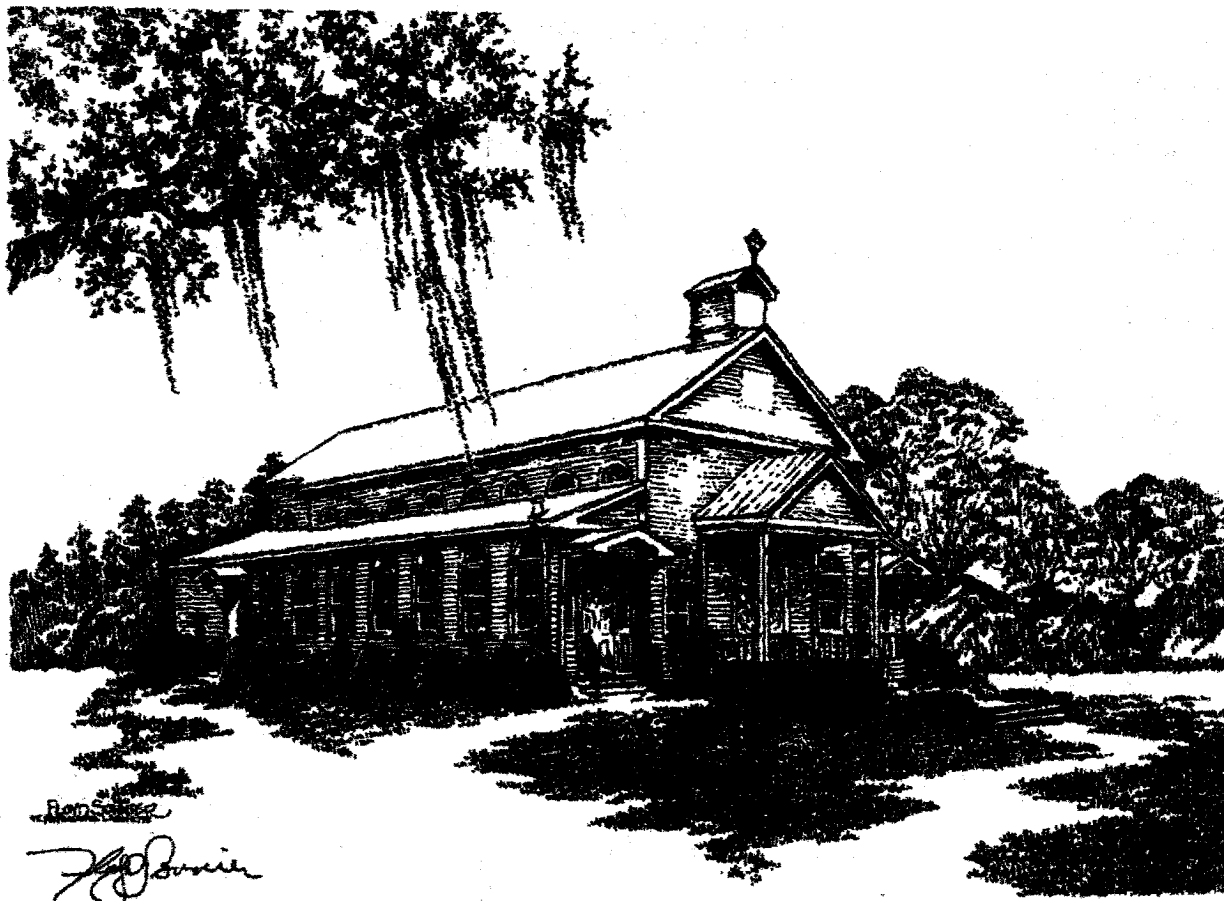


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*September 18, 2011 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



L'Eglise 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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Rev. M. Keith LaBove, Pastor

# Welcome to St. Patrick Church

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2011

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, September 17-- Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM: Mildred Maraist; Edna Parker;  
Dr. Francis Laborde; Mr. Charles Jefferson;  
Benoit & Hebert Families.

#### Sunday, September 18-- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Ivonne Courcier; Mary J. LeBlanc;  
Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet  
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

#### Monday, September 19-- St. Januarius, bishop

7:30 AM: Howard J. Blessing, Sr.

#### Tuesday, September 20-- St. Andrew Kim Taegon, priest and martyr, and St. Paul Chong Hasang, martyr, and their companions, martyrs

7:30 AM: Eddy Knight

#### Wednesday, September 21-- St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

#### Thursday, September 22-- Weekday

7:30 AM: Bernice & Mona Broussard;  
Rachel Wickman (living)

#### Friday, September 23-- St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

7:30 AM: Mary J. LeBlanc

#### 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 7:00 a.m.

**Shamrocks—Friday, September 23:** Dee Boudreaux; Andre Arceneaux; Anne Meleton; Betty Fournet

#### Blessing of Pets—Saturday, October 8th.

**Holy Cross Church Parking Lot** (please gather on Fire Station side) beginning at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Andy Plauche, local veterinarian, will be present. Please join in on this fall morning for friendship and fun. Fr. Blessing will offer a blessing to all pets. Visit with pets available for adoption through ARF-LA (Animal Rescue Foundation of Louisiana).



#### Altar Plants

In Loving Memory of

**Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne  
Daniel Sonnier**



#### 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

Turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— Isaiah 55:7b

### **Roman Missal—Third Edition**

This week, we begin a second round of teaching on the Celebration of the Eucharist. While the last series of brief talks and bulletin inserts were about the Mass in general, this series of 5 inserts will focus more specifically on the actual changes we will be experiencing in about two months. (We actually make the transition on November 27<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent.) We will begin looking at the actual responses that will replace the words that we have become so comfortable with. Each week, we will take a few minutes after Communion to hear a brief summary of the more detailed information in the bulletin insert. To help with this process, we have also made available a small booklet at the back of the Church, entitled "Understanding the Revised Mass Texts" by Fr. Paul Turner. Please pick one up now for your family, so that we can gauge whether there will be extras. As we move into October, we will also begin teaching some of the new music (Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Lamb of God, etc.) that we will be using to sing the Mass.

