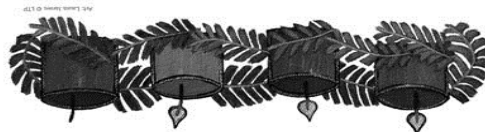
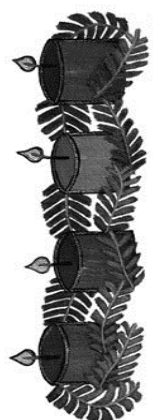
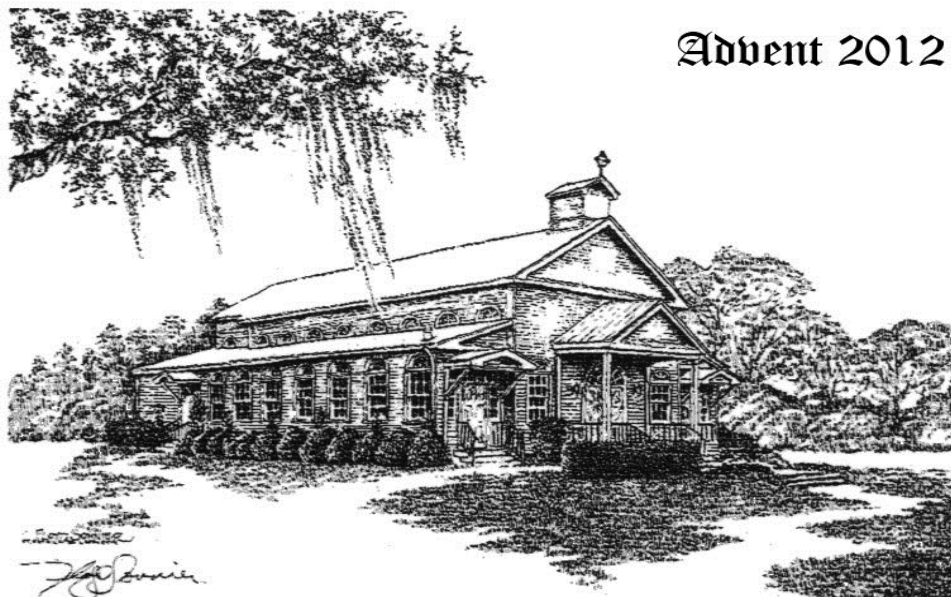


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*December 9, 2012 - Second Sunday of Advent*



## **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

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2012

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, December 8-- Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM: Edna & Melba Parker;  
Mary Eve Alexander; John Van Fossen;  
Julius Ducote; August & Mildred Lanclos;  
Rudy Borel; Mary Lou Broussard

#### Sunday, December 9-- Second Sunday of Advent

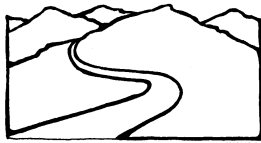
8:30 AM: Sick List  
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Monday, December 10-- Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Larry Lampo; Bannon Braun;  
Christopher Landry

#### Tuesday, December 11-- St. Damasus I, Pope

7:30 AM: Joyce Hadley; Beverly Borcharding;  
Clifford Weilbaecher, Jr.



God has commanded that every  
lofty mountain be made low.  
— Baruch 5:7

#### 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, December 14:

No cleaning. Thank you to all who volunteer to  
keep our church clean.

#### Wednesday, December 12-- Our Lady of Guadalupe (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

#### Thursday, December 13-- St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 AM: Paulette Thibodeaux

#### Friday, December 14-- St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

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#### Reminder—Baby Items

Next weekend is time to bring baby items to be given  
away to those mothers who choose life for their babies.

**Immediate need: diapers for infants and sizes 3, 4 & 5; wipes; body wash; baby lotion, diaper bags.** Also needed: Car Seats (new); Potty; Hi Chairs and Table Top; Bouncers. The kindness of your donations help this ministry. Thank you!

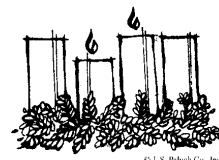
#### Youth Outreach

St. Patrick's is happy to be offering a youth program for the **four Sundays of Advent**. Beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup> "Pizza at St. Pat's" will be held from 4 to 5:30 on Sunday afternoons in the Parish Hall. All young people of our parish, ages 11 through 16, are invited to share in food, fun, and the Word of God! Also, we are still looking for adults 17 and older to become a part of our Youth Ministry team. If you love the Lord and want to help our young people to get to know Him, please call the office at 237-0988. We ask for the prayers of our entire parish.



**Next First Friday:**  
Jan. 4th, 2013

**Topic:**  
Our Participation in the Liturgy



## Christmas Project Heifer International

**Heifer: \$500 — Share of a Heifer: \$50**

Heifers were the first animals Heifer International used to help hungry families. Dairy cows can give as much as four gallons of milk a day, and milk can be used to make cheese, butter or yogurt, and the extra milk can be sold for income. Cows also provide manure that enriches the soil. A heifer is a young female cow. There is perhaps no more meaningful gift than a heifer.

- It is a gift of milk every morning for a malnourished child.
- It is a gift of up to four gallons of milk a day so an anxious parent can sell the extra to pay for their child's food, clothes, school and medicine.
- And it's a gift that brings generations of renewed hope for an impoverished village as each family fulfills its promise to Pass on the Gift of offspring.

