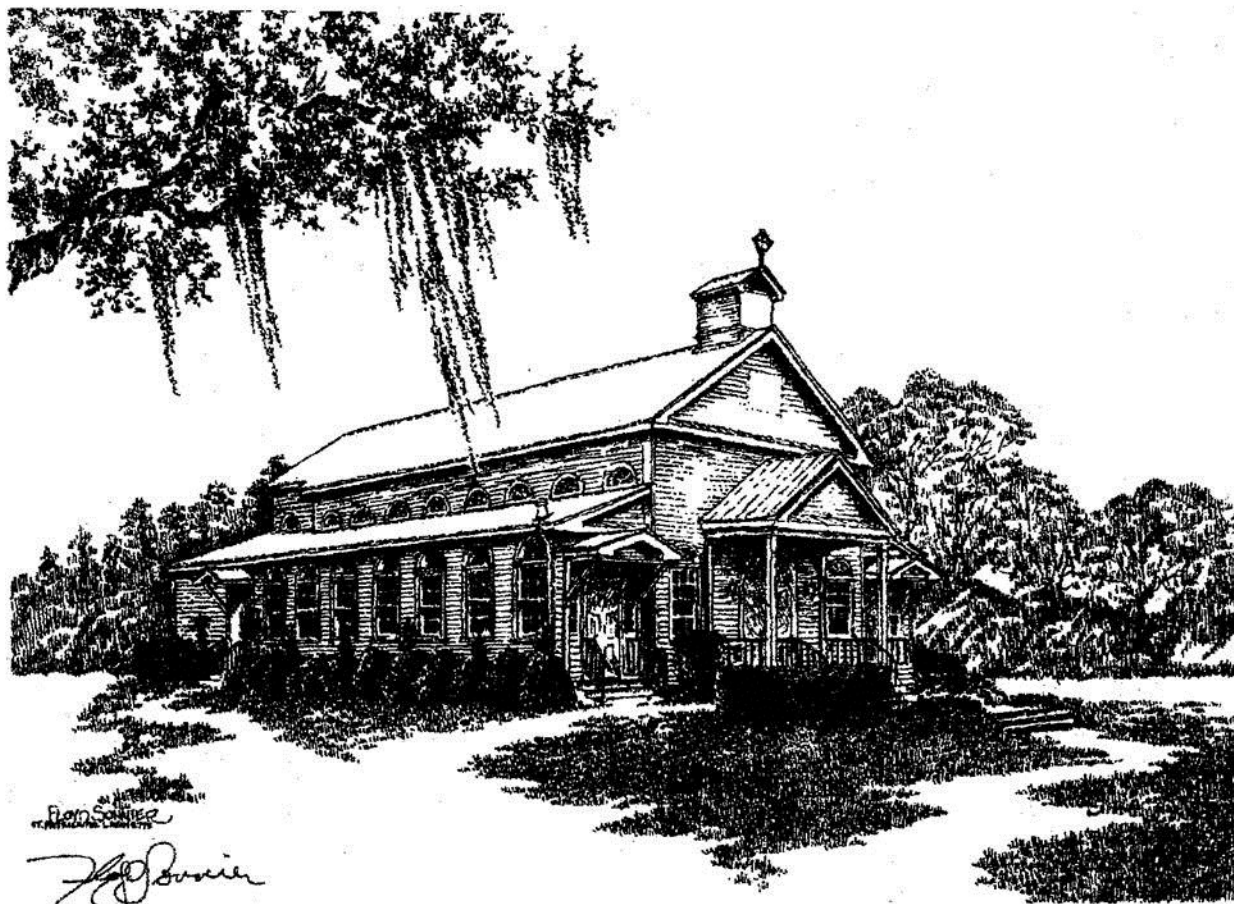


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 3, 2013 - Fourth 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
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 2-- Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM: Julius Ducote; Cecile M. Veazey; Pam Hebert (living); Harold Abdalla; Dr. J. T. Briere; J. W. Alexander; Dusty Ross Dubose; Christopher J. Arceneaux; Rudy Borel

Sunday, February 3-- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 4--Weekday

7:30 AM: Jacque Stelly

Tuesday, February 5--St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

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

Wednesday, February 6--St. Paul Mikki and Companions, Martyrs (Msgr. Robert Angelle)

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

Thursday, February 7--Weekday

7:30 AM: Harold Abdalla

Friday, February 8--St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart



Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of:

**Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne
Sonnier Family**

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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.

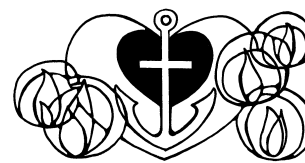
Pro-Life Rosary: First Friday of the month 7:00 a.m.

Shamrocks—Friday, February 8:

No cleaning.



Our youth program, Pizza at St. Pat's, will begin again the **first Sunday of Lent, February 17th**. Young people between the ages of 11 and 16 are invited to join us on a journey to know Jesus better! The journey includes fun and food! We will meet at the Parish Hall from 4 to 5:30 in the afternoons. Registration forms are available on the table at the back of the church, or register by calling the office at 237-0988. Our ministry asks for the prayers and support of our parishioners.



Next First Friday:

March 1st, 2013

Topic:

Theology of Tradition

Celebrate Life Banquet

The Desormeaux Foundation's annual Celebrate Life Banquet 2013 is scheduled for **Saturday, February 16**, at 6:30 p.m. at Hotel Acadiana. Keynote Speaker, Father Frank Pavone, is the National Director of Priest for Life. The evening includes dinner and a silent auction. Tickets are \$75.00 each with sponsorships available. Call the Desormeaux Foundation at (337) 289-9366 or visit the website at www.desormeauxfoundation.com for information or tickets.

