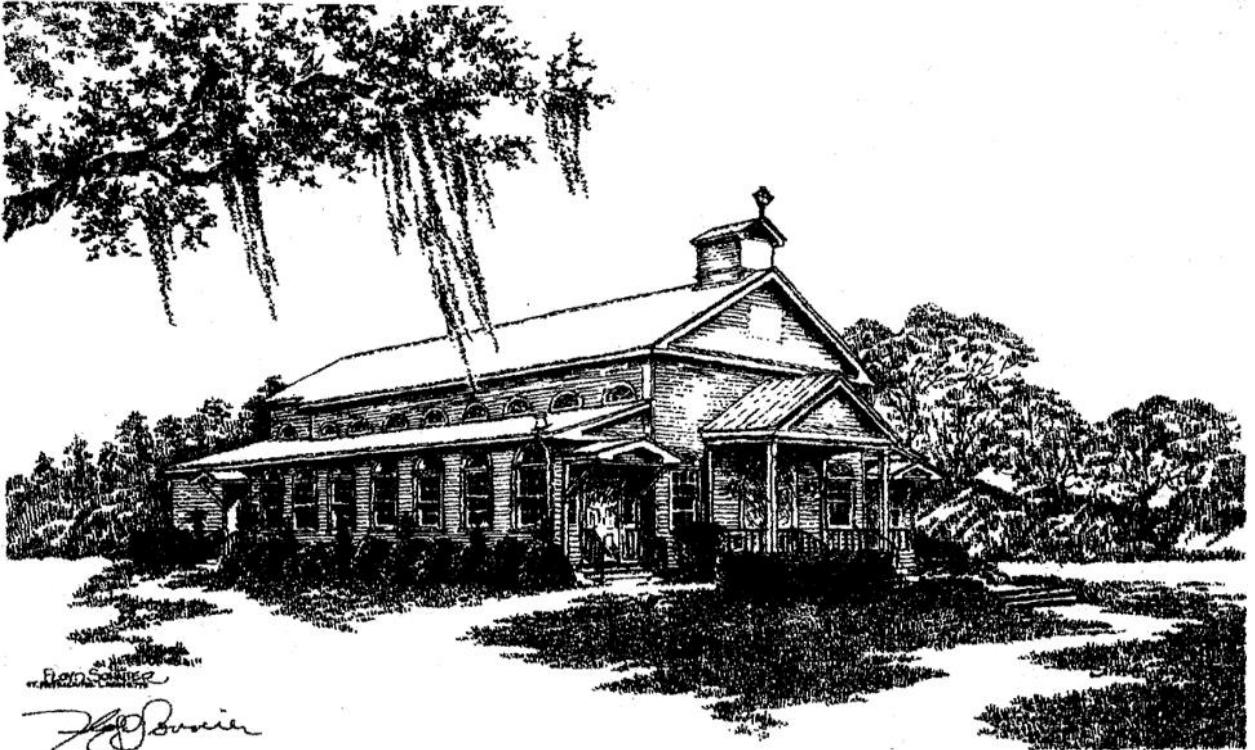


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*January 1, 2023 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God*



L'Église St. Patrick

## Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Fri 8 a.m.-12 noon

## 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.

**Fr. Joshua Guillory**  
*Pastor*

**Adoration Chapel**  
in parish hall  
at 107 Petro St.,  
across from church

**Monica Mullins**  
*Secretary*  
**Sharon Savoie**  
*Sacristan*

406 E. Pinhook Road  
Lafayette, LA 70501-8727  
Phone: (337) 237-0988

www.stpat.org  
stpat.org@gmail.com

# ***The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*** ***January 1, 2023***

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Saturday, December 31**

**4 p.m.:** Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Ron, John P. Zagar; Cynthia Figueron; Mildred Ducote; Cecelia Ledet

### **Sunday, January 1**

**8:30 a.m.:** Michelle George; Melba & Edna Parker; Larry Pearson; Jerry Hays; Joyce Stelly (*living*); Janell & Jenny Degeyter (*living*); Fr. Rex Broussard; Clara Bell & E. F. Marin

**10 a.m.:** Parishioners of St Patrick

### **Monday, January 2**

**7:30 a.m.:**

### **Tuesday, January 3**

**7:30 a.m.:**

### **Wednesday, January 4**

**7:30 a.m.:** Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (*living*); Col. Kimberley Fedele (*living*)

### **Thursday, January 5**

**7:30 a.m.:** Kreamer family

### **Friday, January 6**

**7:30 a.m.:** Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (*living*); Col. Kimberley Fedele (*living*)

### **Lost and Found**

Forgot something in church? Can't find those glasses, prayer books, gloves, hats, scarves, rosaries, etc.? Be sure to check the lost and found basket, located in the back of the church under the table. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim.

