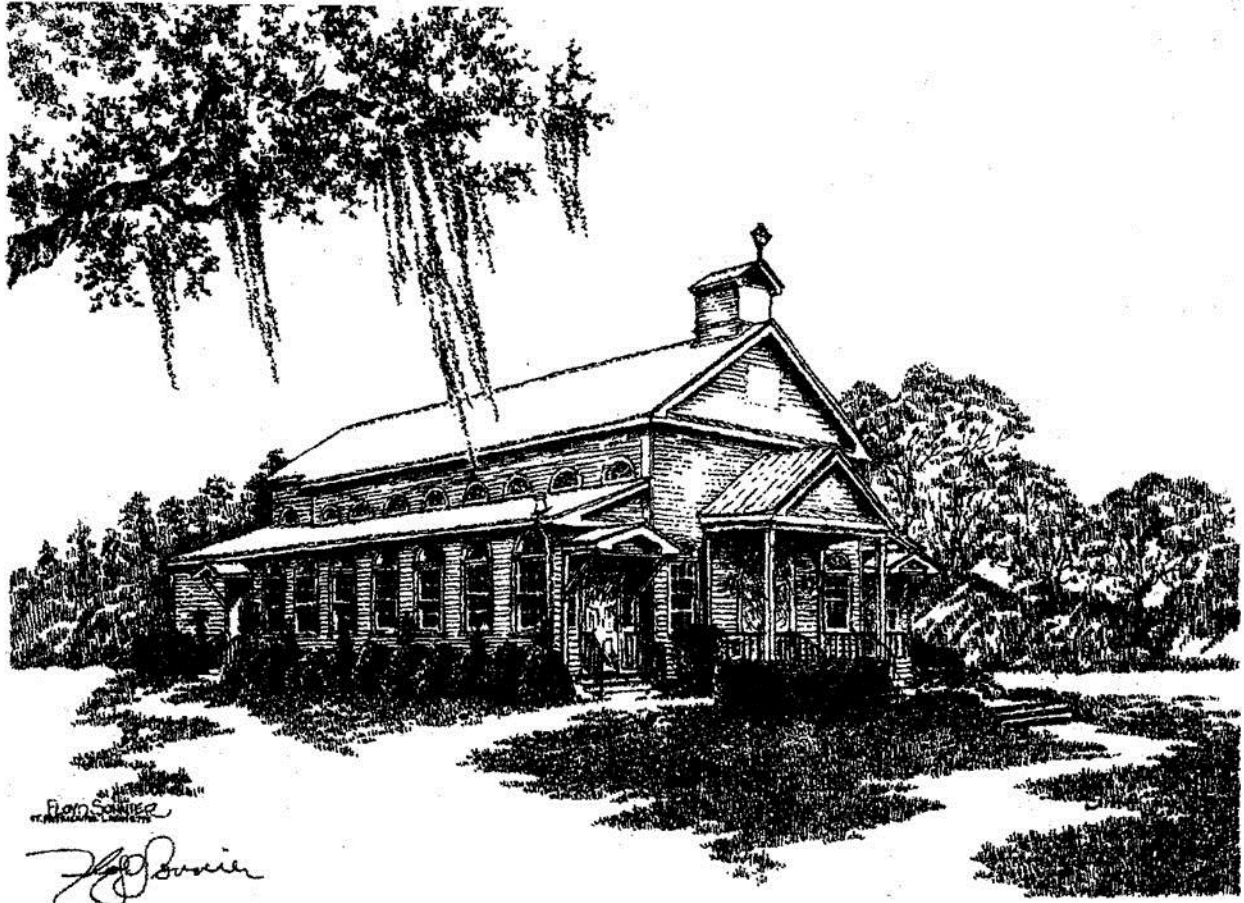


St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 3, 2013 - Thirty-First 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
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 2--Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM: Janell Thomas; Rudy Borel;
Pierre & Monty Montagnet

Sunday, November 3--Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Doris Becker Petre;
John Stelly (living); Bernal S. Thompson, Sr.

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

Monday, November 4--St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:30 AM: Bud Richards; Malcom Cappel;
Jean, Willard & John Chiasson

Tuesday, November 5--Weekday

7:30 AM: Gerrie McGovern (living);
Beverly Latimer (living); Joseph Guidroz (living)



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, November 8: No cleaning this week. Thanks to all who volunteer to this Ministry!

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

—*St. Charles Borromeo*

Wednesday, November 6-- Weekday (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, November 7--Weekday

7:30 AM: Rudy Haydel; Leonard Barras;
Tena Bright

Friday, November 8-- Weekday

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Altar Flowers

In Memory of:

***Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne
Pierre & Monty Montagnet***



The Lord lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
— *Psalm 145:14*

Pizza at St. Pat's

Our Youth Team will hold its next Pizza at St. Pat's on **Sunday, November 10th**, from 4:00—5:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Young people 10 to 16 are invited to attend an afternoon of fun, food and faith-building.

Morning of Recollection

St. Mary Altar Society would like to invite the ladies of our Parish to their Annual Day of Recollection on **Tuesday, November 12**, at St. Mary's Church, 419 Doucet Rd., Lafayette. Coffee and Registration 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Fr. Neil Pettit will be the guest speaker and will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please call the church office at 981-3379.

