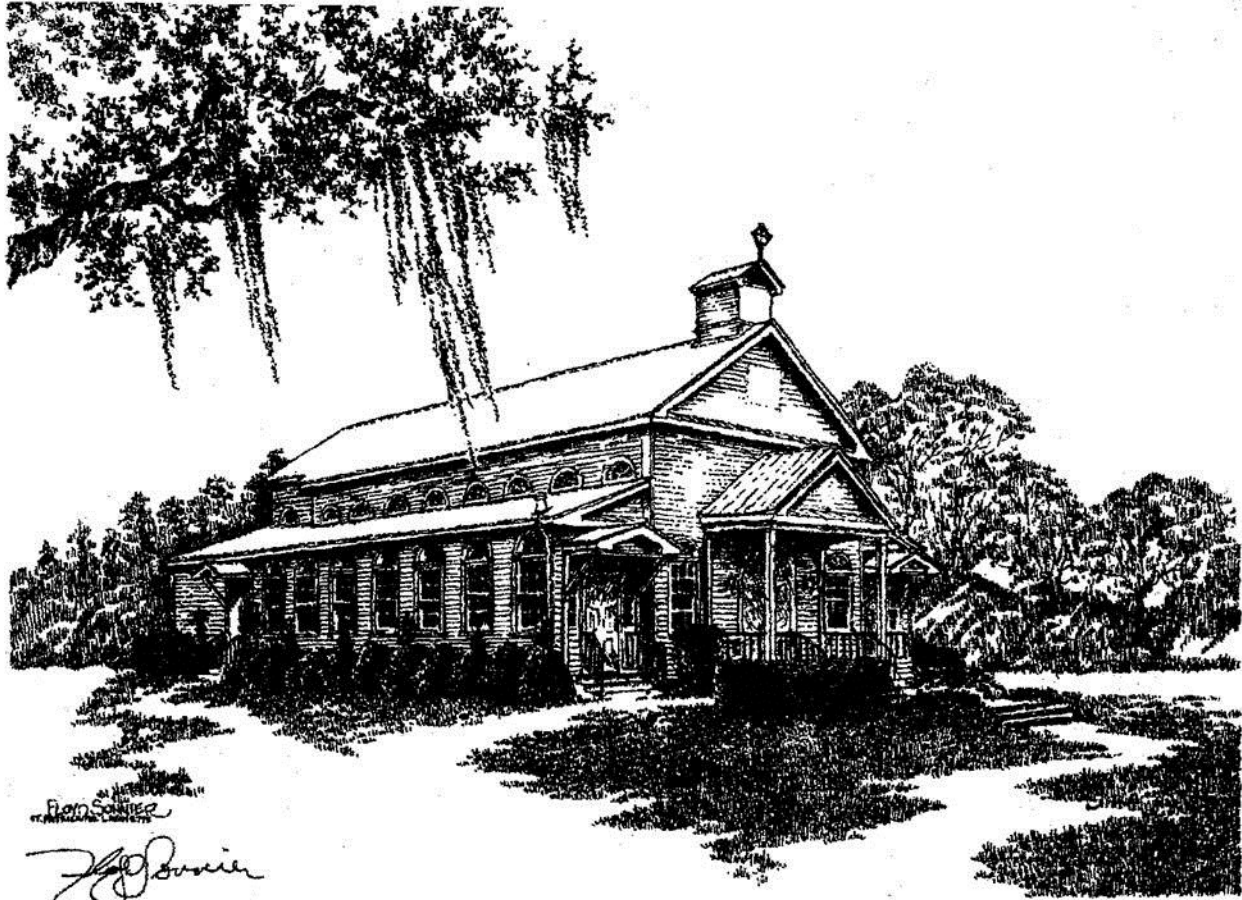


St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 7, 2012 - Twenty-Seventh 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

406 East Pinhook Road
Lafayette, LA 70501-8727
Phone: (337) 237-0988 Fax: (337) 233-8868
Rev. M. Keith LaBove, Pastor
www.stpat.org

Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 6-- Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM: Edna & Melba Parker;
Louise Troyanowski; Janell Thomas;
The Edmund Reggie Family;
Hebert & Domingue Family

Sunday, October 7-- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Joseph & Eldie Woods;
Sue Langlinois; Angela Thibodeaux;
Sonya Thibodeaux

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

Monday, October 8-- Weekday

7:30 AM: J. C. Chargois

Tuesday, October 9-- St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

7:30 AM: Melba Duchamp

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, October 12: no cleaning

Wednesday, October 10-- Weekday (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, October 11-- Weekday

7:30 AM: Melba Duchamp

Friday, October 12-- Weekday

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Altar Flowers

In memory of:



Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne

Out of Town

Fr. Keith will be going on vacation, from noon on Sunday, Oct. 14th through Friday, Oct. 26th. Please pray that he and his traveling companion, Fr. Mike Guidry, will be safe on their travels.

Our Year of Faith

As we have announced, October 11th is the 50th anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council, and the beginning of a Year of Faith proclaimed by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. We call your attention to the flyer in this week's bulletin, "First Fridays for the Year of Faith". We are inviting you to gather on each of twelve First Fridays throughout the Year of Faith for prayer and study. In addition to these events in our own parish, there are numerous other opportunities that will be presented throughout the year in our area, which we will continue to publicize. Among these is the series, "Faith of our Fathers", sponsored for the Central Region. But mark your calendars now for these First Fridays of Faith here at St. Patrick.

*Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.*

—Mark 10:14



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Looking for Recommendations

We are inviting you to serve as our own local “Angie’s List”, as we seek competent and dependable persons or companies to perform maintenance and repair work on our property. We are looking for someone to do pressure washing of our church. We are looking for someone who can do concrete work in our parking lot. We are looking for recommendations for an excellent painter. And if you know someone who can paint our statue of the Blessed Virgin near the hall, we would be grateful. If you know of someone you can personally recommend, please contact us at the office. Note that all potential workers must be able to provide a certificate of sufficient liability insurance.

Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministers Workshop

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette invites all Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministers, as well as anyone interested in this ministry, to attend “A Special Call to Serve: Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministry” on **Saturday, October 20**, from 9:00—11:00 a.m. at St. Genevieve Catholic Church (Rosa Mystica Hall), 417 East Simcoe Street, Lafayette. This workshop will focus on both the spiritual aspects of this special ministry as well as practical and important guidelines for serving in this ministry. **All those who currently serve and those interested in serving should attend.** Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please contact Mary Bergeron (654-8682 or ejbmg@bellsouth.net).

Rediscover Your Knowledge of Your Catholic Faith

In celebration of the Year of Faith, Rev. William C. Blanda, Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville, will give a very special 19-part series on the beliefs of the Catholic Church. The series will begin on the start date of the Year of Faith (**October 11, 2012**) and then continue on **Thursday evenings through March 2013**. All are invited to attend. Each session will be held in the St. Mary Magdalen Ministries Building, 300 Pere Megret, Abbeville, 70510 on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** (unless specified otherwise). For more information and complete listing of dates, topics, times, etc., you may call the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Office at 337-893-0244.

KLFT Radio

We have received a note of gratitude from Christine Fouquier of Christ Our King Communications for allowing her to speak to us recently. She informs us that 45 households responded with pledges totaling \$3,345.00. More information is available about this Catholic radio initiative at www.klftadio.com.

Mass of Thanksgiving and Hope

A Mass of Thanksgiving and Hope for ALL (men, women and loved ones) who have been affected by Breast Cancer or other Cancer types will be held on **Tuesday, October 9**, at Holy Cross Church, at 7:00 p.m. Celebrant for the mass is Fr. Howard Blessing. Light refreshments will be served after mass in the Vestibule of Church. For more information please call 984-9636

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend will be for the **Bishop’s Services Appeal**.

In the letter of James, we are told, “...Faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead.” Good works can take many forms. If for some reason you are unable to support the Bishop’s Services Appeal, with a donation, please contribute by praying for the appeals success. There are a number of priorities facing our Diocesan Church that no one parish alone can address. Some require the strength and resolve of our entire Catholic Community working and sacrificing together as One Body. That is why every parish participates in the Bishop’s Services Appeal, so that through our collective efforts, we can build the Father’s kingdom by advancing the work of the Church. **Please respond to Bishop Jarrell’s letter or by using a pledge envelope found here in church or by giving online @ www.diolaf.org (click online giving) or by calling 337/261-5641, thank you.**

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us
Offeritory.....\$ 4,088.04

Thank You!



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Liturgical Roles for October 2012

Date	Saturday, October 13 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, October 14 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, October 14 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Angie Kovacs	Jessica Hamsher	Michael Doumit
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosalind Allen Peggy Spruill Candis Thompson	Kay Hampton Larry Lewis Gerrie McGovern	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Tami Petre
Server	Alockie Noel	Glenn LaGrange	Andre Arceneaux
Ushers	Janell Venable Oren Spruill	Keith Toups Rachelle Trahan	Lionel Jeanmard Joyce Stelly

Readings for the Week

Monday	Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



From the Pastor's Desk

You may or may not have heard the name “Damon Thibodeaux” before, but he was in the news recently. He joined the ranks of 141 people nationwide who had been condemned to death by our justice system, only to be later proven innocent. Luckily for Mr. Thibodeaux, the proof (through DNA evidence) came before we killed him. This matters to us, as well as it should, because Damon was from Jefferson Parish. He is the 9th death row inmate from Jefferson Parish to be found innocent after being condemned to death. (Louisiana now has the highest number of death row exonerations per capita of any state in the country.) Without the work of his attorneys, you and I would have hired someone to execute an innocent man.

Now certainly these “dead men walking” are not the only innocents being put to death today. Unknown and unpublished are numbers of innocent civilians who have perished in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In war, we call these men, women and children “collateral damage”, which conveniently sounds more like the damage to a car after a fender bender. There are also the victims, intended or not, who die because of the violence in the streets of our cities and towns. And of course there are the littlest ones, not even yet born, who are executed in their mothers’ wombs in that horrific travesty of justice we call “abortion on demand”, and “choice”. All of this is part and parcel of that more basic reality we call the “culture of death”.

I remain convinced it is time for our state and our nation to put an end to capital punishment. And the very real risk of executing the innocent is not the only reason. Yes, there is a long tradition of church acceptance of the death penalty – where it is necessary. And it is that key word – necessary – which makes it impossible to morally justify putting guilty to death. That Catholic tradition has allowed for capital punishment only when the government had no other means to protect society at large from the convicted criminal. Life without parole does that. The idea that the death penalty is somehow fitting or deserved, in the spirit of retribution or revenge or deterrence of others, has never been part of that teaching.

Some would make much of the distinction between the innocent and the guilty, a difference that matters. The convicted criminal should pay a price for her or his crimes. But our Catholic tradition upholds a belief in the dignity of human life that is not eliminated by guilt, or terminal disease, or race or labels like “enemy”. There is quite simply nothing we can do that can erase that God-given dignity. From this comes our belief in the sanctity of all human life. Because it is not necessary, to use our courts and death chambers to trample upon that dignity is gravely evil and must be condemned.

Keith