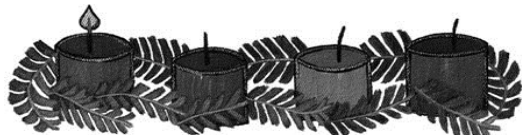


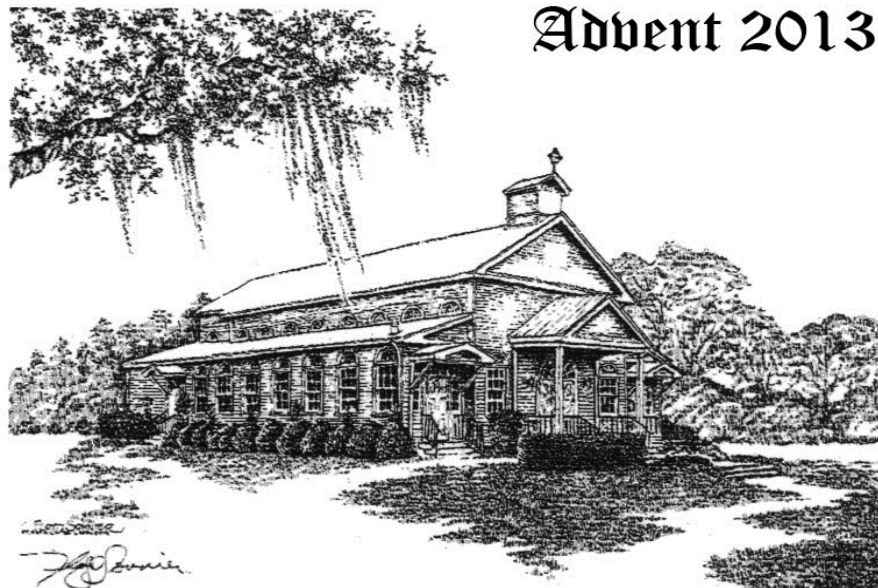
# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*December 22, 2013 - Fourth Sunday of Advent*



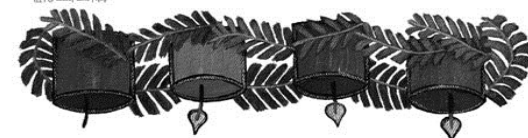
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## Advent 2013



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### 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 22, 2013*

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Saturday, December 21--Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM: David Dias; Robert & Hazel Chiason; Gustavo & Herselle Medina; Gussie & Valsin Benoit; Janell Thomas; Mike Guilbeau; Rudy Borel ; Jules, Isola & Bart LeJeune; Pam Hebert (living)

#### **Sunday, December 22-- Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM: Doris Becker Petre  
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### **Monday, December 23-- Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 AM: Ewing Latimer, Jr.; Max & Rosa Dalferes; Simon & Nellie Bergeron

#### **Tuesday, December 24-- Vigil of Christmas**

**4:00 PM:** Janell Thomas; Mike Guilbeau; Jules, Isola & Bart LeJeune; James "Jimmy" Delahoussaye; Larry Lampo, Christopher Landry & Bannon Braun; Claude & Brady Hebert; Claude & Estelle LeBlanc; Clarence B. Champagne; Betty Rolfes  
**6:00 PM:** Hazel Cormier; Shelton LeBlanc, Sr.; John Wiltz, Sr.; Cecelia & Junius Ledet; Leanna & Dovic Babineaux; Beverly Wilson; Elnora Jordan

#### **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, December 27:** Donna Guilbeau; Patsy Robicheaux; Gerrie McGovern; Charlotte Privat

#### **Wednesday, December 25-- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**8:30 AM:** Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living);

**10:00 AM:** Msgr. Charles Mallet (living) Catherine Purslow (living)

#### **Thursday, December 26-- St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

7:30 AM: Pat McGreevy; Matt Laurich

#### **Friday, December 27-- St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

#### **Christmas Poinsettias**

*In Loving Memory of:*



**James "Jimmy" Delahoussaye;  
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne;  
Larry Lampo; Bannon Braun;  
Christopher Landry; Pierre Montagnet  
Jules, Isola & Bart LeJeune; Claude & Brady  
Hebert; Claude & Estelle LeBlanc; Sidney  
Begnaud; Elzia Lavergne & Family**

#### **Advent Wreath**

The fourth candle in the Advent wreath is called the *angel's candle*, and symbolizes peace or the love for which Jesus came to earth.



