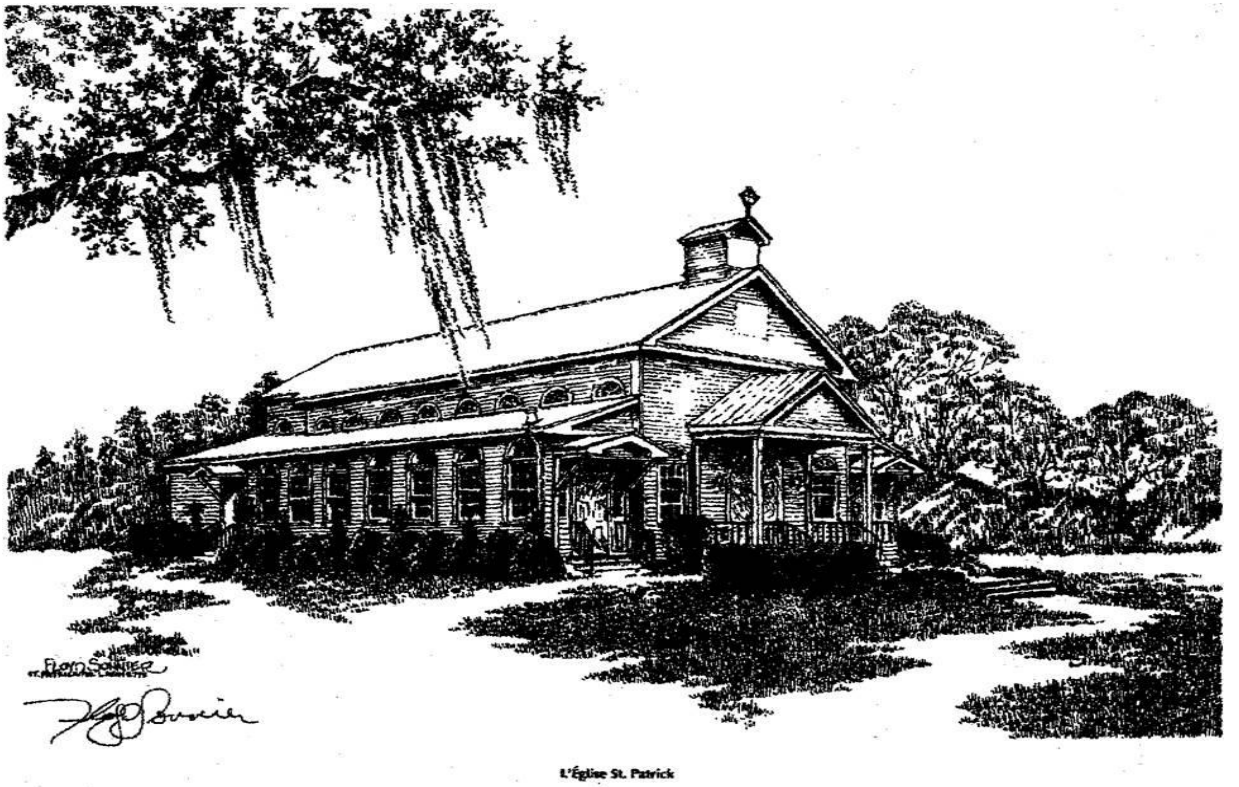
St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 8, 2026
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Office Hours	**Holy Mass**	**Confessions**
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m. Fri: closed	Saturday: 4 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 & 10 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.	Saturday: 3:20-3:50 p.m. Weekdays: 7-7:25 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 7
4 p.m.: Rick Haydel; Amanda Lafleur; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes
Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m.: Felton Romero; Elizabeth Truxillo; Harry DeMette; John Escott
10 a.m.: For parishioners
Monday, **November 9**
7:30 a.m.: Darlene Gesser *living*
Tuesday, November 10
7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family
Wednesday, November 11
7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth, Matthew & Philip Schnur *living*
Thursday, November 12
7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory
Friday, November 13
7:30 a.m.: Carla Madere *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 9, 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.