Photos

For those interested, pictures from Fr. Keith's latest travels are available at www.keithlabove.com

Prayer Clinic

A Year of Faith Workshop Designed to Help Catholics Grow into Deeper Prayer will be held on **November 9, 2013** at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Avenue, St. Martinville. Participants can choose up to three of the six practical sessions offered. Topics include: *Dealing with Distractions in Prayer*, *Purification and Dryness in Prayer*, *Drawing Close to Christ with the Rosary*, *Praying the Mass and Fervent Holy Communion*, *Praying before the Blessed Sacrament*, and *Listening to the Word in Meditation*. The day will be hosted by the Community of Jesus Crucified and begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. There is no cost and no registration is necessary. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information call (337) 394-6550.

Grief Presentation

Sarah Brabant, Ph.D. will speak on death and grief issues at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 700 Broadway St., Erath, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on **Thursday, November 14**. Dr. Brabant is the author of the book, "Mending the Torn Fabric: For Those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help Them". This presentation is suitable for both those who are grieving and those wishing to help them. No registration and no fees. For information, please contact Janeth Harrington (337.258.0073 or JHarrington@diolaf.org).

Teresa Tomeo to Speak at St. Pius X

Renowned EWTN personality Teresa Tomeo will speak at St. Pius X Catholic Church on **Friday, November 15**, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the school auditorium. The focus of her presentation will be her new book, *God's Bucket List*. Teresa is an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker with more than 30 years experience in TV, radio and newspaper and spent 19 of those years working in front of a camera as a reporter/anchor in the Detroit market. Her daily morning radio program, *Catholic Connection*, is produced by *Ave Maria Radio*, and is now heard on the *EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network*. Please register (at no cost) by calling St. Pius X Church Office (232-4656) or call Ashton Mouton (232-4656).

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too —"that our God may make us worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

See Thessalonians 1:11

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please join us for our monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" on **Monday, November 4**, from 6:00—7:00 p.m., at St. Patrick Church. Recitation of the Rosary begins 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 November, is Rev. Jerry Mesley Pastor Diocese of New Mexico. "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, November 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).

Breaux Bridge Theresian Retreat

The Theresian Communities of Breaux Bridge invite all to a Theresian Retreat on Saturday, **November 9**, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 610 North Main Street, Breaux Bridge. Speakers for the retreat are Roy Petitfils and Kathy Jennings. Registration fee is \$15.00. For more information, please call Gay Castille (298-4267) or Georgie Blanchard (207-8249).

Come and See Weekend—November 8-10

Is Jesus calling you to be His priest? High school juniors and seniors, and college-aged men are invited to come and test that call at St. Joseph Seminary in Covington, LA, **November 8-10, 2013**. Transportation will be provided from Lafayette. While there you will experience class with the seminarians, pray with the community, worship at Mass with the monks of St. Joseph Abbey, and enjoy spiritual brotherhood. For more information, contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon at 337-261-5960

BSA

Brochures and donation envelopes remain available under the stairwell near the main entrance of Church, or you may visit our parish website at stpat.org/bsa for more information, including a link to online giving.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us

Offertory.....\$ 4,074.55

Propagation of the Faith.....\$ 654.75 *Thank you!*

Liturgical Roles for November 2013

Date	Saturday, November 9 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, November 10 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, November 10 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Janell Venable	Patsy Robicheaux	Karen Begnaud
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Spruill Candis Thompson Joy Borel	Kay Hampton Suzanne Lavergne Susan Cain	Michael Doumit Janeth Harrington Phyllis Roy
Altar Servers	Harold Guilbeau	Melinda Voorhies	Nicholas Begnaud
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	Keith Touns Rachelle Trahan	Robin Roy Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

Monday	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13:22
Sunday	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]



From the Pastor's Desk

Last week I wrote in this space about the reality of selfishness, and in particular how selfishness can block us from respecting the dignity of others, and even the sanctity of life itself. Sometimes treating others as human beings costs us something, a price we may be reluctant to pay if we are wrapped up in self. This week, I'll like to broaden that consideration of selfishness into our practice of praying for the dead. We just celebrated the Feast of All Souls, a special day for remembering our deceased loved ones, and commending them to the mercy of God.

I know that there are some people who balk at the idea of hell — at the very idea of people being separated from God's saving love for all eternity. The few I've talked to usually start from their understanding of God's mercy, alongside his cherishing of each and every part of his creation. I understand this, since God's boundless mercy and forgiveness are offered to all. I believe God wants redemption for all of creation, and that he desires to draw to himself each and every person created in his image and likeness.

At the same time, I have to uphold the possibility of hell, while leaving to God the question of who has or will end up there. I do not see this as some kind of limitation on God's mercy, but rather God's abiding respect for the creatures he has made. Ultimately, it comes down to free will and the fact that God will not save anyone against their will.

This free will that we so often tend to take for granted is at the very core of the human being, and is a necessity condition for human goodness. Were we not free to choose this path or that, this action or that omission, there would be no true moral goodness in our world. We would be robots, or at best puppets, dancing to a tune we do not choose and marching to the beat of a drummer that is not our own. Love would not exist, for at the heart of the possibility of love is the possibility of not loving. God has chosen to love us (Thank God!) and in that choice he invites us to return that love, through love of him and our neighbor — we cannot separate the two. Because God created us with free will, then we are able to choose to love Him in return — or not.

Certainly, many things can limit our freedom — physical coercion, mental illness, sinful situations and societal structures, etc. Yet even in the face of all that, we stand as free sons and daughters of God at the judgment, accountable for the choices we have made.

For this reason, we can say No to God. Even if we cannot imagine why someone would do so for all eternity, we must allow for the possibility of rejecting God's salvation. It is not so much a matter of God condemning one to hell as it is the individual being allowed to make that choice.

It is precisely because we can say No, that we can, by God's grace, also say Yes to His Love.

M. Keith