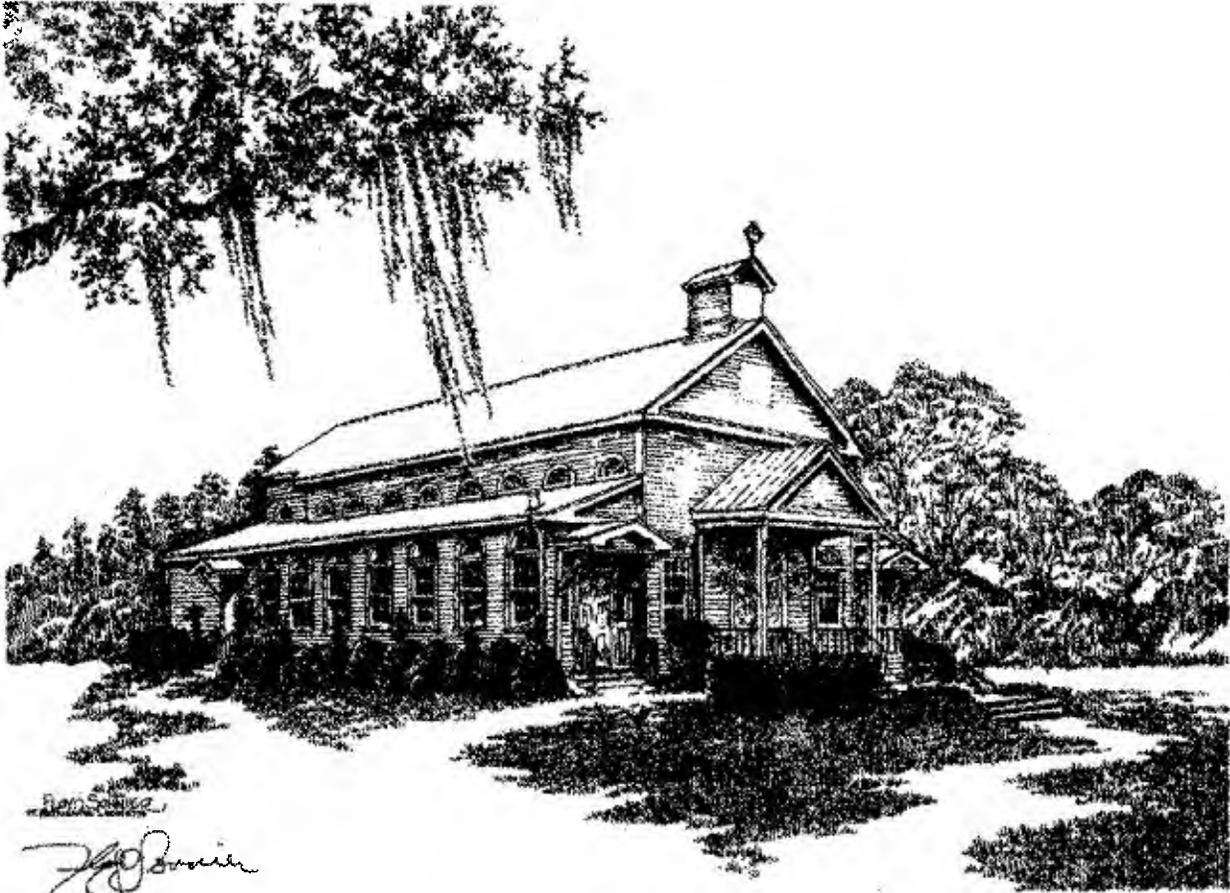


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 19, 2012 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 18 -- Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM: Edna & Melba Parker;
Janelle Thomas (living); Marie Botelli

Sunday, August 19 -- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Claire D. Sawyer

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

Monday, August 20 -- St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM: Joy Borel (living); Sick of the parish

Tuesday, August 21 -- St. Pius X, Pope

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



At the end of the Marian Year in 1954, Pope Pius XII established this feast. Mary is Queen because of her association With Jesus' redemptive mission.

Wednesday, August 22 -- The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, August 23 -- St. Rose of Lima

7:30 AM: Janelle Thomas (living)

Friday, August 24 -- St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart



Altar Flowers

In memory of:

Ewing Latimer

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, August 24: No cleaning



Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to you, loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with you Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Life Awareness Vocation Discernment Weekend

The Diocese of Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Lake Charles will sponsor the third Life Awareness Retreat from **August 31-September 2** at the St. Charles Center in Lake Charles. This three day retreat experience is open to men and women within the age range of 17-40 who are seeking to discern God's will for their lives. An informational brochure which includes registration form may be found online at www.diolaf.org/awareness. To register, please fill out the registration form and mail it along with a check made payable to the Diocese of Lafayette to: Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Vocations, 1408 Carmel Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70501. In addition to priests and seminarians committed to a diocesan vocation, participants will be able to interact with religious brothers and sisters living the consecrated life. We are happy to welcome **Dominican Sister from Nashville** this year to be part of the program with whom our young women will be able to visit and pray.