Vices, Virtues, and Victory—Lenten Bible Study

A Six Week Study of the Seven Deadly Sins, presented by Susan Castille, Thursday mornings from 9:30—11:30 a.m., **February 14-March 21**, Holy Cross Church, 415 Robley Drive at Broadmoor Boulevard. Please call Holy Cross Church to register before February 13th: 337-984-9636 extension 211. A donation of \$15.00 is appreciated for the booklet.

Theresians “Day of Renewal”

The Living Spirit of Acadiana District Theresians are sponsoring a “Day of Renewal” for women on **Saturday, February 23**, from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Elementary School Theater, 201 East Bayou Parkway, Lafayette. This year's retreat, entitled “Faith: Seeing with New Eyes”, features speakers Margaret Rucks, Georgie Blanchard, and Deacon Juan Pagan. A light breakfast and lunch are included. Registration information and registration forms are available at www.acadianatheresians.com. For more information, please contact Noelle Judice (739-2518).

Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference

On **Saturday, March 16, 2013**, the fourth Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the Cajundome Convention Center. Guest speakers include former Irish gang member John Pridmore, Fr. Rick Wendell, and Catholic radio talk show host Gus Lloyd. Visit www.mantomancc.com to register and to find out more about this event. Over 1,000 men attended the last conference. You won't want to miss this one!

Faith, hope and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

— *1 Corinthians 13:13*

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please join us for our monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” on **Monday, February 4**, from 6:00—7:00 p.m., at St. Patrick Church. For those who want extra time in prayer, recitation of the Rosary will begin at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Food for the Journey

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. Our speaker for January is **Rev. Brian Taylor**, Pastor of St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Lafayette. “Food for the Journey” will be held on **Tuesday, February 5**, at Hotel Acadiana, 1801 W. Pinhook Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional lunch buffet is available beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12.00 and includes meal, drink dessert and tip. All are welcome to come “eat and be fed”- please bring a friend! Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682).

St. Edmond Altar Society “Day of Recollection”

St. Edmond's Altar Society will hold its annual “Day of Recollection” on **Thursday, February 14**, at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 4131 W. Congress Street, Lafayette. Fr. Chester Arceneaux, Pastor of Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, will be the Retreat Master and will say the 12:10 Mass. The “Day of Recollection” will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and refreshments in the atrium, followed by the Rosary in church at 9:00 a.m. There will be three talks, Confessions, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Following the Mass, a baked chicken lunch will be served with door prizes and a special presentation on St. Valentine. Tickets are available at the Church Office or by contacting RaNelle Simon (232-2489).

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$ 4,306.44

Thank You!

Liturgical Roles for February 2013

Date	Saturday, February 9 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, February 10 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, February 10 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Marguerite Montagnet	Gerrie McGovern	Karen Begnaud
Eucharistic Ministers	Candis Thompson Rosalind Allen George Eaton	Maggie Sonnier Sarah Hamsher Kay Hampton	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Janeth Harrington
Server	Harold Guilbeau	Jacob Hamsher	Nicholas Begnaud
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	William & Stephanie Bacque	Jenny Feehan Robin Roy

Readings for the Week

Monday Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11];
 Lk 5:1-11

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*No prophet is accepted
in his own native place*

From the Pastor's Desk

What do barricades have to do with Lent? Well, nothing per se. Except they lead me to point out that the date of Mardi Gras is determined by the date set for Ash Wednesday (which depends on the date of Easter) and not the other way around. Contrary to much of the culture that surrounds us, I continue to maintain that the season of Lent is more important than the Mardi Gras “season”, king cakes, parades and all. (And I realize the risk of making such a statement in Louisiana!)

That said, I have to admit that the article I read this morning on the scheduling of the barricades did bring home to me that Lent is almost upon us. And it reminded me of a conversation I encountered recently about fast and abstinence during Lent. The issue at hand was that a Catholic organization in another city and state was extending the annual fund-raiser “Fridays in Lent fish-fries” to include Ash Wednesday as well. Someone dared to ask the question, “Is raising money by serving a delicious fish dinner on Ash Wednesday promoting the practice of self-denial?” Yet, fish is not meat, so one has the “abstinence” part of the day covered. But on Ash Wednesday (and Good Friday) we called to fast as well. That means eat less. That means only one main meal (and two smaller ones) with that main meal being something less than a feast.

Now, bottom line, I really don’t care if someone is selling fish on Ash Wednesday or the Fridays of Lent. And I am not starting a campaign against the huge crawfish boils that have become common among us, especially on Good Friday. I just want to encourage each of us to ask the question: “How can I practice abstaining from meat on Fridays, and abstaining and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in such a way that it is really self-denial?”

More simply, “How seriously am I taking the practice of self-denial of Lent?” The practice did not just appear out of nowhere. It is rooted in Jesus’ own experience of fasting in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights.

One reason I think each of us needs to ask this question is that we are all different, and what is self-denial for one person is inconsequential to another. When I eat that bowl of crawfish fettuccine (instead of say, a ham sandwich), I really cannot claim to be practicing self-denial in any way, shape or form. But I’m following the law! I didn’t eat meat! But will that kind of Lenten practice help to put me touch with the self-denial of Jesus? Will that kind of self-denial remind of me of my deep, abiding need for God in my life – a need which nothing else cannot satisfy?

So the barricades are going up. What will you be doing for Lent this year?

Fr Keith