of:
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne Pierre Montagnet

‘At the Easter liturgies, Catholics publicly announce that the direction of our whole life lies in walking in the footsteps of the Lord. This is when we once again put our life on the line. This is when we say that we are his disciples, and we make no bones about it.’

—Bishop Kenneth Untener, Writer of the Little Books

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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“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).

Retreats at Community of Jesus Crucified
The Community of Jesus Crucified is presenting the following upcoming retreats: “Married Couples’ Retreat”, June 8-10 (please call Cheryl Moss at 337-453-2385); “Men of God Retreat - A Silent Retreat for Men on the Interior Life”, August 10-12 and November 30-December 2 (please call Vic Guidry at 337-824-3045); and a “Women of the Eucharist Retreat” on October 19-21 (please call Cheryl Moss at 337-453-2385).

Engaged Couples
Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekends dates are: Lafayette, April 27-29; Lake Charles, May 18-20. For fee schedules, other dates and to learn more visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org or call Jimmy & Tammy Bergeron at 337-706-8880.

Springtime Course on the Gospel of Luke
Beginning the week after Easter (Tuesday, April 10), a class for adults will be taught on seven consecutive Tuesdays in the Knights of Columbus Hall (across from the Cathedral) by Dr. Earl Richard, professor emeritus of New Testament Studies, Loyola University. Please contact Danielle Huval (232-1322) at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for more information.

Circle of Friends
Single adults in Acadiana, ages 30 and up, can find a venue of fellowship and speakers every Tuesday, except the third Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. Supper Club provides a monthly social at a local restaurant on the 3rd. Tuesday of every month. For more information or about the meetings or to be added to the email list, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 261-5653 or www.catholiclifefellowshipnetwork.webs.com

“Gently Worn” School Uniforms Needed
“School Uniform Outreach” will continue to collect and process used uniforms. Various agencies will distribute the uniforms to the needy children in the Lafayette Parish Schools. Please bring your children’s outgrown uniforms to church ASAP. Sizes 4-20 and all adult sizes are needed. Shirts: red, white and navy blue, black and green. Pants/Shorts: navy blue, black and khaki-traditional style.

St. Jules Credit Union
Any parishioner of this church parish and their immediate family members are eligible to join St. Jules Credit Union. 1-800-791-9992; www.stjcu.com; 1600 N. Bertrand Drive, Lafayette.

It is not too late to give donations to Operation Rice Bowl. Your support help families around the world through Catholic Relief Services development projects.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK
Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us
Offertory………………….$ 4,518.44
Building Fund…………….$ 1,397.00

Thank you!
It’s about new life, of course. It’s about bunnies and eggs and lilies as well. For some, it’s about a new dress, and it’s certainly about spring. It’s about water and candles and light and darkness. It’s about bread and wine and body and blood. It’s also about nails and wood and whips. It’s about death. And it’s about new life.

It’s also about expectations not met. No, nothing about what God did on that first Easter Sunday falls short of what it should be. Here the expectations not met are exceeded, beyond anyone’s wildest dreams. Yes, Jesus had said that on the third day something would happen, but who knew what that meant? The events of that first Easter morning turned the world on its head, flipped the universe around, and upended the cosmos. The one who was dead, most definitely, finally dead, was truly and actually alive.

In that sense, it is about history. We gather on Easter Sunday and remember events that witnesses tell us happened over two thousand years ago. This history is important because our celebration is not based on some pious fantasy but rather is founded on real events, centering around a real person. Jesus did die. Jesus did rise from the dead.

This is truth, the truth of the resurrection.

But it’s not only about history. It is also about today. The God and Father who raised Jesus from the dead is still alive and well. And what began on Easter continues. It is about the power of God’s love in the face of darkness and sin, today. It is about Christ’s victory over sin and death, being realized in our lives, today. It’s about believing that this Christ who had left the tomb of his burial is still alive in our midst, today.

It is truly about today. When we celebrate Eucharist, we recall what Jesus did on the night before he died. As on Holy Thursday evening, we recall his gift of his own Body and Blood to us, a gift that is given to us over and over again, today. It is about a sacrifice that took place on that Good Friday, which in the Eucharist is made present again, today.

During all those days of Lent now completed, this is the “today” that we’ve been preparing for. “Christ is risen, alleluia. He is risen indeed, alleluia.” And all the bunnies and eggs and lilies in the world cannot begin to capture the joy of the Church as she celebrates this great Feast. Happy Easter!

From the Pastor’s Desk