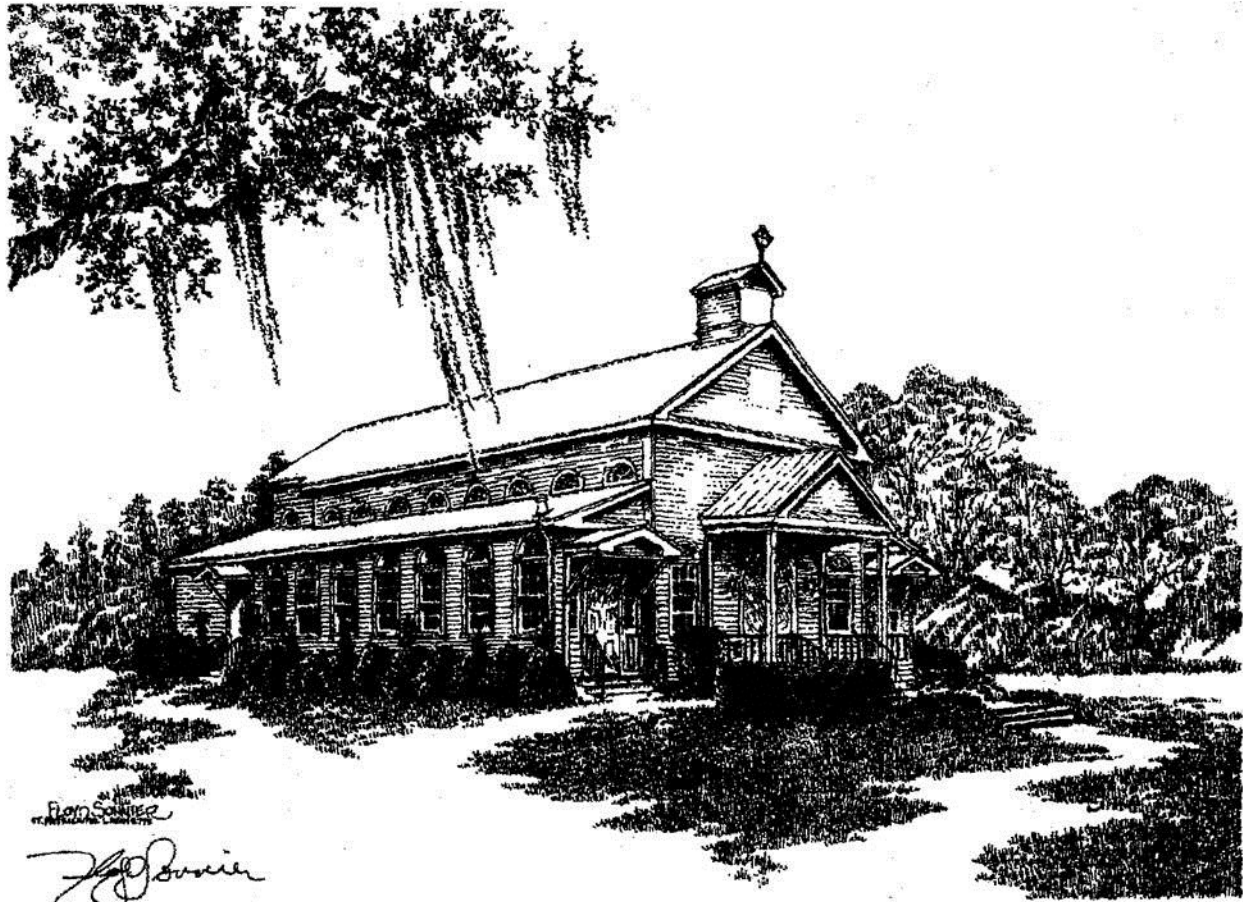


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*February 10, 2013 - Fifth 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**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 10, 2013**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 9-- Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM: Julius Ducote; Harold Abdalla; Dr. J. T. Briere; J. W. Alexander; Dusty Ross Dubose; Christopher J. Arceneaux

**Sunday, February 10-- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday, February 11--Our Lady of Lourdes**

7:30 AM: Robert Dugas

**Tuesday, February 12--Weekday**

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

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send?"  
"Here I am, "I said, "send me!"

*Isaiah 6:8*

**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 am

**Shamrocks—Friday, February 15:**

Dee Boudreaux; Andre Arceneaux; Anne Meleton; Betty Fournet; Charlotte Privat



**Next First Friday:**

March 1st, 2013

**Topic:**

Theology of Tradition

**Wednesday, February 13-- Ash Wednesday**

7:30 AM: Cecelia Ledet

**Thursday, February 14--Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop**

7:30 AM: Harold Abdalla

**Friday, February 15--Friday after Ash Wednesday**

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

**Friday—7:10 a.m.**



**Women's Conference 2013**

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Scott, will host its third "**Women's Conference**" on **Saturday, March 9, 2013**. The theme for the Conference is "**The Blessing is in the Breaking, Strength for Every Woman**". Presenters are Mrs. Monica Pierre and Mrs. Gloria Sonnier. Donation is \$15.00. Lunch will be provided. Please send registrations to St. Martin de Porres Church, Women's Conference, P. O. Box 1347, Scott, LA 70583. For more information, please call the Church Office (232-1968). All are invited to attend.



