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: 7:00-7:25 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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 20—Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM: Cecil & Eva Mae Hebert;
Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes;
Chris Gambel; Sandra Gerac; Carmen Lozada;
Ron Venable; Clarence Champagne

Sunday, August 21—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Robert Chastant & Evelyn;
Eddie Upton; Dr. Almore (Doc) Bordelon;
Nick & Earl Chiasson; Elnora & Oscar Jordan;
Elzia & Thelma Lavergne; Phil Simon;
Bud & Euna Arceneaux; Eugene Garber
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick’s

Monday, August 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 AM: Johnny Leon Ducote

Tuesday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
7:30 AM: Johnny Leon Ducote

Wednesday, August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle
7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne;
Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living);
Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, August 25—St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
7:30 AM: Mike Guilbeau

Friday, August 26—Weekday
7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Altar Flowers
In memory of:
Elzia & Thelma Lavergne

Strengthen your drooping hands
and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed
but healed.
—Hebrews 12:12-13

Non-Liturgical Devotions
Daily Rosary: Monday - Thursday 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—Friday, August 26: No cleaning.

Gratitude
Many thanks for your generosity and kindness from Fr. Keith to all who signed his card and wished him well on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of his ordination.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to you, loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with you Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Bishop Maurice Shexnayder
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. Please join us as we celebrate our 12-Year Anniversary in September with guest speaker Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC, Community of Jesus Crucified. “Food for the Journey” will be held on Tuesday, September 6, at Wyndham Garden Lafayette (formerly “Hotel Acadiana”), 1801 W. Pinhook Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. 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).

Holy Hour for Vocations
Please join us for our monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” on Monday, September 12 (due to Labor Day Holiday), 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.

Attention Married Couples
Rekindle your love for one another on a get-away Weekend. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage? Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together. The next Weekend is on October 14-15, 2016 at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton Rouge. You can get more information or register online at LAMS-wwme.org or by calling 470-297-8560.

Women’s Prayer Breakfast
St. Mary, Mother of the Church (419 Doucet Road, Lafayette) invites all women to a “Women’s Prayer Breakfast” on Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m.-12:00 Noon in the parish hall. A presentation on “Forgiveness and the Year of Mercy” will be given by Mary Bergeron. St. Mary Altar Society is sponsoring this event that includes food, fun, faith with friends. Registration is required by August 25 with a donation of $10.00. For more information, please call JoAnn LeJune (337-981-3379).

Healing Hearts
“Healing Hearts” is a Support Group for women whose relationships have been affected by pornography or sexual addiction of a loved one. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 1 hour and 30 minutes, in Lafayette. This is a highly confidential group. Confidentiality statement must be signed by all members before the place and time of meeting will be disclosed. Please call 337-404-6113 Voicemail and the group facilitator will return your call as soon as possible.

Centennial Campaign Update
-- To date, St. Patrick has pledged $362,615.00, ($127,615.00 over our goal of $235,000).
-- The parish share of your donations will total $134,307.50, which will come back to St. Patrick.
-- Pledge reminders are mailed according to the frequency you select.
-- Remember that your donations are mailed to the Campaign office; checks are made out to 'Centennial Campaign'
-- Online credit card payment is available through the diocesan website, diolaf.org
-- Contact for the Centennial office: 337-261-5656 or centennialcampaign@diolaf.org
-- Once more, many thanks for your overwhelming generosity.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to New Orleans: A Day Journey of Prayer and Fellowship – Saturday, August 27, 2016
Take this special chance to join a unique pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy to New Orleans with Father Bryce Sibley, Pastor of Our Lady of Wisdom Church & Catholic Student Center, on Saturday, August 27. You will travel by motor coach for a day pilgrimage with 50 others to enter through the Doors of Mercy and fulfill the Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence. We will start our journey early with breakfast and visit three of New Orleans’ most interesting faith-filled stops for private tours and Mass. Highlights include The National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, The Shrine of Blessed Father Seelos, Immaculate Conception Historic Church, and lunch at Borgne (a Chef John Besh Restaurant). A donation of $250 secures your spot. Register early! We must have a minimum of 35 pilgrims to make the trip, so please invite all your friends to come along, too. For more information, please call the Church Office (232-8742) or purchase your ticket(s) online at www.ourladyofwisdom/pilgrimage.

Second Collection Next Weekend
Last weekend we were scheduled to welcome a foreign missionary to make an appeal to our parish for the needs of their congregation. Because of the floodwaters he was unable to fly to Lafayette. We will have a second collection next weekend for The Foreign Mission Appeal. Please read the insert in today’s bulletin for details.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK
Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us
Offertory…………………………$ 1,888.65
Thank You!

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord “in clean vessels.” The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.
Liturgical Roles for August

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                     | Sarah Hamshier       | Andre Arceneaux  
                     | Jean Arceneaux       
                     | Phyllis Roy          |
| Altar Servers      | Oren Spruill                    | Glenn LaGrange              | Nicholas Begnaud              |
| Ushers             | Kevin & Daylan Phillips         | Donald & Scottie Vallot     | Ben Berthelot  
                     |                                |                            | Lionel Jeanmard     |

Readings for the Week

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From the Pastor’s Desk

I remember standing outside my front door on the day after Hurricane Rita hit southwest Louisiana. It was less than a month since Hurricane Katrina had ravaged the state to the southeast. Suddenly I was aware of two things. First, I was standing, mostly unscathed, between the paths of those two destructive storms. Second, the hurricane season wasn’t over yet. What was yet to come?

Today, I stand outside my door, relatively unscathed by the great flood of 2016. I experienced a bit of inconvenience from closed businesses, blocked roads and events rescheduled. There was also the worry about people here and there, not knowing if they were okay. And like that day in 2005, I realized how completely and totally powerless we are in the face of storms and weather. It’s so much bigger than we are, and so much stronger than anything we can build. Alongside the destructive winds and storm surges we know so well from hurricanes, this year we’ve experienced the much more subtle power of slowly rising waters, saturated levees, and mere inches of water flowing across a roadway. And then there’s the irony that one of the greatest threats to people’s homes in the days ahead will be the effects of something as unimpressive as simple mold.

Nobody was prepared for this. They said it would rain, but it does that all the time. Over and over, we’ve heard the phrase, “I’ve never seen it like this”, as places that never flood were inundated with dirty, mud-laced waters flowing from our beloved bayous and rivers. Who knew? Even as I write this, waters continue to rise in a few areas, as in other neighborhoods, the waters seem to be staying forever. Shock and sadness overwhelmed people as they finally entered their homes after the waters receded, so many things lost and destroyed.

In the midst of all that, we have to mention the heroism and the generosity. Countless people were out helping and saving others, people who were friends or neighbors or strangers. That work continues, and will continue for some time. As so often happens, it is in the face of disaster that our communities come together and show their true character, overflowing with generosity and compassion.

So what does all this mean? Back in 2005, after Hurricane Katrina roared through, there were those who proclaimed the storm was God’s judgment. I don’t believe that. Nor do I believe God flooded that little 87-year-old widow’s home to send us some kind of message. Do we need to change our lives? Sure we do, but so do the people who didn’t get flooded! The meaning of recent events is this: Sometimes it rains. A lot. Now, what shall we do in response, and what shall we learn about ourselves, and about our faith?