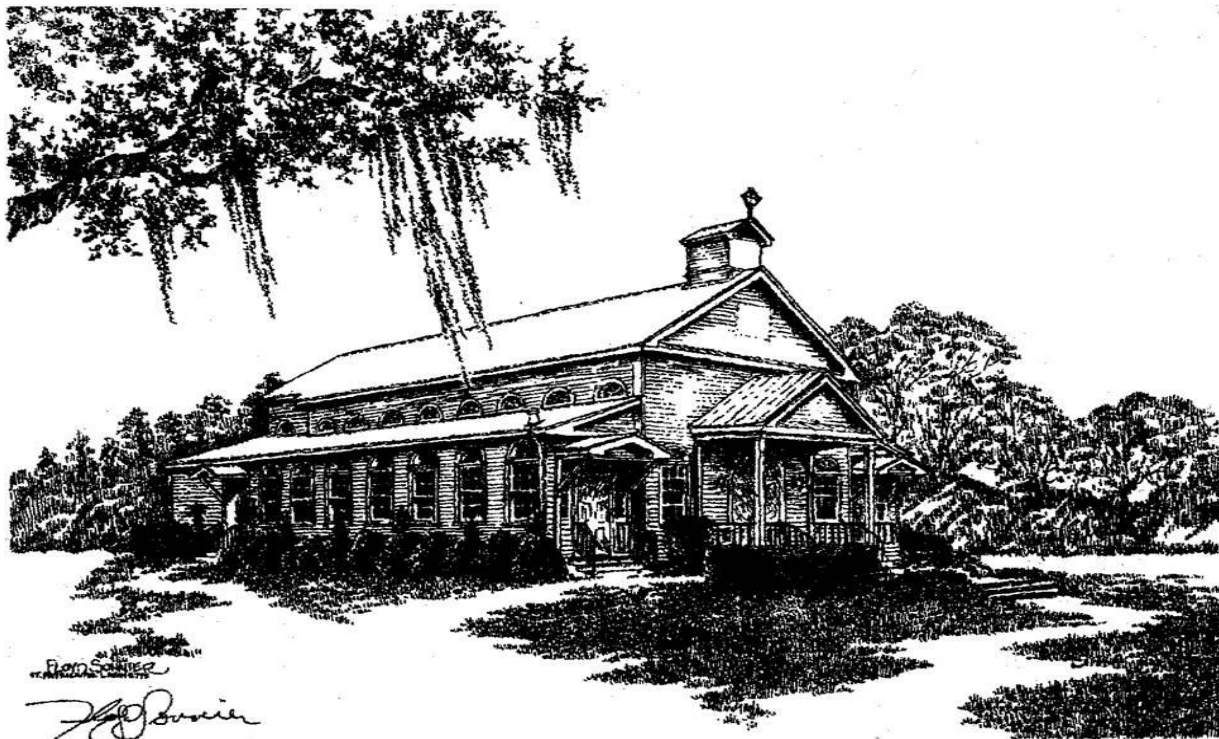


St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs:
9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.
Fri: closed

Holy Mass

Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 10 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:20-3:50 p.m.
Weekdays: 7-7:25 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 3

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Amanda Lafleur; Joe Guillory; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Elizabeth Truxillo; A. Keaty; B. Joy; Special Intention; E. Braud; G. Steen; S. Ellis

Sunday, October 4

8:30 a.m.: John Escott; Thomas Thibodeaux

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, October 5

7:30 a.m.: Lois Battaglio; Johnnie Olinger

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 a.m.: David Beasley; Ross Comeaux; Daniel Beasley

Wednesday, October 7

7:30 a.m.: Gabe Mayhall *living*

Thursday, October 8

7:30 a.m.: Nic Garber *living*

Friday, October 9

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Financial Report Fiscal Year 2025-2026

As per diocesan regulations, St Patrick Parish hereby publishes a summary of its financial activity for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2026. A regular meeting of the Parish Finance Council, consisting of Michael Doumit, Geneva Phillips, Brenda DeMette, Todd Schoeffler, and Oren Spruill, was held on September 25, 2026, during which Fr Guillory presented a detailed report on Parish receipts and expenses. The report was reviewed and approved. The appropriate documents were then signed and filed with the competent diocesan authority. Here is a summary of that report:

Total ordinary receipts: \$530,890

Total expenses: \$401,877

Income over expenses: \$129,013

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

~John 15:16

Annual “White Coat Mass”

Celebrated at St Pius X Church on Tuesday, October 20, at 6 p.m. All medical professionals are asked to wear their white coats as a sign of unity and connection with the intention of this special Mass. Reception to follow.

