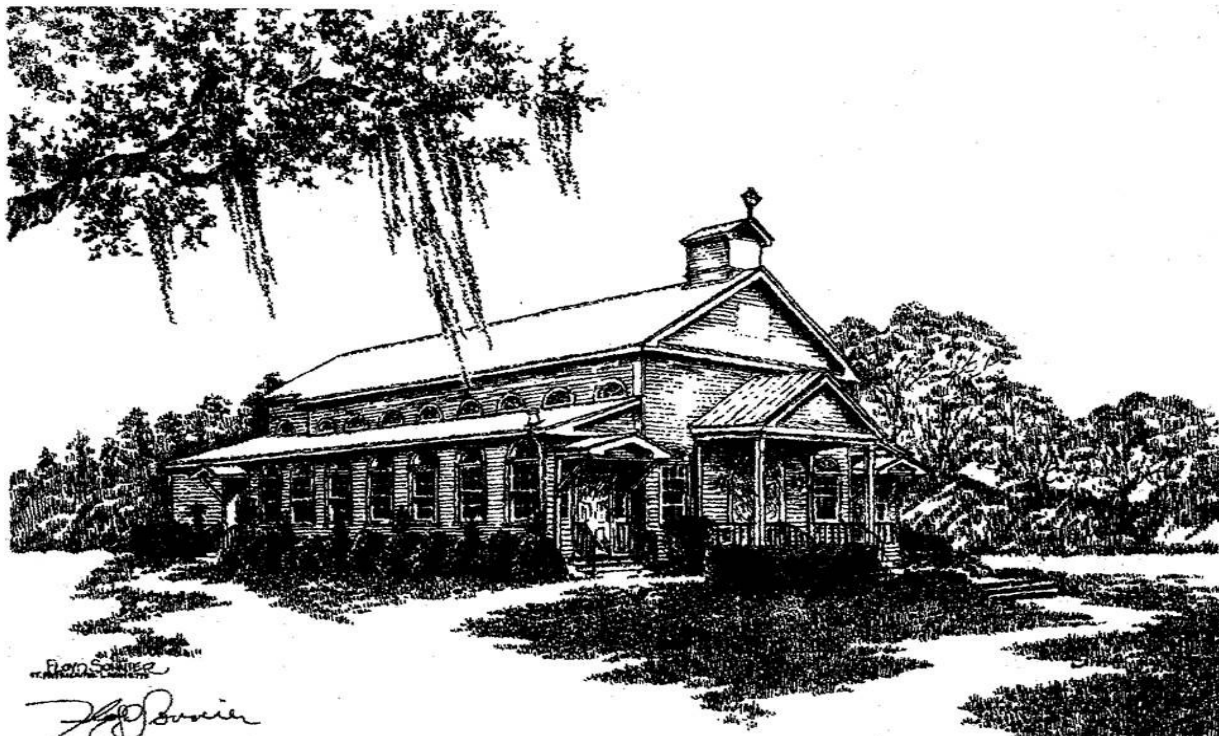


St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth 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 24

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Amanda Lafleur; Joe Guillory; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune; Harry DeMette; Joshua Scott

Sunday, October 25

8:30 a.m.: John Escott; Elizabeth Truxillo; Joshua Scott

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, October 26

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 27

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, October 28

7:30 a.m.: Philip Schnur *living*

Thursday, October 29

7:30 a.m.: Joshua Scott

Friday, October 30

7:30 a.m.: Jon & Elisa Schnur *living*

Friendsgiving in Christ, November 15

Our annual fall social is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 following 10 a.m. Mass. This year's event will be held at City Club in River Ranch. Please mark your calendars. As in previous years, St Patrick's will provide the catered main dishes, and attendees are asked to bring their best dish to share – casserole, vegetable, salad, desert, whatever you like, as well as non-perishable food items for distribution to those in need.

Holy hour for vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to be held Monday, November 2, 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.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.
~ John 14:23

Via Nova Fall Jamboree

Volleyball tournament, live Cajun music, food, raffles, yard games, kids' corner, playground. 407 Lippi Blvd. Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fun for the whole family. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code.



