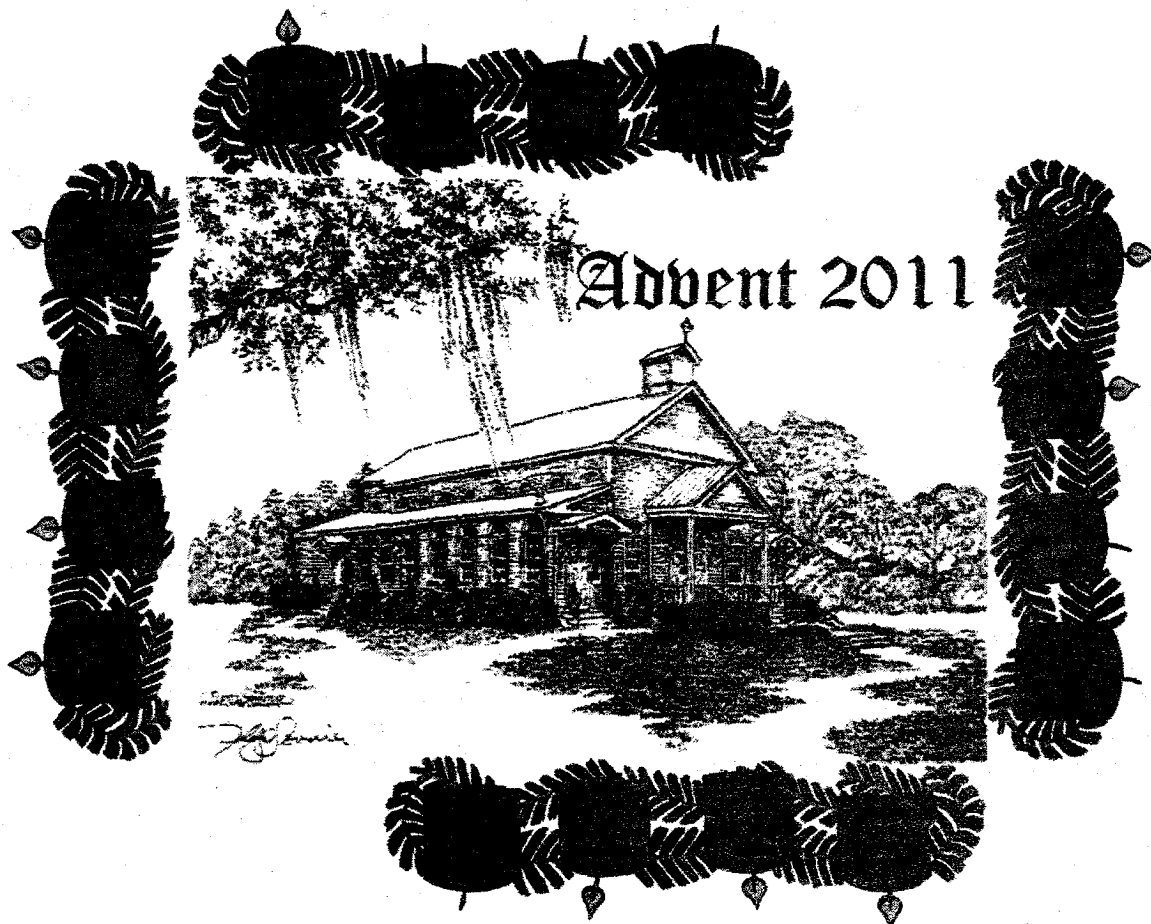


St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 27, 2011 - First Sunday of Advent



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

First Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 26 - Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM: Edna Parker; August Lanclos; Eva Mae Hebert (living); Rachel Benoit (living)

Sunday, November 27-- First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM: Mary J. LeBlanc; Bernal Thompson
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Monday, November 28-- Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Guidry Family

Tuesday, November 29-- Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Eddy Knight

Wednesday, November 30-- St. Andrew, apostle (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, December 1-- Advent Weekday

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

Friday, December 2-- Advent Weekday

7:30 AM: Herbert Fondren; Therese Jeansonne;
Sue Langlinais

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, December 2: Donna Guilbeau; Patsy Robicheaux; Judy LeBlanc; Gerrie McGovern; Sharon Lemanczyck.

