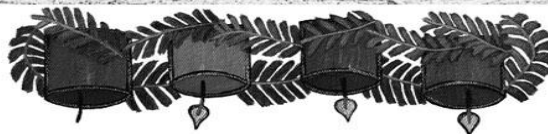
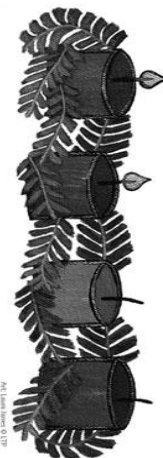
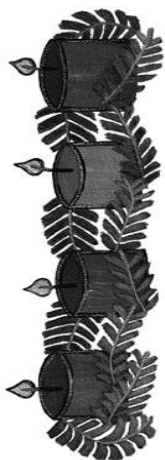


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 13, 2015 - Third Sunday of Advent



Advent 2015



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

Seminars are held every other month - register by calling the office. Attendance is suggested during pregnancy.

Anointing of the Sick

The Church recommends this sacrament for those who are gravely ill or in danger of death. Call the priest to arrange a visit.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance to allow time for preparation and planning.

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 12--Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM: Mike Guilbeau; Willis Noel;
Cecil & Eva Mae Hebert ; Dr. Leonard & Betty Rolfes; Wiley & Verna Romero; Judith A. White
Sunday, December 13--Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM: Helen Vallot;
Robert Chastant & Evelyn; Eddie Upton;
Dr. Almore (Doc) Bordelon;
Nick & Earl Chiasson

10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's
**Monday, December 14--St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:30 AM: Dr. Leonard Rolfes

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.
— *Isaiah 12:3*

Tuesday, December 15--Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Dorinne Comeaux

Wednesday, December 16--Advent Weekday

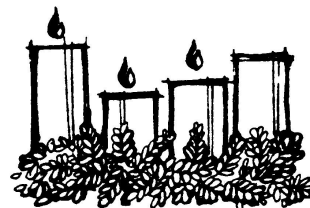
7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne;
Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living);
Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, December 17--Late Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Dr. Leonard Rolfes

Friday, December 18--Late Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart



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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: 1st. Friday of the month 7 a.m.

Shamrocks—Wednesday, December 18: Maggie Sonnier; Stephanie Bacque; Josette Delahous-saye; Martha Thompson

Decorating Help

We are looking for two or three able-bodied folk who can assist for an hour with decorating for Christmas. We will be decorating on **Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 5:30 p.m.**, and need a few more people who can lift and carry. Please call the office if you can help.

Christmas Project Heifer International Gift of a Goat:\$120—Share of a Goat: \$10

It is 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 Christmas 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/>



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

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

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

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

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

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1: 9:00 a.m.

The Light Is On for You

The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Advent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, our parish and all the Catholic parishes of the Diocese will be open on the first three **Advent Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. (This Wednesday, December 16th., is the last Wed.)**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession and also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again.

2015 Parish Advent Missions—Central Region

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Broussard and St. Anthony Chapel, Cade, 232 St. De Porres Street, Broussard, LA 70518. “Awakening the Gift of Mercy at Christmas”. **December 13, 14 & 15—7:00 pm** (Musical Prelude at 6:45 pm). Presenters: Deacon Al Marcel (December 13); Deacon Louis Lloyd (December 14); Deacon Michael Morrison (December 15). For information, please call the Church Office (337-837-6218).

St. Anne Catholic Church, 201 Church Street, Youngsville, LA 70592. “Who is St. John the Baptist?”. **December 14 & 15—6:15 pm.** Presenter: Rev. Garret McIntyre, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Henderson & Sacred Heart Chapel, Butte LaRose. For information, please contact Debbie Miller (337-856-8212; pas-toralaide@stannechurch.net).

“Lessons and Carols” – Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist – Sunday, December 13

“Lessons and Carols” will be presented by the Cathedral Choir at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette, on Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. This is a program of Scripture and seasonal music celebrating Advent, in anticipation of Christmas. All are welcome. For more information, please call 232-1322.

Christmas Social

Remember our yearly Christmas Social, **this Sunday, December 13th, at 11 am**, at the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish; the meat and drinks will be provided.

Reminder—Baby Items

Next weekend is time to bring baby items to be given away to those mothers who choose life for their babies. **Always needed: diapers for infants and sizes 3, 4 & 5; wipes; body wash; baby lotion, diaper bags.** Also needed: walkers; changing tables; mattresses for cribs (no cribs). The kindness of your donations help this ministry.