Pilgrims on the Way

Fr. Howard Blessing will be the guest speaker at the Pilgrims on the Way Christian men's group as they usher in the Year of Faith. The meeting will be held on **September 8, 2012**, 7:00-8:30 a.m. in the Grace meeting room, building A, Holy Cross Catholic Church, 415 Robley Dr., Lafayette. The men's group, which will continue to meet every second Saturday of each month, and will be viewing Fr. Robert Barron's ten part DVD series on Catholicism. The group will also be reflecting on scripture and sharing faith. If you would like to meet with a group of men sharing their spiritual journey come and join us. For more information contact John Schexnaildre at 337-654-9671, Adult-faith@holycrosslafayette.com or Shane Thibodeaux at 337-258-6377, sssthib599@cox.net.

Day of Reflection for Women

In Your Presence is Fullness of Joy: Embracing Happiness Through Contemplative Prayer. Presented by Andrea Vidrine, **Tuesday, October 2, 2012**, from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau, LA. To register, please fill out a registration form and mail it in with the \$25.00 fee. Visit online at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com and click on "retreat reservations". For more information, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau at 337-662-5410.

Our Sung Prayer

As we announced recently, our long-time cantor, Claire Gamble, has moved to New York City to pursue graduate studies in the field of publishing. We are pleased to welcome Shana Sampia as her replacement. Shana joined us temporarily last summer, and we are happy to have her with us on a more regular basis. You may have noticed that our cantor Amanda Fontenot is with child, (expecting twins next month) and so has taken leave until after she delivers. (And if you want to help her and Jeff, Pampers are welcome and can be brought to church for them.) So Shana will be at all three of our masses for the immediate future. We are grateful to these ladies, as well as Faye and Mickie, our accompanists, for their service to our worshipping community.

LifeSkills Program

The LifeSkills Training Parenting Program will be presented at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall located at 211 W. Hutchison Avenue, Crowley, LA. This parenting program is designed to help parents strengthen communication with their children and teach their children skills to help resist the threats of tobacco, drugs, and violence. The program will be offered on 3 consecutive **Tuesdays: September 11, September 18 and September 25, 2012**, from 6:00– 8:00 p.m. There is no charge for the classes. For information please contact Janeth Harrington at 337-258-0073, email: JHarrington@diolaf.org or go to the Diocesan website: www.diolaf.org, refer to the calendar tab and scroll to the above listed dates.

Willwoods Married Couples Retreat

Would you like to go on a great weekend get-a-way with your spouse? St. Joseph Abbey will offer a Married Couples Retreat beginning on **Saturday, September 15** at 9 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 16th. The theme is "What God has joined." To register or more information, please call Jason Angelette at 504-830-3716 or visit www.faithandmarriage.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$ 4,041.72

Thank You!

Liturgical Roles for August 2012

Date	Saturday, August 25 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, August 26 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, August 26 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Marguerite Montagnet	Jessica Hamsher	Michael Doumit
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Delahoussaye Janelle Venable Rosalind Allen	Kay Hampton Patsy Robicheaux Kathy Kalweit	Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux Janeth Harrington
Server	George Eaton	Fred Vallot	Phyllis Roy
Ushers	Harold Guilbeau Oren Spruill	Keith Toups Anne Pitre	Jeeny Feehan Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

Monday Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Saturday Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;
 Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



From the Pastor's Desk

We continue our exploration of the principles that guide us in respecting human dignity by promoting the common good. Another fundamental mandate concerns the fundamental option for the poor, which is an essential element of the common good. The U.S. Bishops wrote

As individuals and as a nation, therefore, we are called to make a fundamental option for the poor."The obligation to evaluate social and economic activity from the viewpoint of the poor and the powerless arises from the radical command to love one's neighbor as one's self. Those who are marginalized and whose rights are denied have privileged claims if society is to provide justice for all. This obligation is deeply rooted in Christian belief. (USCCB: Economic Justice for All, #87)

The primary purpose of this special commitment to the poor is to enable them to become active participants in the life of society. It is to enable all persons to share in and contribute to the common good. The option for the poor," therefore, is not an adversarial slogan that pits one group or class against another. Rather it states that the deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community. (USCCB: Economic Justice for All, #88)

In some ways, this principle goes against the grain for us as Americans, because of our commitment to equality for all. Yet we know that in reality, some are more equal than others. Since the common good is that set of conditions that allows all people to pursue their proper goals, then a particular concern for the poor is not contrary to equality but rather a necessary condition for equality.

Just as we judge the government and its policies, laws and programs on the basis of whether or not they promote the common good, so the situation of the poor becomes a criterion for judging how well society is fulfilling its purpose. While all people, including the poor have a responsibility to contribute to the common good, society must be structured in such a way that the poor are capable of making that contribution.

It is important to recognize that this "preferential option for the poor" arises not only out of a concern for those individuals, but for the larger society as well. The advancement of the poor benefits all, while their poverty "wounds the whole community". Any society that is founded on the notion that all people are created equally must therefore be concerned for the dignity and well-being of all – male and female, young and old, regardless of race or economic status.

M. Keith