Our youth program, Pizza at St. Pat's, will begin again the **first Sunday of Lent, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



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This Wednesday, February 13, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. There will only be **one Mass at 7:30 a.m. and ashes will be distributed at that Mass.**

**The Lenten Schedule of Masses is:**

**Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m.**

**Way of the Cross: Fridays 7:10 a.m.**



**Fast and Abstinence**

*The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:*

• **Fasting**

*On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.*

• **Abstinence from Meat**

*Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.*



**We invite you to participate in:**

**Operation Rice Bowl:** *In 1975, Catholic Relief Services founded Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program that invites people to place a cardboard container (given out in parishes) in their homes, and put in the money that is saved because of their fasting and the things they give up for Lent. On Palm Sunday, the Rice Bowl is brought to Mass, and the money is used for development projects in poor nations and hunger relief in the local diocese.*

**Faith of our Fathers**

Recently Fr. Keith gave a presentation as part of the Central Region’s “Faith of our Fathers” series of talks, part of our observance of the Year of Faith. The video recording of that talk, given at Sacred Heart Church in Broussard on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, is now available on the web. You can find it through our parish website, [www.stpat.org](http://www.stpat.org), or by going to <http://vimeo.com/59085181>. Session 3 of Faith of our Fathers will be held on **April 15-17**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church here in Lafayette.

*In today’s readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, “Whom shall I send?” Am I prepared to answer, “Here I am. Send me!?”*

**Doors**

Over the last couple of years, we have had recurring problems with the doors on our church. At times, we have been unable to lock them, until we got someone in to make adjustments and repairs. So for several months now, we have been preparing to replace the doors on our church. Latest word is that the doors should be in “any day now”, and work will soon begin. We apologize for any inconvenience during the project, but hope that this will resolve our security problems for quite some time. And we thank you for your ongoing generosity in our collections that enables us to undertake these repairs.

**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.

**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: Bassinettes; Toddler Beds; any and all plastic hangers. The kindness of your donations help this ministry. Thank you!

**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](http://www.acadianatheresians.com). For more information, please contact Noelle Judice (739-2518).

**Second Collection next Weekend**

Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for **Black and Indian Missions.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK**

Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us

Offertory.....\$ 4,396.30

Building Fund.....\$ 1,475.00

*Thank You!*

## Liturgical Roles for February 2013

Date	Saturday, February 16 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, February 17 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, February 17 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Angie Kovacs	Melinda Voorhies	Robin Roy
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Spruill Janell Venable Harold Guilbeau	Marla Davis Larry Lewis Patsy Robicheaux	Tami Petre Leroy Abshire Barbara Abshire
Server	Alockie Noel	Fred Vallot	Debra Carroll
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	Anne Pitre	Lionel Jeanmard

### Readings for the Week

Monday	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10,12,24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; s Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Lk 9:22-25
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Last week we talked about barricades, a sure sign for us in Lafayette that Lent is coming soon. Another truth about barricades is that they go up, and (thankfully) they come back down. In that way, the barricades are a little like one of the core practices of Lent: giving things up.

Perhaps you've already decided what you are "giving up for Lent". For some people, it's the same every year. For others, it changes from season to season. Normally, whatever we banish from our lives for these forty days will return come Easter. Being able to stop giving up whatever we have been giving up is probably one of the things that makes us long for Easter! In that sense, our Lenten "penance" is kind of like the barricades – it's part of our lives for a while, until it goes away.

But there is a bit more to this practice than what is visible on the surface. This Lenten penance we choose, giving something up, is all about self-denial. The fact that we've given up something for Lent doesn't mean that what we are denying ourselves is a bad thing. Most Lenten penances revolve around things that aren't particularly good or bad in and of themselves. The heart of the penance is that I am making a choice, and living out that choice.

From this perspective, the Lenten penance is a bit like spiritual calisthenics. No one does jumping jacks or push-ups because they want to be good at push-ups. Calisthenics are meant to strengthen us for the tasks of everyday life. Likewise, our Lenten penance is aimed at a kind of spiritual strengthening that can benefit us in every aspect of our lives.

Living the moral life often means saying no to things that we know to be wrong, even as we are attracted to them. This Lenten practice recognizes the truth of St. Paul's admission, centuries ago – I often find myself doing the thing I do not want to do. It is for this reason that we need to strengthen our ability to make choices contrary to our desires and wants. If sin were not in some way attractive, we would never sin.

Hopefully, by giving up something we find appealing for the entirety of the Lenten season, we build up our ability to say no to other thoughts, words, deeds and omissions that harm us and others and damage our relationship with our God. It is our goal to be different at the end of this Lenten season.

So like the barricades, our Lenten penances come and go, and on the surface, we go back to the way things were. Hopefully, deep within us, there has begun that deep conversion of heart which is the real purpose of Lent.

*Fr. Keith*