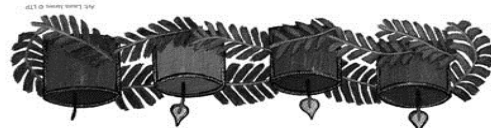
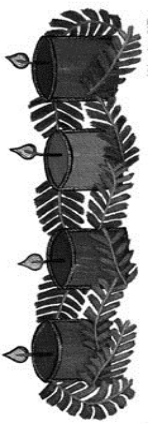
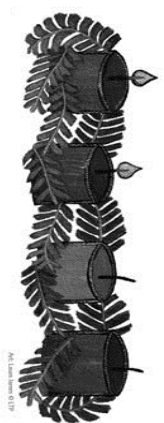
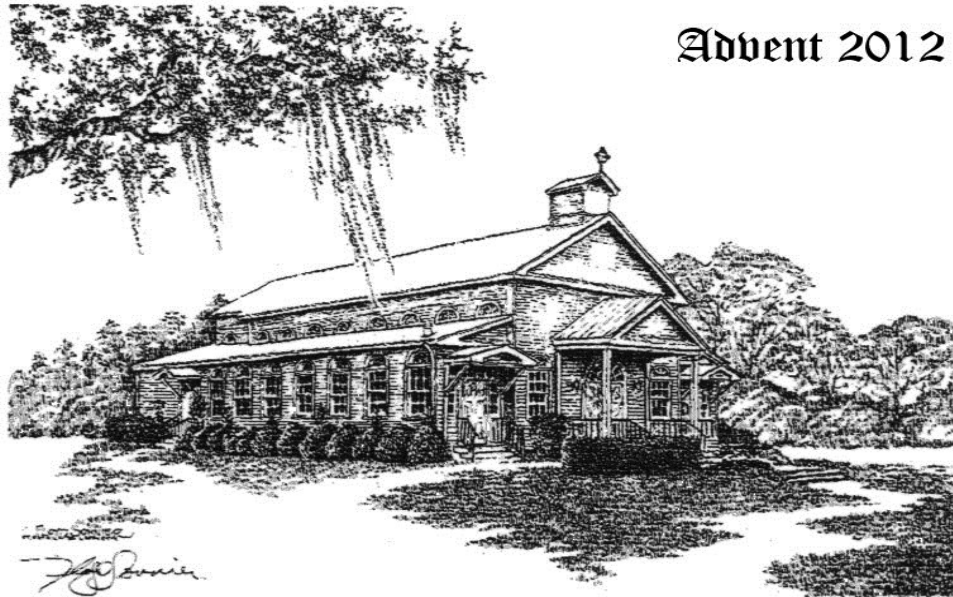


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 23, 2012 - Fourth 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 22-- Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM: Edna & Melba Parker;
Mary Eve Alexander; John Van Fossen;
Julius Ducote; August & Mildred Lanclos;
Cecile M. Veazey; Clarence B. Champgne
Sunday, December 23-- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM: Claire D. Sawyer; Rutledge N. Deas;
John Viltz, Sr.; Hazel Cormier;
Shelton LeBlanc, Sr.; Ken & Geneva Phillips
(40th. Anniversary)

Monday, December 24-- Vigil of Christmas

4:00 PM: Barbara Boudreaux; Anna & A. R. Delcambre; Edna & Melba Parker;
Mabel Dupuis; Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne;
Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living); Betty Rolfes

6:00 PM: Pat McGreevy; Mick Flynn;
Irene D. Thompson

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 21: Donna Guilbeau; Patsy Robicheaux; Gerrie McGovern; Charlotte Privat



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Next First Friday:

Jan. 4th, 2013

Topic:

Our Participation in the Liturgy

Tuesday, December 25-- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8:30 AM: Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet (living);
Dr. Charles Stewart; Sue Langlinais; Larry Lampo;
Bannon Braun; Christopher Landry;
Mary Jean LeBlanc

10:00 AM: Sick List

Wednesday, December 26-- St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, December 27-- St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30 AM: Paulette Thibodeaux;
Nora Broussard (living); Cathy Barras (living)

Friday, December 28-- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

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Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:



**James "Jimmy" Delahoussaye;
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne;
Edna & Melba Parker; Larry Lampo;
Bannon Braun; Christopher Landry;
Pierre Montagnet**



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Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24: 4 & 6 p.m.
(NO 7:30 a.m. Mass on this Day)

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

New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31: 4:00 p.m.
(NO 7:30 a.m. Mass on this Day)

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

Reminder: January 1st., New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and is a Holy Day of obligation.

Christmas Project Heifer International Still FISHING for the perfect gift?