May we suggest showing someone special how much you care this holiday season by giving them the gift that will change lives? Make checks payable to St. Patrick Church. All donations will be sent to Heifer International at the beginning of the year. Heifer International meets the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability. For additional information please visit their website: <http://www.heifer.org/>

## 2012 Parish Advent Mission— Central Region

**Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**, 515 Cathedral St., Lafayette, LA 70501. "The Christ Child is Coming, Is there Room at Your Inn?", **December 9**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Cathedral; **December 10**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Presenter: Deacon Randy Hyde, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville. For more information, please contact Danielle Huval, 337-232-1322 or [info@stjohncathedral.org](mailto:info@stjohncathedral.org)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 818 12th. St., Lafayette, LA 70501, "Going on Faith", **December 10, 11, 12**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Church. Musical Prelude at 6:45 p.m. Presenters: Rev. Michael Champagne, Community of Jesus Crucified—December 10; Deacon Michael Morrison, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church—December 11; Sister Eva Regina Martin, SSF, Sisters of the Holy Family, December 12. For more information, please call the Church Office, 337- 235-4618, or visit [ihmchurchlafayette.com](http://ihmchurchlafayette.com).

## Schedule of Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24: 4 & 6 p.m.

(NO 7:30 a.m. Mass on this Day)

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25: 8:30 & 10 a.m.

(same as Sundays)

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st: 4 p.m.

(NO 7:30 a.m. Mass on this Day)

New Year's, Tuesday, January 1st.: 7:30 a.m.

## Annual Christmas Social

You are invited to attend our yearly Christmas Social on **Sunday, December 16th., at 11 a.m.** at the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite holiday dish. The parish will provide the meat. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with one another and to meet parishioners who attend mass at another time.

## The Light is On For You

In addition to our normal Saturday and weekday confession times, our parish and all the Catholic parishes of the Diocese will be open on **Advent Wednesdays** (Dec. 5, 12 & 19) **from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** for confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession. The green brochure on the table near the church entrance has guidance on how to prepare for and go to confession.

## Year of Faith Prayer Card

There is a second prayer card for the Year of Faith available on the back table. This card has The Angelus. The Angelus is a devotion that enables its users to commemorate the incarnation three times a day – at dawn, at noon, and at sunset. Originally it was prayed only in the evening, with the tolling of the "Ave Maria" bell. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century the dawn and noon bells were added. Our church bells ring the Angelus each day at 6, noon and at 6.

## Fire Fund

Our Lady Queen of Peace Fire Fund Art Auction is on line from **December 6-16th.**, with over 100 items available prices range from \$10 up: <http://bit.ly/QITyFA>

## Second Collection Next Weekend

**Support elderly religious.** A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us

Offertory.....\$ 3,848.56

Building Fund.....\$ 1,029.82

Heifer International.....\$ 610.00

*Thank You!*

*Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words, and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"*

See Psalm 126

## Liturgical Roles for December 2012

Date	Saturday, December 15 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 16 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, December 16 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Harold Guilbeau	Gerrie McGovern	Linda Garber
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Delahoussaye Peggy Spruill Rosalind Allen	Maggie Sonnier Marla Davis Kathy Kalweit	Janeth Harrington Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux
Server	Alockie Noel	Fred Vallot	Andre Arceneaux
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	William & Stephanie Bacque	Jenny Feehan Robin Roy

### Readings for the Week

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

*All people shall see*



*the salvation of God*

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### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Over on the Breaux Bridge highway sits a rather simple yet beautiful building which houses the Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace. For decades now, this community of vowed Carmelite women has offered prayer to God, and offered their very lives in devotion to that life of prayer. On this Second Sunday of Advent, I offer you words from the sisters' letter announcing their novena in preparation for the Feast of Christmas:

*"During this time we will need to keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ, the 'pioneer and perfecter of our faith' (Heb 12:2): in Him all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment. The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power of forgiveness in the face of an offence received and the victory of life over the emptiness of death; all this finds fulfillment in the mystery of the Incarnation, in His becoming man, in His sharing our human weakness so as to transform it by the power of His resurrection." (from Pope Benedict's 'Porto Fidei', n. 13)*

*The "time" of which our Holy Father speaks is the Year of Faith we are currently celebrating. But his words can also be applied to the feast of Christmas, the birthday of this "pioneer and perfecter of our faith".*

*What do we mean when we call Jesus the "pioneer of our faith"? A pioneer is one who goes before, who prepares the way for others. Jesus became incarnate and entered into this world to go before us as a flawless example of how a true child of the Father should act and pray, suffer and love. He is the "perfecter of our faith" because His life, suffering and death show us how to live in order to bring faith to its completion and fulfillment. The Little One whom we cherish at Christmas is truly the joy, the answer, the power and the victory of human lie. Faith in Him should be "the lifelong companion that makes it possible to perceive, ever anew, the marvels that God works for us" (Porta Fidei, 15) in the gift of His divine Son to the world and to each of us personally.*

*At the center of the Christmas mystery is Mary, the Virgin Mother . . . She is blessed because she believed even in the darkness of God's mysterious and inexplicable demands. By her faith Mary gave God the means to become flesh and dwell among us. By her faith Mary furnished us the model and means to receive this God made flesh and to accept Him enfolded in the obscurity and darkness of His designs for us. . . . Mary is both the Treasury and the Treasure of God's riches, of which the greatest is Jesus himself.*

This is the great mystery which we prepare to celebrate. May we prepare well.

*Fr. Keith*