

St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 1, 2012 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



L'Église 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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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 31-- Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4:00 PM: Edna Parker; August Lancelos

Sunday, January 1-- The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM: Velma Bernard; Bertha Touchet; Joseph & Eldie Woods

10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Monday, January 2-- Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

7:30 AM: Bella Hernandez; Agnes Duplechain; Gussie Hernandez

Tuesday, January 3--The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 AM: Eddy Knight

Wednesday, January 4-- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

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

Thursday, January 5-- St. John Neumann, Bishop

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

Friday, January 6-- St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:30 AM: Sick of the Parish

Shamrocks—Friday, January 6: Donna Guilbeau; Patsy Robicheaux; Judy LeBlanc; Gerrie McGovern; Sharon Lemanczyk

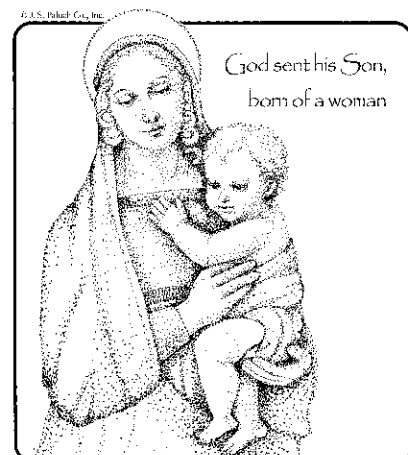
Christmas Project Heifer International
Gift Ark: \$5,000

Christmas Poinsettias
In Loving Memory of:



The Gift Ark goes around the world—Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. Wherever we find hunger, poverty and hopelessness, we answer with Heifer animals and training. What does this generous gift mean? It means...oxen, donkeys and water buffalo...cows, sheep and goats...even bees, chicks, and rabbits and more...healthy, hardy animals that will go forth and multiply, improving lives for countless families and children and passing on your spirit of faith and charity over and over again to places in the world, where your generosity, kindness and vision are needed most. It's not too late to give. 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/>

**Eddy Knight; James "Jimmy" Delahoussaye
Edna Parker; Larry Lampo;
Begnaud, Bourdier & Lavergne Family;
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne**



Gratitude List

As we find ourselves wrapping up one year and beginning another, it seems appropriate to reflect on blessings and to give thanks. So we offer thanks:

- For all of you who bless us with the gift of your presence, Sunday after Sunday, and even during the week;
- To all our ministers who go the extra mile by showing up when scheduled, and arranging their holiday plans to serve at our Holyday Masses;
- To the Decorating Elves who beautify our church and edify us with their handiwork;
- To our vocalists and accompanists, who help us make such pretty music, week after week and especially at Christmas;
- To all who are so generous, to our weekly collection, to our building fund, to the special collections that keep popping up, and to special needs like our Heifer project;
- and a special Thank You from Fr. Keith to all of you who were so generous with gifts and goodies during this Christmas season!

Annual Pro-Life Walk

St. Edmond Catholic Church KC Council #10293 is sponsoring it's annual Pro-Life walk **Saturday, January 21**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with reflective music in St. Edmond Church, 4131 W. Congress St., corner of Ambassador Cafferey Pkwy., Lafayette. Opening Prayer and directions will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. The walk will be from St. Edmond's Church to St. Mary Church on Doucet Rd. and after a 20-25 minute refreshment break, back to St. Edmonds (approximately 4.4 miles round trip). Police escort and Acadian Ambulance will be provided throughout the route. Participants will be praying the Rosary. All Christians are invited to join in and all area KC Councils, Youth & CCD groups and families are encouraged to attend and be a voice for the innocent unborn. For more information please call Norris and Patsy Thibodeaux, home: 984-9947, cell: 962-6208; or Mr. Pat LaBorde, at 988-5580

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please join us for our monthly "Holy Hour", **Monday, January 2**, from 6:00—7:00 p.m., at St. Patrick Church. This is an excellent opportunity to spend one hour each month in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and our prayers are being answered as there are several new Seminarians for the Diocese of Lafayette. All are welcome!!!