2011 Parish Advent Missions-Central Region

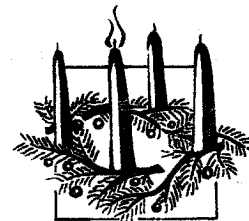
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 8181 12th. St., Lafayette. "Parish Advent Mission", **November 28-30**. Music Interlude at 6:45 p.m. Mission at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Presenter: Fr. Ferdinand J. Cheri, III, O.F.M. Director of Campus Ministry, Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois. For more information, please call the Church Office 337-235-4618

St. Bernard Catholic Church, 204 N. Main St., Breaux Bridge. "The Holy Family and My Family: Living Christmas as a Holy Family", **November 28, 29, 30**; 6:30—7:30 p.m. in Church. Presenter: Rev. Neil McNeil, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Mermentau & St. Margaret Mission, Estherwood. For more information please call Nadine Cain 337-354-5970

St. Edmond Catholic Church, 4131 West Congress Street, Lafayette. Advent Bible Study on the Sunday Readings followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Four **Tuesdays: November 29, December 6, 13 & 20**; 6:00—8:00 p.m., in Church. Presenter: Deacon Frank Cormier, Deacon, St. Edmond Catholic Church, Lafayette. For more information, please call the Parish Office 337-981-0874

Christmas Project Heifer International

Even after 66 years, Heifer's formula remains a simple one. By giving families in need a hand-up, not just a hand-out, they can be empowered to turn a life of hunger and poverty into one of self-reliance and independence. With the gifts of livestock and training, families are helped to improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. There are heifers that give milk...chickens that produce eggs...sheep that produce wool... and much, much more! These animals are referred to as living loans because in exchange for receiving their animal and training in its care, each family agrees to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called Passing on the Gift and it means the gift you make this Christmas Season to Heifer International will actually multiply many times with every new generation. Our church will be participating in this special endeavor as a Christmas Project. Donation sheets are available in the basket at the entrance of 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/>



**Thank
You**

A very special thank you to all who helped out by providing Thanksgiving meals for our immediate neighbors in need. We are also grateful to all who brought non-perishables and gave to the Thanksgiving collection for United Christian Outreach and to all who faithfully bring baby items monthly to be given to mothers who chose life for their babies. Last but not least, we thank all of you for your gifts and talents given in Ministry at St. Patrick's. Your generosity reflects stewardship—*stewards are called to perform works of justice and mercy on behalf of persons in need.* Thanks again!

Opportunities for Confession

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette will host three regional "Opportunities for Confession" during Advent. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions as follows:

Monday, December 5, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
232 St. De Porres St., Broussard

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
610 Raintree Trail., Lafayette

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

St. Edmond Catholic Church
4131 West Congress Street, Lafayette

Advent Day of Prayer for Women

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau, Louisiana, is holding an Advent Day of Prayer for Women. Fr. Jerry Mesley will be the presenter, on **Monday, December 5**, from 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. The cost will be \$25. For more information, please call 337-662-5410

Special Mass for Survivors of Violence

Bishop Michael Jarrell will be celebrant of the Special Mass for Survivors of Violence, on **Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. Brochures are available on the table at the main entrance of the church. All are invited; reception afterwards. Call the Office of Justice and Peace, 261-5545 for more information or to make a referral so they can make a personal invitation.

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

Annual Christmas Social

Our Christmas Social will take place on **Sunday, December 11th.** Mark your calendar. This is an opportunity to fellowship and enjoy great food; please plan on attending. More information to come soon.