Three Schools of Fish Fingerlings: \$300 — Share of Fish Fingerlings: \$30

You are probably familiar with the age-old saying, "Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime." Now Heifer International is pleased to offer you the opportunity to bring that saying to life by giving the gift of fish fingerlings, along with training in fish-farming techniques. It's a gift that helps families increase their daily nutrition immediately with the lean, healthy protein of fish. Plus, it's easy to sell fish for income. And when Heifer fish farmers Pass on the Gift of fingerlings to others in their community, the impact of your support is multiplied even further. 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/>

Rev. Joseph Brennan's Latest Book

In September 1995, local retired priest and author Rev. Joseph Brennan, gave a three-day retreat to Bl. Mother Teresa and her Sisters, in Calcutta. He has condensed those notes into his latest book, A Retreat Into Prayer-Examining the Prayer of Nothingness with Mother Teresa and her Sisters, now available at Crossroads Catholic Bookstore, 4416 Johnston St., Lafayette. — Please note that also available at Crossroads are new releases for Fall 2012 from local authors: Joan Broussard, Toni Hare, Arlene Hebert, Chad Judice, Wendi Romero.

Thank You

Our Christmas Social, last Sunday, was a success thanks to the cooperation of many parishioners. A special thank you to all who came in Saturday morning to set up and decorate the Parish Hall and transformed it into a beautiful Christmas Dining area. The food was delicious as always and all in attendance had a good time visiting. We are grateful for your presence at this joyful yearly event.

First Fridays—A Year of Faith

Mark your calendars now, and join us for our First Fridays for a Year of Faith. The next gathering is on **Friday, January 4th, at 6 pm.** Fr. Keith will lead us in a Holy Hour of Adoration, which will include silent prayer, readings, and homily. The topic for this month will be "*Our Participation in the Liturgy*". Flyers on the entire series are still available at the entrance of the Church.

KLFT Radio

You may remember earlier in the fall when Christine Fouquier of Christ Our King Communications spoke to our parish about KLFT radio. The station is now broadcasting at 90.5 FM, KLFTradio.com and on Digital TV 50.5. They express their gratitude to those who contributed to this local initiative.

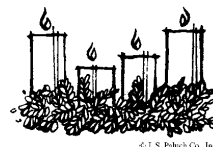
Give Us This Day

If you've been using and benefitting from the daily prayers, reflections & readings provided in Give Us This Day, we invite you to consider subscribing to the publication for the whole year. It provides easy access to prayer and scriptures of the day, connected to the Eucharist, which will surely enrich anyone's daily prayer. Subscription information should be on a card inside the back cover, and an annual subscription is only 11 cents a day. Think about it.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$ 5,155.54
Retirement Fund Religious \$ 852.00
Heifer International.....\$ 4,225.00 (total)

Thank You!



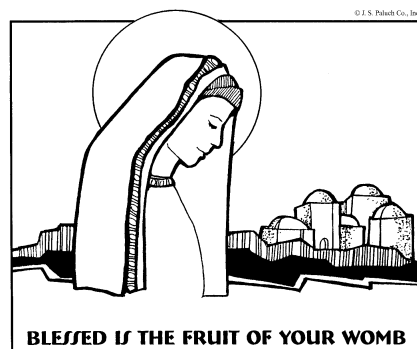
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Liturgical Roles for December 2012

Date	Saturday, December 29 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 30 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, December 30 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Marguerite Montagnet	Patsy Robicheaux	Brenda Demette
Eucharistic Ministers	Harold Guilbeau George Eaton Peggy Spruill	Sarah Hamsher Marla Davis Fred Vallot	Leroy Abshire Barbara Abshire Janeth Harrington
Server	Janelle Venable	Jacob Hamsher	Harry Demette
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	William Bacque Stephanie Bacque	Jenny Feehan Robin Roy

Readings for the Week

Monday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday	Vigil: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4,6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Lk 2:41-52



From the Pastor's Desk

If you're reading this, it means that the world did not end on December 21st, as some apparently feared. That means, of course, that you will have to pay off those credit card bills. But beyond that, why were normally rational people so quick to believe that this ancient and admirable civilization, the Mayans, knew something about the end of the world?

I think it is because we are desperately seeking "the secret". There has to be one somewhere, doesn't there, something to make sense of this world, something to help me figure it all out? Doesn't there have to be a "secret", once known and long forgotten, or perhaps just newly discovered, to make me feel safe and secure? Or perhaps someone has it, and they're just not sharing it? If I can only find the right book, the right fad, the right calendar, then all will be well. Right???

In reality, it is an age old quest, along the lines of that search for the Fountain of Youth. Every now and then, a new book will come out, and people rush desperately to be enlightened by "Embraced by the Light" or by "The Secret", or by "The Four Agreements". Invariably, these revelations claim more than they deliver, jewels of marketing rather than jewels of wisdom.

The fact is that whether the source is some ancient civilization or the latest new age guru, life is still life, and living is still living. There's giving and receiving, asking and answering, being born and dying, moving along and sitting still. It's being alone and being with others, and hopefully it's about loving and being loved. Life is still life.

The only "secret" is the one that has been revealed to the nations, for the salvation of the world. The "secret" is a person, born of the Virgin, the Word made Flesh, Emmanuel – God with Us. Look at his life. It's about being born, and dying, it's about loving and being loved, it's about giving so much more than He received. It's about teaching and learning, about falling down and getting up. It's about a child in a manger, born to die, and born to rise. It is about dying and rising.

That's the secret. That's why the angel could say to the young girl, "Do not fear, Mary". That's why Mary could pray with the angels, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit exults in God my savior."

For "the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son." And she named him Jesus. That is the secret.

Fr. Keith