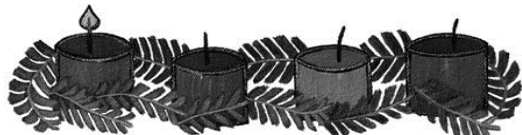


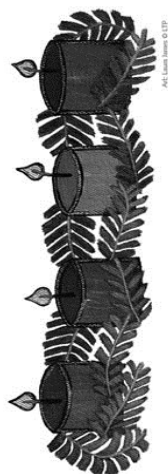
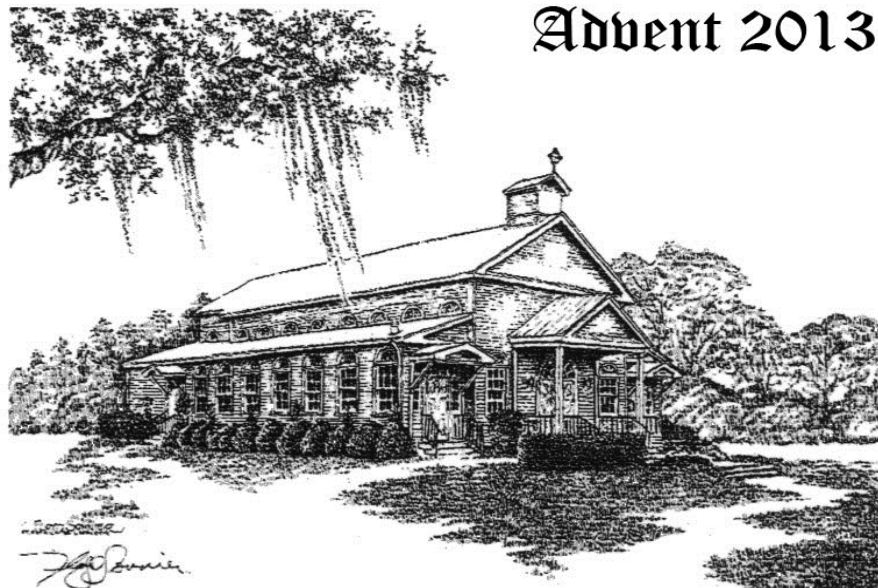
St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 15, 2013 - Third Sunday of Advent



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Advent 2013



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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 14--Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM: Janell Thomas; Mike Guilbeau; Rudy Borel ; Jules, Isola & Bart LeJeune; Margaret & Rachel Benoit (living); Pamela Hebert (living)

Sunday, December 15-- Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM: Doris Becker Petre; Junius & Cecelia Ledet; Alexander & Cecelia Benjamin Fam.

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

Monday, December 16-- Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Ewing Latimer, Jr.; E. C. & Lucille Latimer; Elise & Clay Dalferes

Tuesday, December 17-- Late Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Ewing Latimer, Jr.; E. C. & Lucille Latimer; Elise & Clay Dalferes

Advent Wreath

This week's candle is called the *shepherd's candle*, and symbolizes the joy which the angels proclaimed when Jesus was born.

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 a.m.

Shamrocks—Friday, December 20: No cleaning.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

—Isaiah 35:10a



Wednesday, December 18-- Late Advent Weekday

(Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, December 19-- Late Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Ewing Latimer, Jr.; E. C. & Lucille Latimer; Elise & Clay Dalferes

Friday, December 20-- Late Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

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Pizza at St. Pat's

Our Youth Team will hold Pizza at St. Pat's this **Sunday, December 15th**, 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.

Decorating Help

We are looking for two or three able-bodied folk who can assist for an hour or two with decorating for Christmas. We will be decorating on **Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 1 p.m.**, and need a few more people who can lift and carry, and maybe even climb! Please call the office if you can help.



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Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24: 4 & 6 p.m.

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

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

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31: 4:00 p.m.

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

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

2013 Parish Advent Missions—Central Region

St. Bernard Catholic Church, 204 N. Main Street, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517. "Parish Advent Mission", **December 16-17** — 7:00—8:15 p.m. in Church. Presenter: Rev. Mark Thibodeaux, S. J. For more information, please call Nadine Cain (332-1237)

Christmas Project Heifer International

The Life-Changing Gift of Goats

A Gift of a Goat: \$120—Share of a Goat: \$10

It's not hard to see why Heifer is distributing goats and training in their care to so many families around the world. A good dairy goat can provide up to a gallon of rich, nutritious milk each day — providing income and improving daily nutrition. Plus, families can use goat manure to fertilize their fields and boost their harvests. With so many life-changing benefits, it's easy to understand why the gift of goats from Heifer International will be at the top of so many holiday wish lists this year. Donation sheets are available under the stairwell. 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/>

Spirituality Clinic

A Spirituality Workshop designed to help Catholics grow in their spiritual lives will be held on Saturday **December 28, 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: *Making a Particular Examen, Active Purification of the Senses, Preparing and Implementing a Plan of Life, Living the Sacrament of the Moment, Growing in Holiness through Regular Confession, and Spiritual Grouping.* 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 Fr. Champagne, CJC at (337) 394-6550.