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## Holy Day Mass Schedule

**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.**

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**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.**

**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

**A Gift of a Sheep: \$120—Share of a Sheep: \$10**

Winter is here and a thick, warm wool sweater is sure to be at the top of everyone's holiday shopping list. But may we also suggest bundling-up your loved ones by adding the gift of sheep from Heifer International? Sheep not only provide families with high-quality wool, but their milk is also wonderfully rich and nutritious. Plus, because of Passing on the Gift, your impact will grow and grow. That is why giving the gift of sheep is such a meaningful way to celebrate the holiday season. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### “Holy Hour for Vocations”

Please join us for our monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” on **Monday, January 6,** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 406 E. Pinhook Road. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in these prayers 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. Paul LaFleur, Pastor of St. Bernard Catholic Church, Breaux Bridge. “Food for the Journey” will be held on **Tuesday, January 7,** 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).

### 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@tchs.net](mailto:astroderd@tchs.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 [ibeslin@tchs.net](mailto:ibeslin@tchs.net).

### STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us

Offertory.....\$ 4,211.36

Retirement Fund Religious.....\$ 1,057.00

Heifer International.....\$ 2,365.00 (to date)

**Thank You!**



### Liturgical Roles for December

Date	Saturday, December 28 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 29 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, December 29 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Dana Philips	Linda Garber	Michael Doumit
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Spruill Harold Guilbeau Kathy Kalweit	Sandra LaGrange Marla Davis Susan Cain	Phyllis Roy Tami Petre Monica Mullins
Altar Servers	Merrick Stelly	Glenn LaGrange	Brenda DeMette
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	William & Stephanie Bacque	Jenny Feehan Joyce Stelly

### Readings for the Week

Monday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday	Vigil: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Thursday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



### *From the Pastor's Desk*

One of the forms of the penitential rite that I like to use during Advent goes like this: “Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s kingdom; You come to us today in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness; You will come again at the end of time, bringing all things to completion.” In those three acclamations, we have summarized something of the richness of Advent. Our focus during this holy season begins with our desire for his second coming. We then shift our gaze to the Jordan, as John the Baptist prepares the way for a public ministry of salvation. And then finally, in these last days, we begin to reflect on the Christmas event itself, as we wait with Mary in her pregnancy for the birth of a savior.

All of these themes for prayer and reflection are offered to us at Mass, when we celebrate in a rich and powerful way the presence of the One for whom we wait. Truly present in priest and people, and in Saving Word and Blessed Sacrament, it is the very grace of Christ present in our midst that enables us to wait for his coming. So are we waiting for him to come, or is he here? Yes. It is the ‘already and the not yet’, all at the same time.

This may seem a little confusing to some, yet it is inevitable, since we are talking about the ways in which God deals with his people. And our God does not limit his dealings to just this or that event. His saving love gushes forth from the bosom of the Trinity, making itself known in countless ways.

At the center of all these revelations of Divine Love is of course the event we prepare to celebrate this week. This event is the most outrageous of all. John’s Gospel puts it so simply: “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us”. (John 1) Yet what is simple about the second person of the Most Holy Trinity being born of a virgin, becoming one like us in all things but sin? This unique and incomprehensible melding of the human and divine stands at the very heart of our faith. We cannot ever totally understand, but we can believe.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son.” (John 3) When we look away from the what and the how, and focus instead upon the why, then things get a little simpler. All these amazing things which God does in our midst, from the Covenant through the Exodus, through prophets and kings, through Incarnation and Crucifixion and Resurrection, all of this flows from the font of God’s salvific love.

During these days, we reflect with Mary as she prepares to give birth. During these days, we rejoice at the gift of a newborn child. During these days, we marvel at the wonders that accompany his birth. During these days, we wonder who and what this child will be. But most of all, we rejoice at his coming into our midst, for the child born that night is truly Emmanuel — God with us!

*M. Keith*