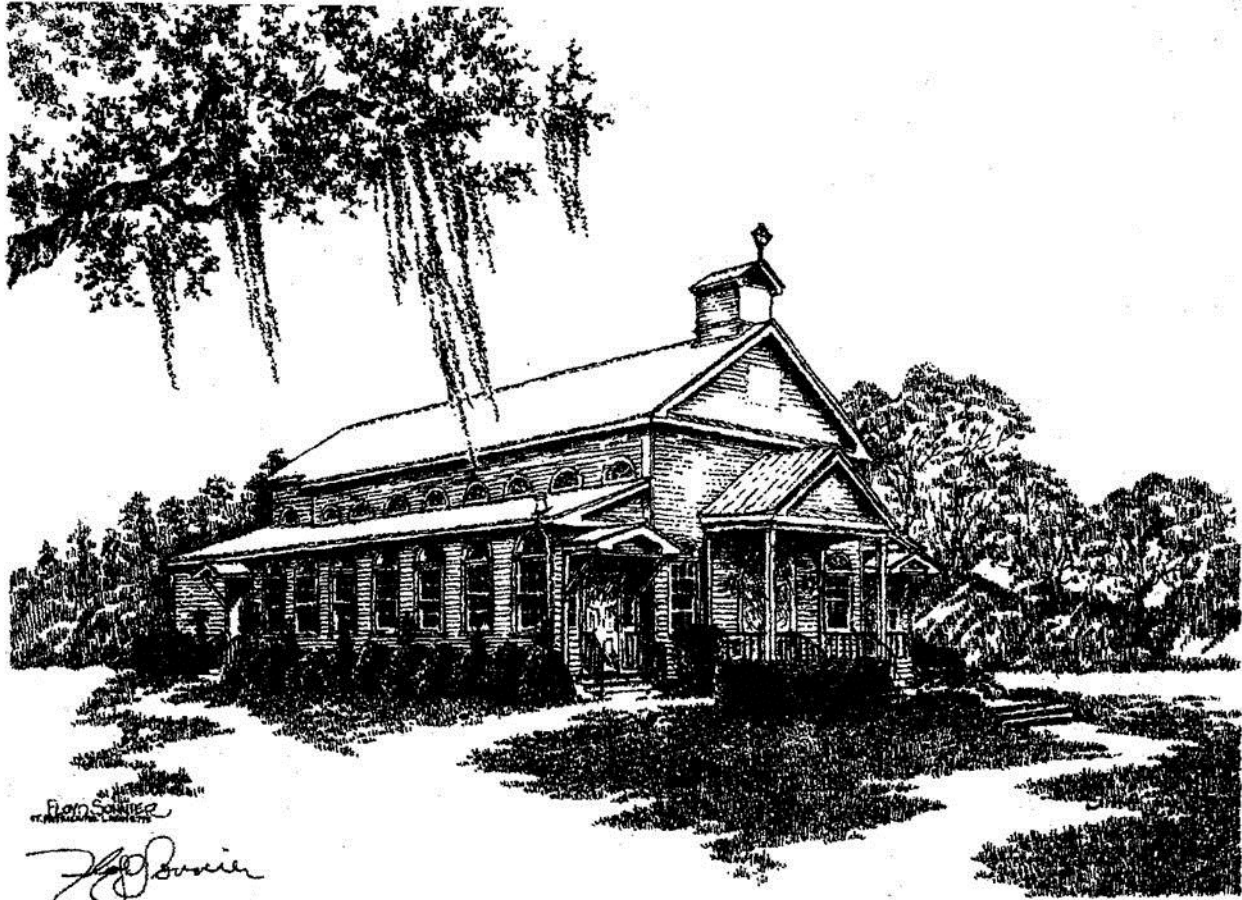


St. Patrick Catholic Church

June 24, 2012 - Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist



L'Église St. Patrick

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

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 23 -- Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:00 PM: Edna & Melba Parker;

Ruth Bonnet Landry; Doris Marie Comeaux Robichaux; Pam Hebert (living)

Sunday, June 24 -- Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 AM: Sick of the Parish

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

Monday, June 25-- Weekday (Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time)

7:30 AM: Bella Hernandez; Agnes Duplechin; Gussie Hernandez

Tuesday, June 26 -- Weekday

7:30 AM: Mr. Arthur Mixon, Jr.

Wednesday, June 27-- St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, June 28-- St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 AM: Suzanne Lavergne (living)

Friday, June 29-- Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart



Altar Plants

In memory of:

**Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne
Daniel Sonnier**

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—Friday, June 29: No cleaning.

Opportunities for Service

Week after week, we gather to celebrate Eucharist. Essential to our celebration of this sacrament are the volunteers who assume responsibility for service to the broader community. We would like to invite you to consider in prayer if you might be called to be of service in this way. Opportunities include becoming an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion and Usher. We also have a group of "Shamrocks" who help keep our church clean. Consider picking up one of the sign-up sheets at the main entrance of church, and reflect on whether you might be called to serve in this way. Training will be provided.

"Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten the
sandals of his feet."

—Acts 13:25



Prayer for Religious Freedom

In observance of the Fortnight for Freedom (see this week's bulletin article), we invite you to make use of the following prayer:

**Almighty God, Father of all nations,
For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).
We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common
good.
Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote
our liberties;
By your grace may we have the courage to defend them,
for ourselves
and for all those who live in this blessed land.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate,
our patroness,
and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the
unity of
the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

You may also choose to join in prayer at St. Joseph Church in Parks, with Adoration at 6 pm each evening from **June 21st through July 4th**. Details at 845-4168.

The Great Adventure Bible Study

This coming fall, Holy Cross Catholic Church will be offering three different studies from the Great Adventure Bible Study (each session lasting 24 weeks).

Beginning **August 14, on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, a study on the Book of Acts.

Beginning **August 15, on Wednesdays, 9:30—11:30 a.m.** a Study on the Gospel of Matthew.

Beginning **September 5, 2012, on Wednesdays, 6:30—8:30 p.m.** a study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Beginning Tuesday, August 14, 9:30—11:30 a.m. a study on the Book of Acts.

Beginning **September 6, Thursdays 6:30—8:30 p.m.**, a study on the Great Adventure Bible Timeline.

Please call Holy Cross office at 337-984-9636 or Adult Faith Formation 337-654-9671 to register for the sessions. You can also register online.

Meetings

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please join us for our monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" on **Monday, July 2**, from 6:00—7:00 p.m., at St. Patrick Church. All are invited to spend this hour in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the perseverance of Vocations, sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

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. Clinton Sensat, currently in residence at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church. "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, July 3**, 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"—please bring a friend. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682).

Principal Position 2012-13 School Year

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Lafayette

Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School, is accepting applications for the position of Principal for the 2012-2013 upcoming school year. The Principal working under the Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is responsible for the daily administration of the school along with fostering the direction of academic excellence in the setting of a Catholic educational environment. For requirements and qualifications please request an application form at: Immaculate Heart of Mary School c/o Immaculate Heart of Mary Church—P.O. Box 2398, Lafayette, LA 70502 - Church: 337-235-4618 or fax 337-235-4775; Parish e-mail: ihm818@bellsouth.net

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$ 3,889.24
Peter's Pence..... \$ 551.00

Thank You!

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

Liturgical Roles for July 2012

Date	Saturday, June 30 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, July 31 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, July 31 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Marguerite Montagnet	Patsy Robicheaux	Robert Andrus
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Delahoussaye George Eaton Joy Borel	Sandra LaGrange Kathy Kalweit Larry Lewis	Robin Roy Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux
Server	Rosalind Allen	Glenn LaGrange	Phyllis Roy
Ushers	Janelle Venable Joyce Stelly	Stephanie & William Bacque	Jenny Feehan Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

Monday	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Friday	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]



From the Pastor's Desk

The following meditation is by Paula Huston, a Camaldolese Benedictine oblate, and is taken from "Give us This Day" for June 2012, pp. 256-257:

"As modern individualists, we admire those who make things happen for themselves. We are impressed by the billionaire who claims to be "self-made" but also by the starving artist who manages to do it "his way". At our core, we believe that nobody else can tell us who we are or how to find happiness; this quest is up to us alone.

"Scripture turns this contemporary myth on its head. The psalmist comes to see that his sense of interior privacy is illusory; there is no part of his psyche that is concealed from the creator who forms his "inmost being". The prophet Isaiah, shaken by his vision of God and convinced of his own unworthiness, ultimately gives himself over to a difficult mission he never would have chosen on his own. John the Baptist, if ever he were tempted by personal spiritual ambitions, clearly comes to see that these are irrelevant. "What then, will this child be?" people asked at his birth. He would be servant to one far greater than himself."

Just the other day, I had the opportunity to watch a fairly new Dad gaze upon his newborn, birthed prematurely, still in the incubator, and obscured by tubes and wires that were unfortunately necessary. Yet even in this difficult situation, one thing was clear: the look of awe and wonder on that dad's face. As he spoke about his child, his words were fairly dripping with the joy and hope that had come into his life with this birth of this child, still so fragile and vulnerable and in need of very special care. I have seen new moms for the first time receive their newborns into arms that had been waiting for months, so gently and carefully cradling such a precious gift. If love were wet, we would have all been drenched.

These parents too ask the question they asked about John the Baptist: "What, then, will this child be?" And as with John, only time can tell. But if each of those children, raised by loving parents, remains open to the guidance and direction of a loving God, then the specific answer matters not. The answer will be the right one. The child's life will be rooted not in the pride and hubris of our society, but in the humility of a people God made for himself, a humility open to discovering what it means to be created in the image and likeness of God. That is our birthright. That is our heritage. And therefore, that is our destiny. Created in his image, we too can strive to be servants to one far greater than ourselves.

Fr Keith