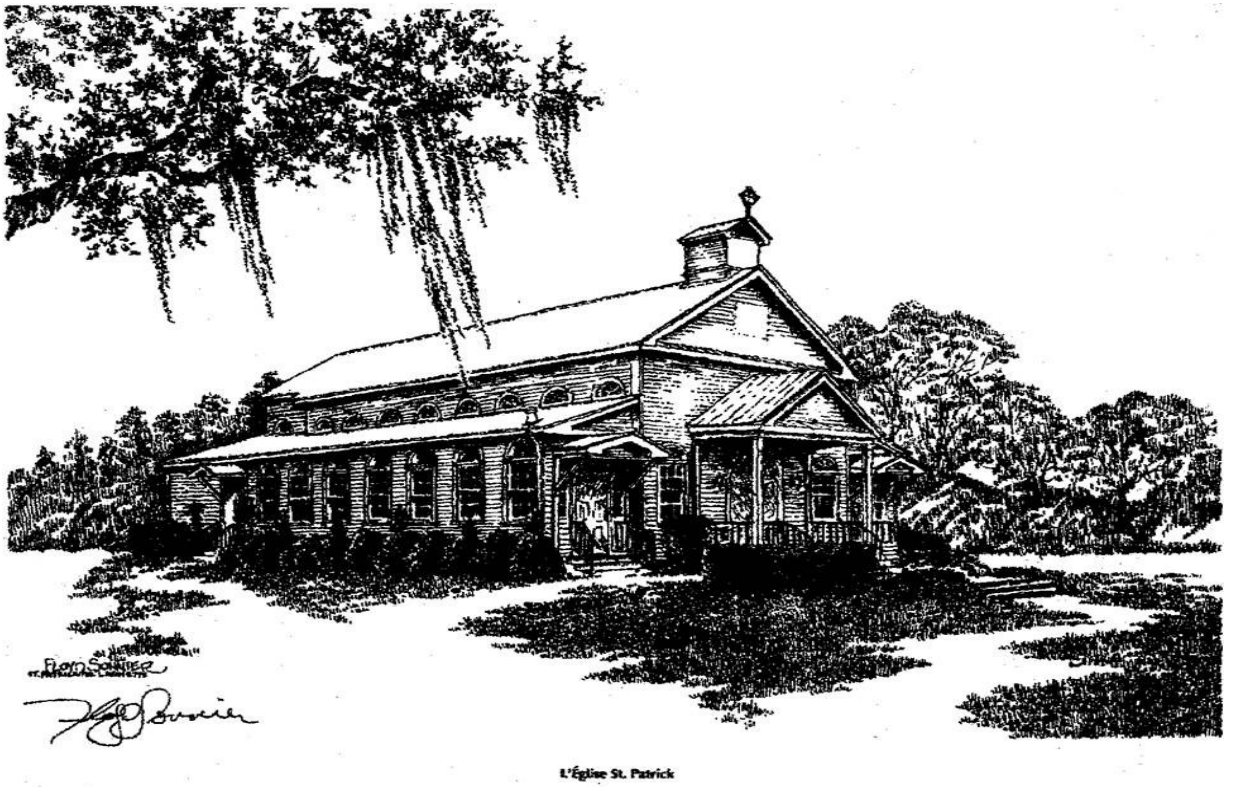
St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent



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, November 28
4 p.m.: Amanda Lafleur; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Harry DeMette; E Braud; G Steen; S Ellis; A Keaty; B Joy; Special Intention
Sunday, November 29
8:30 a.m.: Robert Beaudier *living*; John Escott
10 a.m.: For parishioners
Monday, **November 30**
7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 1
7:30 a.m.: Mark Broussard Sr
Wednesday, December 2
7:30 a.m.:
Thursday, December 3
7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family
Friday, December 4
7:30 a.m.: Joe Guillory

Volunteers needed: collection counting
If you'd like to volunteer to help count the Sunday offertory, please contact our office. A team of volunteers counts the collection on Monday mornings, after the 7:30 daily Mass.