"Hope" married couples retreat

Free married couples retreat hosted by Community of Jesus Crucified. Friday, November 20, 6 p.m. through Sunday, November 22, 2 p.m. Talks and meditations on living out the sacrament of matrimony based on the Beatitudes. To register contact Cheryl Moss at 337-654-0936.

Volunteers for kids care at St Patrick's

We could use a little help. If you'd like to volunteer to help take care of our littles at 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, please let Fr Guillory know. A few more volunteers to help with this ministry would be ideal.

People of Hope Museum

Catholic Charities USA has launched a nationwide storytelling initiative and traveling museum called People of Hope: Faith-filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The museum will be at the Blackham Coliseum October 27 and 28 and is free to everyone. The People of Hope Museum invites visitors to awareness of Catholic Charities in their community; to get involved through volunteering; to grow in empathy for those we serve; and to see Christianity as a living, healing faith.

Let us pray for:

Rob and Sharon Savoie, who celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on October 26.

David Roy, who celebrates his birthday on October 27. Marcus Bruno, who celebrates his birthday on October 30.

Louise Stelly, Kathy Cormier, Karen Nicko, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, 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, 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 the building fund. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



Collect, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 124-125, 127, 129

“The Word of God, which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, is set forth and displays its power in a most wonderful way in the writings of the New Testament,” which hand on the ultimate truth of God’s Revelation. Their central object is Jesus Christ, God’s incarnate Son: his acts, teachings, passion and glorification, and his Church’s beginnings under the Spirit’s guidance. The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures “because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior.” The Church, as early as apostolic times, and then constantly in her Tradition, has illuminated the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments through typology, which discerns in God’s works of the Old Covenant prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the person of his incarnate Son. Christians therefore read the Old Testament in the light of Christ crucified and risen. As an old saying put it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,222
World Mission Sunday.....\$744

*Next week’s second collection
is for St Patrick’s building fund.*

From the Pastor's Desk

In my homily last week (the text of which you can find on our website, stpat.org), I explored what the Church teaches about paying taxes, and we saw how the Church's teaching is based on the Scriptures. I was pleased at how many of you reacted with thoughtfulness to this message, which may have surprised or challenged some.

The first line in today's first reading from Exodus – “*You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt*” – may prompt another question, also with a challenging answer: what does the Church say about immigration? Though this is but one verse of Scripture, there are many, many more wherein God reveals himself as protector and father to the foreigner, the alien, and the stranger, commanding Israel to treat them with welcome, love, and kindness, with justice and fairness, to make room for them in their midst.

In our current political climate, this can be a hard message to hear and to accept. And yet, who would be so bold as to set the Word of God aside? Are we not meant to conform ourselves to God's word and wisdom rather than to the mind of men?

And so, based on the Word of God, the Church's teaching on immigration can be stated in three main points that must guide all policy considerations and civic and pastoral action, especially on the part of Catholics.

One. People have the right to migrate in order to sustain their lives and the lives of their family.

Two. A country has the right and the duty to regulate its borders and to control immigration.

Three. A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy.

Each of these principles can be developed and expanded upon to address a multitude of particular questions and concerns. But each of them must be safeguarded and maintained when formulating our ideas and our practical plans of action around immigration.

For a fuller presentation on what the Church teaches about this topic, read the US Bishops' statement *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us*, published in 2000,



which you can access by scanning this QR code. In 2003, the Bishops of the United States and Mexico together issued a pastoral letter called *Strangers No Longer*, which addresses the question of migration as it touches on both our countries. Find it by scanning this QR code:



Those who love the gospel are inspired when the “hard sayings” of Jesus challenge them. And those who love the Catholic faith are equally inspired when the Church sets forth the teaching of the Scriptures to inform both our thinking and our actions. Sometimes this calls for repentance, change, conversion, *metanoia*. But the grace of God is never lacking for those who love him and seek always his will, his word, and his wisdom.

Fr Guillory