Serra Club of Lafayette

The Serra Club of Lafayette is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and laywomen, whose mission and ministry is to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer, awareness and support. To learn more about the Serra Club of Lafayette, please call Stuart Clark at 984-5683

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. The speaker will be **Rev. Kevin Bordelon**, Associate Pastor of Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette; Director of the Office of Vocations & Seminarians and Director of the Office of Continuing Formation of Clergy for the Diocese of Lafayette. Several Seminarians will accompany Fr. Bordelon for this presentation. "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, January 3**, 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)

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us

Offertory.....\$7,088.50

Heifer International.....\$3,540.00 (total)

Thank You!

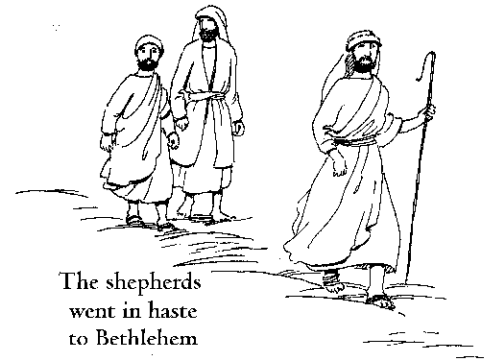


Liturgical Roles for January 2012

Date	Saturday, January 7 4 p.m.	Sunday, January 8 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, January 8 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Angie Kovacs	Melinda Voorhies	Robert Andrus
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Delahoussaye George Eaton Janelle Venable	Kathy Kalweit Mary Kramer Gerrie McGovern	Kenneth Broussard Madeline Simon Michael Doumit
Server	Alockie Noel	Fred Vallot	Phyllis Roy
Ushers	Harold Guilbeau Joyce Stelly	Keith Toups Anne Pitre	Lionel Jeanmard Robin Roy

Readings for the Week

- Monday 1 Jn 2:22-28; jJn 1:19-28
- Tuesday 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
- Thursday 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
- Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
- Sunday Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



The shepherds
went in haste
to Bethlehem

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From the Pastor's Desk

As we continue during these days our celebration of the Incarnation, I would like to return to a quote I printed last week from a Christmas sermon by St. Augustine (d. 430). This doctor of the Church preached:

“The maker of humanity was made human: so that the one ruling the stars might nurse upon the breast; that bread might become hungry, that the fountain might become thirsty, that light might sleep, the Way might be fatigued by the journey; that truth might be accused by false witnesses, the judge of the living and of the dead might be judged by mortal judges, justice condemned by unjust judges, discipline might be scourged by whips, the grape be crowned with thorns, the foundation suspended upon a limb; that power might be infirmed, health be wounded, that life might die (s. 191.1).”

What leaps off the page is an overwhelming feeling of contradiction. That “bread might become hungry, that the fountain might become thirsty, that light might sleep”, all describe situations both inconceivable and unimaginable. Perhaps most striking is the last one: “that life might die”. Spoken of here is not “a life”, but life itself, the life that is the source of all lives, and that is beyond death itself. Why would St. Augustine make use of such strange images as he tried help others to understand?

The mystery of which he speaks is precisely that: mystery. While there is much about the Christ and the Incarnation that we can say, there is much that remains beyond description and beyond comprehension. Therein lies the value of such contradictory images: They remind us that we celebrate a truth that is of God and from God and about God. How can the Word be made Flesh? How can this Jesus of Nazareth be the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity? How can the one who dies upon the cross be the one who lives forever? What sense does it make to affirm that the Creator has become creature, that God has become man? Augustine’s images teach us while reminding us of what we do not know.

There is another contradiction at the heart of this mystery we celebrate. This weekend we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. Now God exists beyond all time, while Mary was born at a specific time. How then can this creature be the Mother of the one who created her? Here again we encounter mystery, in the very proclamation of the truth. The Incarnation begins with the Virgin being with child. Contradiction, indeed!

M. Keith