St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 26, 2012 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 25 -- Vigil of the Twenty-
First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM: Edna & Melba Parker;
Janelle Thomas (living)

Sunday, August 26 -- Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Bourdier Family; Mary J. LeBlanc
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick’s

Monday, August 27 -- St. Monica
7:30 AM: Steve Castex

Tuesday, August 28 -- St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
7:30 AM: Sick of the parish; Martha Thompson (living); Joy Borel (living)

Wednesday, August 29 -- The Passion of St. John
the Baptist (Msgr. Charles Mallet)
7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne;
Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living);
Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, August 30 -- Weekday
7:30 AM: Janelle Thomas (living)

Friday, August 31 -- Weekday
7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Altar Plants
In memory of:
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne
Sonnier Family
Mary J. LeBlanc

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 31: Donna
Guilbeau; Patsy Robicheaux; Gerrie McGovern

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.

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

—Joshua 24:15b
Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus!
With Spiritual Director Fr. Louis Richard
In a real way, making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land draws us closer to Jesus of Nazareth. The Scriptures come alive as we visit Our Lord’s homeland, and each day, we will take time to renew and affirm our faith—to pray and reflect. Join Fr. Louis Richard on this journey of a lifetime to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, November 17-29, 2012. Pilgrims will visit Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Gethsemane, Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan River, Mediterranean Sea, Mount Tabor, Cana, and Jerusalem. Accompanied by a very knowledgeable, multi-lingual, and experienced Catholic pilgrimage guide. The experience is sure to be an opportunity to renew and appreciate your faith in preparation for Advent. Space is limited. For more information, call 337-291-1933 ext 303.

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, Adultfaith@holycrosslafayette.com or Shane Thibodeaux at 337-258-6377, ssthib599@cox.net.

St. Anthony Catholic Church Fall Dinner
St. Anthony Catholic Church, 615 Edison St., Lafayette, will be holding their Annual Fall Dinner on Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Baked Chicken, Rice Dressing, Sweet Peas, Yams, and Dinner Rolls will be the menu and can be purchased for $6.00. They will also have an “Old Time Sweet Shop” - sweet dough pies, whole and sliced cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pecan candy, popcorn balls, and much more. You may phone the day of the dinner only: 234-4428.

Food for the Journey-8 Year Anniversary
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. Michael Champagne, Community of Jesus Crucified. “Food for the Journey” will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 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 for the Anniversary Celebration. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682).

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………………………….$ 4,014.82

Thank You!

Next weekend the second collection will be for our Building Fund.
Table: Liturgical Roles for September 2012

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From the Pastor's Desk

In the course of these reflections on Catholic Social Teaching, we have talked about the common good, as well as rights and responsibilities. If any political activity is to succeed at advancing that set of societal conditions which allow all people to achieve fulfillment (common good), then it remains important that rights and responsibilities not be separated from one another. They are two sides of the same coin.

Our society and our world have come a long way toward recognizing those fundamental rights which flow from the dignity of the human person. Our own culture is sometimes quick to assert rights without regard for duty, forgetting that individual rights are always and everywhere recognized and exercised in the midst of a community of persons. Consider these two quotes from Pope John XXIII (1963):

"It is agreed that in our time the common good is chiefly guaranteed when personal rights and duties are maintained. The chief concern of civil authorities must therefore be to ensure that these rights are acknowledged, respected, coordinated with other rights, defended and promoted, so that in this way everyone may more easily carry out their duties. For to safeguard the inviolable rights of the human person, and to facilitate the fulfillment of each one’s duties, should be the chief duty of every public authority. (Peace on Earth, #60)

It is also demanded by the common good that civil authorities should make earnest efforts to bring about a situation in which individual citizens can easily exercise their rights and fulfill their duties as well. For experience has taught us that, unless these authorities take suitable action with regard to economic, political and cultural matters, inequalities between the citizens tend to become more and more widespread... and as a result human rights are rendered totally ineffective and the fulfillment of duties is compromised. (Peace on Earth, #63)

What is affirmed here is that human rights do not exist in some kind of vacuum or bubble of individualism. We have rights, which must be respected, precisely so that we can fulfill our duties, as individuals, as family members, and as citizens and persons of faith. For example, each has right to worship because each has a duty to worship.

It remains the duty of government then, to promote the general welfare and protect individual rights in such a way that each and every individual can fulfill their duties. Therefore, according to the principle of subsidiarity, government will be as large or small, as is necessary to fulfill that function.