### **Surviving Divorce**

Twelve-week program beginning in early 2023. Contact diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337-261-5653 or [kchapman@diolaf.org](mailto:kchapman@diolaf.org).

### **Al-Anon Meetings**

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on **Tuesday** at 10 a.m. and **Thursday** at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's parish hall. Open to anyone wishing to attend.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at St. Patrick's parish hall at 6:45 a.m., Monday through Friday (open), and at 8 a.m. on Saturday (closed).

### **Louisiana Black Advocates for Life**

LBAL is a committed prolife group working to promote a culture of life in Louisiana's black community. More details and information on LBAL can be found at [lablackadvocates.com](http://lablackadvocates.com).

### **Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass**

February 5, 2 p.m., St. Pius X Church. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 25 for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more during 2023. For information and registration: [diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information](http://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information).

## Holy Hour for Vocations

You are invited to the monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to be held on Monday, January 9 from 6-7 p.m. here at St. Patrick's. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

## Come, Lord Jesus!

This weekly study/support group focuses on the upcoming Sunday readings in a small group setting. A group meets at St Patrick on Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m., in the office building conference room. For all interested in Scripture and deepening their faith in connection with the holy Eucharist. For more information please call Mike Samson at 337-257-7888 or email: [michaelsamson@bellsouth.net](mailto:michaelsamson@bellsouth.net).

## Teurlings new student applications

New student applications for Teurlings Catholic High School open January 12, 2023 and close January 31, 2023. Visit [tchs.net](http://tchs.net) for more information.

### Please pray for:

Natalie Connor, cantor at our 4 p.m. Mass, and her husband Gabe, as they joyfully await the birth of their first child, a little girl, in early May.

Roxanne Roy, Ruby Delahoussaye, Raymond Garry, and Larry Lewis, who ask for your prayers.

Jenny and Janell Degeyter, daughters of Joyce Stelly, who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

*Please let us know of your prayer intentions to be placed on the parish prayer list.*

## Collect for Mary, Mother of God

*O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## From a letter by St Athanasius, bishop (A.D. 293-373)

The Apostle tells us: *The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, and so had to be like his brothers in all things.* He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born *in you*" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born *from you*," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her. What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a true body. It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Our Savior truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.

## Stewardship of the past week

Offerings.....\$8,799

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Merry Christmas! A week now has passed since Christmas day and another week remains in the Christmas season. So although the radio stations have (abruptly) stopped playing Christmas songs, we Christians nonetheless continue to rejoice in the light of the new Savior's birth!

Our little parish is so blessed in its parishioners, who truly love St Patrick's – its buildings, its community, its life of prayer and faith. In these few lines I want to mention by name the little coterie of volunteers who helped decorate for Christmas (and will, no doubt, also help us take down the Christmas decorations on January 8). First, our parish secretary, Monica, and our sacristan, Sharon, who besides their regular work for the parish are always the first to lend a hand when needed. Then a faithful crew: Gloria Boudreaux, Denise Broussard, Theresa Guidry, Maggie Hernandez, Mary Kramer, Beverly Quebedeaux, and Andy and Susan Slovacek. My thanks and gratitude to all of them for their help and dedication to our parish.

And of course, I want to mention all our other parish volunteers, whose service to our faith community does not go unnoticed or unappreciated – those who help with gardening and groundskeeping; our lectors, altar servers, ushers, communion ministers; those who visit the homebound and sick; those who volunteer to help the needy at UCO; the bulletin folders and money-counters and

the church tidy-uppers. My thanks and gratitude to each of you!

As we begin a new calendar year, it's time for those New Year resolutions. This is a good practice, I think, as we seek to improve our health, or expand our minds, or give of ourselves to our community, or try some new activity or endeavor. Of course, it's better to make a small resolution that we can actually keep and follow through with than to plan something grandiose that we abandon after only a few days. Creativity, commitment, perseverance. That's the key to a good New Year resolution.

I hope and pray that each of you had a good and blessed Christmas and managed to keep healthy and warm. I was blessed to be able to visit with my family on Sunday and Monday, where there was much merriment and cheer.

In closing, I want to thank all of you again for the kind Christmas greetings and gifts, for the many invitations to join you in your homes for Christmas festivities. I am truly humbled and honored to be your pastor and the undeserving recipient of your thoughtfulness and kindness. As I look back over the past three and a half years that I have been with you at St Patrick, I am aware of how much we've grown as a parish, of what we've accomplished. And as I look forward to the years to come, I can hardly wait to see what good things the Lord will accomplish in us and for his glory. May the Light of this holy season shine brightly in your hearts and minds. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Fr. Guillory*