Waiting in Hope
An evening for women and couples experiencing a season of infertility and seeking rest during this Advent Season will be hosted here at St Patrick's, December 9, 6:30 - 8 pm. Fr Blake Dubroc will begin with a talk followed by adoration.

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.

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

~Psalm 85:8

Child Smile Project
Join the Diocese of Lafayette's 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.

Holy hour for vocations
The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to be held Monday, December 7 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.

The Light is on for You

Confessions will be heard in most parish churches throughout the Diocese from 6:30-8 p.m. each Wednesday of Advent: December 2, 9, 16. Fr Guillory will be hearing confessions at St Pius Church on those evenings. Prepare for the coming of the Lord through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Let us pray for:

Clarisse Dugas and Lucy Drozda, who celebrate birthdays on December 1.

William Jacob Gil, son of Vincent and Michelle Gil, who was born happy and healthy on November 10.

Rick Haydel, son-in-law of Judi and Ken Dugas, who is undergoing cancer treatments.

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, First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 161-163

Believing in Jesus Christ and in the One who sent him for our salvation is necessary for obtaining that salvation. Since without faith it is impossible to please God and to attain to the fellowship of his sons. Therefore without faith no one has ever attained justification, nor will anyone obtain eternal life "but he who endures to the end." Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift, as St Paul indicated to St Timothy: "fight a good fight by having faith and a good conscience. Some, by rejecting conscience, have made a shipwreck of their faith." To live, grow, and persevere in the faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith, which must work through charity, abound in hope, and be rooted in the faith of the Church. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. So faith is already the beginning of eternal life: it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings…….... $3,705
Campaign Human Development.....$789

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

From the Pastor's Desk

I hope and pray that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. For my part, I was able to drive to my grandmother's house in the little community of Reddell, in Evangeline Parish near Mamou, to spend time among my Guillory relatives: aunts and uncles and cousins galore. This first major holiday without my father was made joyful by being around family and loved ones as we gave thanks for the abundance and prosperity that we enjoy in our country.

As Advent begins, the Church prepares for Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of God into our world, the birth of Christ the Lord. Our preparations are primarily spiritual: we make ready a way for the Lord into our hearts and homes, as we read in the scripture passages given to us on the Sundays of Advent. But our preparations are also material: we begin to decorate our homes and busineses; we purchase gifts to give on Christmas Day, honoring the birth of the Savior; we give to the poor and needy; we make ready the food and drink to be enjoyed in the feast days to come.

This year, for the first year, I'll put up a Christmas tree in the rectory. I've never been much of a seasonal decorator (a tendency somewhat reinforced by living alone), being mostly content to enjoy holiday decorations when I visit others in their homes. But this year my brother and sister insisted that I take the artificial Christmas tree that we've used in our family since we were little. So now I'll have in the rectory the tree that my father put up each year with many of the decorations that my mother herself made so many decades ago. Every memory I have of our family at Christmas involves this tree, which year after year moved from the attic to the family living room and back again, memories of love and laughter and gladness and joy, of being together as a family, safe and secure.

We can all be forgiven for putting up our Christmas trees at home during Advent. It's part of the preparation for Christmas, after all. But what is *"unforgiveable"* is taking down the Christmas decorations early. So remember to leave them up at least until Epiphany (January 3), or even better, until the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 10, when the Christmas season officially ends. Part of preparing for Christmas is being reminded, ahead of time, of what Christmas is about, so that we can get our heads and our hearts in the right place for the coming of the Lord.

St Patrick
Christmas Mass Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24</u>
4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

<u>Christmas Day, Friday, December 25</u>
8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

<u>New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31</u>
4 p.m.

<u>New Year's Day, Friday, January 1</u>
9 a.m.

Fr Joshua Guillory