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.
~ Matthew 24:42a, 44

Child Smile Project
Join the Office of Justice and Peace in bringing joy to those in need through the Annual Child Smile Project. Donate gifts to children whose parent or parents are incarcerated and to children who struggle with special circumstances. Visit *www.diolaf.org/smile* to view the wish list and purchase a gift through Amazon or deliver to Diocese of Lafayette, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Dr, Lafayette. For more information contact Stephanie Bernard at 337-261-5694 or sbernard@diolaf.org.

Share the Light/Lights On
Are you an LUS or SLEMCO customer? Give with confidence to help those in need. 100% of "Share the Light" or "Lights On" contributions are administered by Catholic Charities of Acadiana. So give a little extra each month when you pay your utilities bill by checking the box on your bill. It's an easy way to fulfill our Christian duty to help those who are most in need.

"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.

Let us pray for:

Those St Patricians who died in this past year: Raymond Garry, Ed Roy, Sarah Brabant, Harry DeMette.

Louise Stelly, Kathy Cormier, Karen Nicko, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, Lionel Jeanmard, 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, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 153-155
Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. Before this faith can be exercised, man must have the grace of God to move and assist him; he must have the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth. Believing is possible only by grace and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act. Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths he has revealed is contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason. Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to yield by faith the full submission of... intellect and will to God who reveals, and to share in an interior communion with him. In faith, the human intellect and will co-operate with divine grace: Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings……....	$7,219
Building Fund…….	$4,350

From the Pastor's Desk

While I was away the past two weekends, I hope you enjoyed hearing from the priests who covered for me at St Patrick's. I am grateful to Fr John Joseph Bourque, BHJC, and Fr John Paul Fruge, BHJC, as well as Fr Anthony Wieck, SJ, for their availability.

During my first week away, I traveled to South Dakota, where I explored the Great Plains, the Badlands, and the Black Hills. It was my hope to do lots of hiking and to see some of the American heartland. Alas, a terrible cold knocked me down within a couple of days, and so my hiking was severely limited, but I did manage to see some amazingly beautiful things. Upon my return, I was stuck at home this past week, recovering from this stubborn illness. What a rotten thing it is to fall sick just when the weather is turning beautiful and you've made plans to be outside and do enjoyable things, to have some time off!

When setbacks such as sickness surprise us, we can rant and rage and be resentful, or we can accept the setback and look for God's grace. His grace is never lacking, even if that grace is sometimes not what we were hoping for. But God's grace is always enough for us (2 Cor 12:9), and with it, we can find a way to be content and even grateful – even in sickness, or when things do not go our way – knowing that for those who love God, all things work for good (Rom 8:28).

St Ignatius of Loyola reminds us that the purpose of our lives is to praise, reverence, and serve God in this life so as to enjoy forever life with God in the kingdom of heaven. The things of this life are all of them useful to bringing us closer to that goal, and so we must come to see how all of them – the good and the bad – are in fact occasions of grace. The spiritually mature person learns the value of this kind of "indifference" and so does not prefer health to sickness, riches to poverty, honor to dishonor, long life to short life.

Tout est grâce, as St Therese of Lisieux put it. *Everything is grace*: every difficulty, every hardship, every contradiction, every humiliation, every disappointment and setback and misstep and obstacle and inconvenience. Once I learn to surrender what is "mine" – what I want and desire and "need" – only then do I begin to make myself available to receive from God what is his: *his* grace, which, as it turns out, is for *me*! And who do I think is better at giving gifts, me or God? Who will give the better gifts, the greater grace? Whose plans, whose ways unfailingly lead to life? But to receive these hard and hidden graces, I have to have the eyes to see and the ears to hear and the heart to understand and the wisdom to let go of my plans so that I can accept, receive, and love what God has planned for me.

Which brings us back to St Ignatius and his rightly famous prayer, the *Suscipe*: *Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.*

Fr Guillory