Widows’ Luncheon

Widows of all ages are invited to join the Widows’ Luncheon held at St Mary Mother of the Church, 419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, on Saturday, October 24, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. This is a free event hosted by Sisters of the Heart of Jesus. RSVP by Oct 19: email srmarypeter.shj@gmail.com or 337-345-8146.

Find Mass when traveling

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they’re away from home or traveling. Check out masstimes.org for useful information.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” to be held Monday, October 5, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick’s. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC)

ICC offers free online Catholic education programs for adults. Visit ICC online for more information and to register at *instituteofcatholicculture.org*.

Let us pray for:

Brent Prather, Louise Stelly, Kathy Cormier, Karen Nicko, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Harry DeMette, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, Ronald Wiltz and Brenda Simon for their health concerns.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions. Email us at office@stpat.org.

Online giving at St Patrick’s

To contribute to St Patrick’s online, visit our website (*stpat.org*) and click Give Online – or use the QR code below – and you will be directed to OSV, our online giving platform, where you can set up weekly, monthly, or one-time donations for the regular offertory or for the building fund. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



Collect, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 111-114

The Second Vatican Council indicates three criteria for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it.

1. Be especially attentive “to the content and unity of the whole Scripture.” Different as the books which compose it may be, Scripture is a unity by reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart, open since his Passover.
2. Read the Scripture within “the living Tradition of the whole Church.” According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church’s heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God’s Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture (“according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church”).
3. Be attentive to the analogy of faith. By “analogy of faith” we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,299

*Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and the one Cup.
~ 1 Cor 10:17*

From the Pastor's Desk

The big push for our parish census has been a real success. We're now sorting through all registrations to correct any errors and to merge duplicate registrations. I want to thank everyone who took the time to register themselves and their families.

If you haven't yet registered as a parishioner at St Patrick's or at some parish in the Diocese of Lafayette, it's not too late. To register as a St Patrician, scan the QR code below



and follow the prompts. If you wish to register at another parish in the Diocese, then please see that parish's website or contact their office to register.

As of this Sunday, St Patrick's restores the practice of distributing holy Communion under both kinds, a practice that was interrupted during the covid pandemic. In the years since the Second Vatican Council, which ended in 1965, the Church has extended the possibility of giving Communion under both kinds, which was the practice of the Catholic Church for the first thousand or so years of her existence.

Every Catholic at St Patrick's is therefore welcome and invited to partake of the Eucharist both as the consecrated Bread and from the chalice. Whoever receives any part of the Eucharist receives all of the Eucharist. This is the doctrine of *eucharistic concomitance*: any part of the Eucharist is the whole Eucharist. One does not receive "more" Jesus or "less" Jesus by receiving under both kinds or by

receiving only under one kind. About this, it is important to be clear.

It is also to be clear about another point: in the Catholic Church, only *Catholics* may receive holy Communion. Those who are not Catholics, even those who are not Christian, are welcome in our churches and to worship with us. However, the gift of the Eucharist is shared only with and among believers who are united and in communion with each other. Catholics, like some other Christian churches/denominations, practice "closed communion," which means that the Eucharist is shared only among members of their own churches.

This is not mean-spiritedness on the part of the Catholic Church or any other church, but a matter of eucharistic coherence. A sad consequence of divisions among Christians is that there are things, some of them deeply theological, about which we are not in agreement. Since the Eucharist is the sacrament of unity, it makes no sense – and indeed it is improper – to act as if these differences do not exist. The different Christian churches believe different and sometimes opposing things about the Eucharist. Therefore, the Eucharist cannot be shared indiscriminately. One should not and cannot receive the Eucharist in the Catholic Church if one does not believe what the Catholic Church believes about the Eucharist.

And as I reminded our congregation a few weeks ago, this applies to Catholics as well. No one should approach the mystery of the Body and Blood of Jesus, unless they have examined themselves and believe all that the Church believes about this great sacrament, that in it the Lord Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present, the gift of mercy, salvation, and life everlasting.

Fr Guillory