### **Autism Spiritual Support Group**

"An Autism Spiritual Support Group" has been formed at St. Edmond. The mission is to provide family members of those affected by autism positive, safe and spiritual setting in which to pray and share how our faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ helps us live and cope with the disorder. All faiths are welcome, but all matters discussed will be based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group meets on the **second Thursday of every month** from 7:00—9:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at St. Edmond, 413 W. Congress St., Lafayette. For more information, please contact Michelle Mayer (654-5033 or [michelle@professionalarts.com](mailto:michelle@professionalarts.com)).

### **Mass of Thanksgiving and Hope**

Fr. Howard Blessing will be the celebrant of this mass for all (men, women and loved ones) who have been affected by breast cancer and other cancer types, on **Tuesday, October 18th., at 7 p.m.** There will be a basket of prayer intentions; Pink Floral Bouquet Arrangement to honor loved ones; door prizes, etc. Please join in for this special occasion. Light refreshments will be served after mass in the vestibule of the church.

### **Parish Website**

We are pleased to announce this weekend the availability of a web site for St. Patrick Church. To date the site has fundamental information about our parish, including the ability to "find us" aimed at visitors to our church. As time goes on, we will be adding more information about our parish and our Catholic faith. Already you can access our parish bulletin, and the pastor's bulletin articles, photos of our church and some parish events, as well links to other resources. The pastor's pages include a link to "Crooked Lines", which includes reflections on the mass readings for the day. The address (now on the front of the bulletin) is easy: **[www.stpat.org](http://www.stpat.org)**.

### **St. Jules Super Garage Sale**

Looking for a great bargain...that perfect find?!! St. Jules Catholic Church Super Garage Sale on **Saturday, October 1**, from 6:00 a.m.—12 noon, 116 St. Jules Street, Lafayette. Furniture, fabric, household items galore, jewelry, pictures...you name it, is available! Please call 234-2727 for more information or if you have items you would like to donate.

### **The Woman to Woman Catholic Conference**

**Saturday, October 15, 2011** at Cajundome Convention Center. Johnnette Benkovic, the host of EWTN's Women of Grace, will be the presenter. Through a series of three talks, Benkovic will bring women to an understanding of the unique and important role they play in their family, faith, and society. **Tickets can be purchased now through October 8.** The cost is \$40 per person and includes lunch. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Women of all faiths are welcome to attend. Register at [www.catholicwomensconference.org](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org) or call 337-356-6971

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage—February 12, 2012**

Rev. Aaron Melancon, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milton, will be leading a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome in the spring of 2012, lasting from 7 to 10 days. If interested and would like more information, please call the office at 337-856-5997 and speak to Mona Zeringue or Chenell Privat.

### **STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK**

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us  
Offertory.....\$ 4,015.79

*Thank You!*

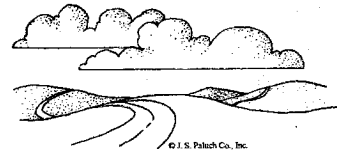
Liturgical Roles for September 2011

Date	Saturday, September 24 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, September 25 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, September 25 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Janelle Venable	Linda Garber	Brenda Demette
Eucharistic Ministers	Harold Guilbeau Peggy Spruill Rosalind Allen	Kathy Kalweit Patsy Robicheaux Maggie Sonnier	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Debra Carroll
Server	Alockie Noel	Freddie Vallot	Harry Demette
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	Keith Toups Rachelle Trahan	Jenny Feehan Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];  
 Mt 21:28-32

GOD'S WAYS  
 ARE ABOVE  
 OUR WAYS



*From the Pastor's Desk*

I read the book. I saw the movie. Finally last Saturday, I had the opportunity to hear in person the woman behind the book and movie. She told a story of conversion, rooted in coming face to face with evil and wrongdoing. She told a story of being led by God's grace to a place she never planned to go.

The woman was Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, who a number of years ago, agreed to simply write a letter to someone in prison, someone guilty of a horrible, senseless crime and sentenced to death. That letter would lead her to death row and to the death chamber at Angola, in her role as spiritual advisor for a convicted murderer.

Part of her journey of conversion would be learning the facts about the death penalty and about how the entire capital punishment system preys upon the poor and the non-white. She spoke of Mr. Lloyd LeBlanc, father of a murder victim, who she says is the true hero of her book "Dead Man Walking". It was he and other victim's families who taught her that she needed to reach out to the victims of these unspeakable crimes, even as she tried to offer the consolation of faith to the perpetrators. (She originally thought they would not want to speak to her, and some did not.) It was a story of conversion rooted in humility and in faith.

The occasion was a gathering of people here in Lafayette from across our state to explore the possibility of repealing the death penalty, even as some publicly boast of their support of judicial execution. The meeting was hosted by the Pro-Life Apostolate of our Diocese, as part of their efforts to uphold the dignity and sanctity of all life created in the image and likeness of God. It was a concrete expression of the teaching laid out in our Catechism: "If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity to the dignity of the human person." The fact is that the death penalty is not the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.

Just this past week, the family of a murder victim in Mississippi wrote a letter asking that the prosecutor not pursue the death penalty in the trial of their loved one's killers. They said that "They also have caused our family unspeakable pain and grief. But our loss will not be lessened by the state taking the life of another." The story of conversion continues, one human heart at a time.

*M. Keith*