Holy Hour For Vocations

The Serra Club of Lafayette is holding its monthly Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of all priests on **Monday, December 5, from 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick Church. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Food for the Journey

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunch-time speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. The speaker will be **Rev. Jerry Mesley**, St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Lafayette. "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, December 6**, at Crown Plaza Hotel, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., beginning just after 12:00 noon. An optional buffet lunch is available at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12.00 and includes meal, drink and tip. All are welcome—come "eat and be fed". Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682)

Fundraiser Zydeco Dance

The "Women's Conference Committee 2013" of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Scott, is sponsoring a Zydeco Dance in the Church Hall on **Saturday, December 10**, from 10:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m. The featured band is "Lil' Nathan and the Zydeco Big Timers". Donation is \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door). Persons entering the Church Hall must be at least 18 years old. The Church is located at 1100 Chaisson Street (just off Delhomme Street) in Scott. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Church office at 232-1968

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us
Offertory.....\$3,586.69
C.H.D.....\$ 501.00

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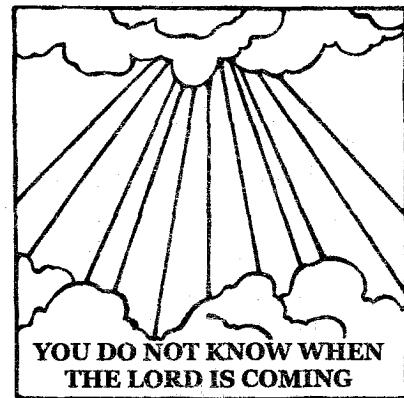
The second collection next weekend will be for our **Building Fund.**

Liturgical Roles for December 2011

Date	Saturday, December 3 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 4 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, December 4 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Marguerite Montagnet	Jessica Hamsher	Andre Arceneaux
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Spruill Candis Thompson Joy Borel	Patsy Robicheaux Sandra LaGrange Larry Lewis	Michael Doumit Jerry Boudreaux Dee Boudreaux
Server	Alockie Noel	Glenn LaGrange	Debra Carroll
Ushers	Oren Spruill Harold Guilbeau	Donald & Helen Vallot	Jenny Feehan Lionel Jeanmard

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



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From the Pastor's Desk

One of the terms that we have been using more lately when talking about the Mass is the "Ordinary". I know it probably still sounds kind of strange to some. As someone asked me, "the ordinary what?". But in every Mass there are two main types of prayers, readings, etc. There is the "Ordinary", which are those parts that repeat every week: the greetings and many dialogues, the Gloria (if said) and the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc. Next to those are the "Propers", the prayers and readings specific to that feast or day. This would include the Scripture readings that are assigned, the Opening Prayer, Prayer over the Gifts, etc.

I think this matters because it points to the richness of the Mass in its very structure. Some people will say, 'It's the same every week', and they are right, to a point. They are referring to the Ordinary, which actually makes our common prayer possible. Imagine if we had to appoint a committee each week to decide how to worship the following Sunday, what part would we start with, will we have 2 readings or 6, etc. Every time we gather for Mass we know how it will begin, how it will end, and the parts that make up the middle. It is precisely this predictability that enables us to worship together, rather than having each person do their own thing.

But it is also true that the Mass is not the same every week. There are different prayers, different readings, different music, etc. There is a different emphasis, because of the Propers, so that Advent doesn't feel like Lent. Of course, we have to pay attention to those parts of the Mass if we are going to notice the difference.

But there is one other thing that is different at each Mass, which is kind of the point of this article. Every time we come to Mass, you and I are different. By this I mean not that we are different from one another, (we are) but that we are different from who we were last week. We are at a different moment in our lives, we come with a different history, we show up with different concerns and issues. Each of us is constantly changing and growing simply by living, and we bring that change to every Mass we attend.

Advent reminds us that we are called to continue changing and growing. Even as we await the coming of Christ, we also strive to be open to God changing us. We are the ones who need to become more welcoming, more open, more willing to seek the will of God in our lives. The hope of Advent time is not only that Christ will come but also that Christ will prepare us for his coming. We want him to find us ready and waiting.

Yes, we've done this before. But it is right and just that we do it again.

Fr. Keith