Sacred Sounds of Christmas

Holy Cross Music Ministry invites all to “Sacred Sounds of Christmas” on **Sunday, December 13**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church (415 Robley Drive, Lafayette). Light refreshments will be served after the music program. For more information, please call 984-9636.

Annulments - What They Are and How to Go About It

Please join us for a workshop on “Annulments: What They Are and How To Go About It” on **Thursday, January 14, 2016**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Edmond Catholic Church (Family Center), 4131 West Congress Street, Lafayette. Presented by Very Rev. Msgr. Robie Robichaux, JCL, VJ, Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, this workshop will explain what the Church means by a Declaration of Nullity and how to petition for one. All are welcome to attend. For information, please contact Mary Bergeron (337-654-8682 or Mbergeron@diolaf.org).

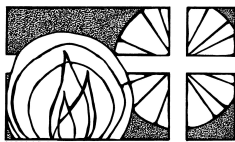
Second Collection Next Weekend

Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, “We thank God every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God.” Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$ 3,663.00
Building Fund.....\$ 2,773.00
Heifer International.....\$ 6,680.00 (to date)

Thank You!

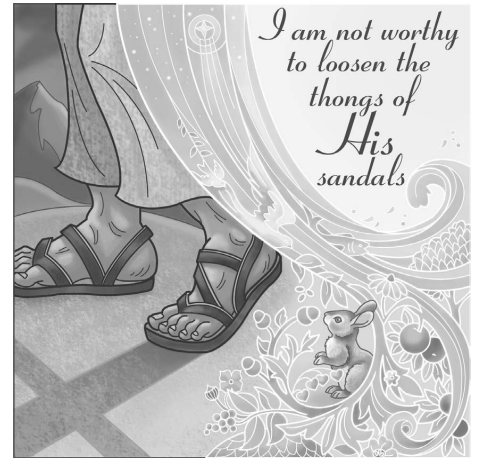


Liturgical Roles for December

Date	Saturday, December 19 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 20 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, December 20 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Dana Guidry	Gerrie McGovern	Robin Roy
Eucharistic Ministers	Janell Venable Kathy Kalweit Peggy Spruill	Ted Hampton Kay Hampton Maggie Sonnier	Debra Carroll Janeth Harrington Jean Arceneaux
Altar Servers	Rosalind Allen	Fred Vallot	Andre Arceneaux
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	William & Stephanie Bacque	Lionel Jeanmard Joyce Stelly

Readings for the Week

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



From the Pastor's Desk

Last week, I focused in this space on the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, sharing a bit from Pope Francis' letter that announced this special time. Today, I would like to follow up on that by mentioning two points the Holy Father made in his homily for the opening of the Holy Door of Mercy.

Because the Jubilee Year began on December 8th, the Holy Father has this to say about the Virgin Mary and the Immaculate Conception: *"The Virgin Mary was called to rejoice above all because of what the Lord accomplished in her. God's grace enfolded her and made her worthy of becoming the Mother of Christ. When Gabriel entered her home, even the most profound and impenetrable of mysteries became for her a cause for joy, faith and abandonment to the message revealed to her. The fullness of grace can transform the human heart and enable it to do something so great as to change the course of human history. The feast of the Immaculate Conception expresses the grandeur of God's love. Not only does he forgive sin, but in Mary he even averts the original sin present in every man and woman who comes into this world. This is the love of God which precedes, anticipates and saves. . . . The Immaculate Virgin stands before us as a privileged witness of this promise and its fulfillment."*

That date, December 8th, was also the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, about which the pontiff had this to say:

"Today, as we pass through the Holy Door, we also want to remember another door, which fifty years ago the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council opened to the world. This anniversary cannot be remembered only for the legacy of the Council's documents, which testify to a great advance in faith. Before all else, the Council was an encounter. A genuine encounter between the Church and the men and women of our time. An encounter marked by the power of the Spirit, who impelled the Church to emerge from the shoals which for years had kept her self-enclosed so as to set out once again, with enthusiasm, on her missionary journey. It was the resumption of a journey of encountering people where they live: in their cities and homes, in their workplaces. Wherever there are people, the Church is called to reach out to them and to bring the joy of the Gospel. After these decades, we again take up this missionary drive with the same power and enthusiasm. The Jubilee challenges us to this openness, and demands that we not neglect the spirit which emerged from Vatican II, the spirit of the Samaritan, as Blessed Paul VI expressed it at the conclusion of the Council. May our passing through the Holy Door today commit us to making our own the mercy of the Good Samaritan." Amen. Lord Have Mercy.

Fr. Keith