Annual Christmas Social

Remember our yearly Christmas Social, **this Sunday, December 15th., at 11 a.m.** at the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish; the meat and drinks will be provided.

The Light is On For You

The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Advent. In addition to our normal confession time, St. Patrick and all the Catholic parishes of the Diocese will be open on Advent Wednesdays (**Dec. 4, 11 & 18**) from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession.

Faith and Vocations

Join us for an Advent Day of Recollection open to all those discerning a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville (420 N. Main St.) on **Saturday December 21 from 9AM to 3PM.** Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC will give the presentations on the role of faith in discerning and responding to a vocation. Fr. Kevin Bordelon, Diocesan Vocation Director, will preside and be homilist at the noon Mass. All young men and women are invited. There is no cost and no registration is required. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Participants under 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information call Fr. Champagne, CJC at (337) 394-6550.

Teurlings Catholic High School Dance, Raffle and Silent Auction - Saturday, February 8, 2014

at Petroleum Club, Lafayette. Tickets are \$100/couple and can be purchased from any T.A.S.C. representative or by contacting the TCH Athletic Office 337-235-5711 Ext. 110, or email astroderd@tshs.net. To donate an item for the Silent Auction, contact R.A.B.C. Silent Auction Chairman Lori Beslin at 235-5711 Ext. 251 or email to lbeslin@tchs.net.

Save the Date— St. Edmond Church Pro-Life Walk

All are invited to participate in the 11th. Annual St. Edmond Church Pro-Life Walk on Saturday, **January 18, 2014.** Additional details will be forthcoming. Please save the date.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$ 2,896.86
Heifer International.....\$ 785.00

Thank You!

Liturgical Roles for December

Date	Saturday, December 21 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 22 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, December 22 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Janell Venable	Susan Cain	Robin Roy
Eucharistic Ministers	Harold Guilbeau George Eaton Merrick Stelly	Geneva Phillips Kay Hampton Sarah Hamsher	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Janeth Harrington
Altar Servers	Rosalind Allen	Jacob Hamsher	Andre Arceneaux
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	Rachelle Trahan Keith Toups	Joyce Stelly Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2, 8:10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



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From the Pastor's Desk

As we long for the coming of Christ during this Advent season, we also strive to be open to the ways in which Christ makes himself known to us, already in our midst. We pray that as the Scriptures promise this weekend, our eyes may be opened, our weak knees be made strong, that our ears be opened, and our tongues sing of the glory of God. Pertinent then, are these words from Pope Francis recent exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel":

197. *God's heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself "became poor" (2 Cor 8:9). The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor. Salvation came to us from the "yes" uttered by a lowly maiden from a small town on the fringes of a great empire. The Saviour was born in a manger, in the midst of animals, like children of poor families; he was presented at the Temple along with two turtledoves, the offering made by those who could not afford a lamb (cf. Lk 2:24; Lev 5:7); he was raised in a home of ordinary workers and worked with his own hands to earn his bread. When he began to preach the Kingdom, crowds of the dispossessed followed him, illustrating his words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18). He assured those burdened by sorrow and crushed by poverty that God has a special place for them in his heart: "Blessed are you poor, yours is the kingdom of God" (Lk 6:20); he made himself one of them: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat", and he taught them that mercy towards all of these is the key to heaven (cf. Mt 25:5ff.).*

198. *For the Church, the option for the poor is primarily a theological category rather than a cultural, sociological, political or philosophical one. God shows the poor "his first mercy". This divine preference has consequences for the faith life of all Christians, since we are called to have "this mind... which was in Jesus Christ" (Phil 2:5). Inspired by this, the Church has made an option for the poor which is understood as a "special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness". This option – as Benedict XVI has taught – "is implicit in our Christian faith in a God who became poor for us, so as to enrich us with his poverty". This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. Not only do they share in the sensus fidei, but in their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them. The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in their lives and to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them.*

Keith