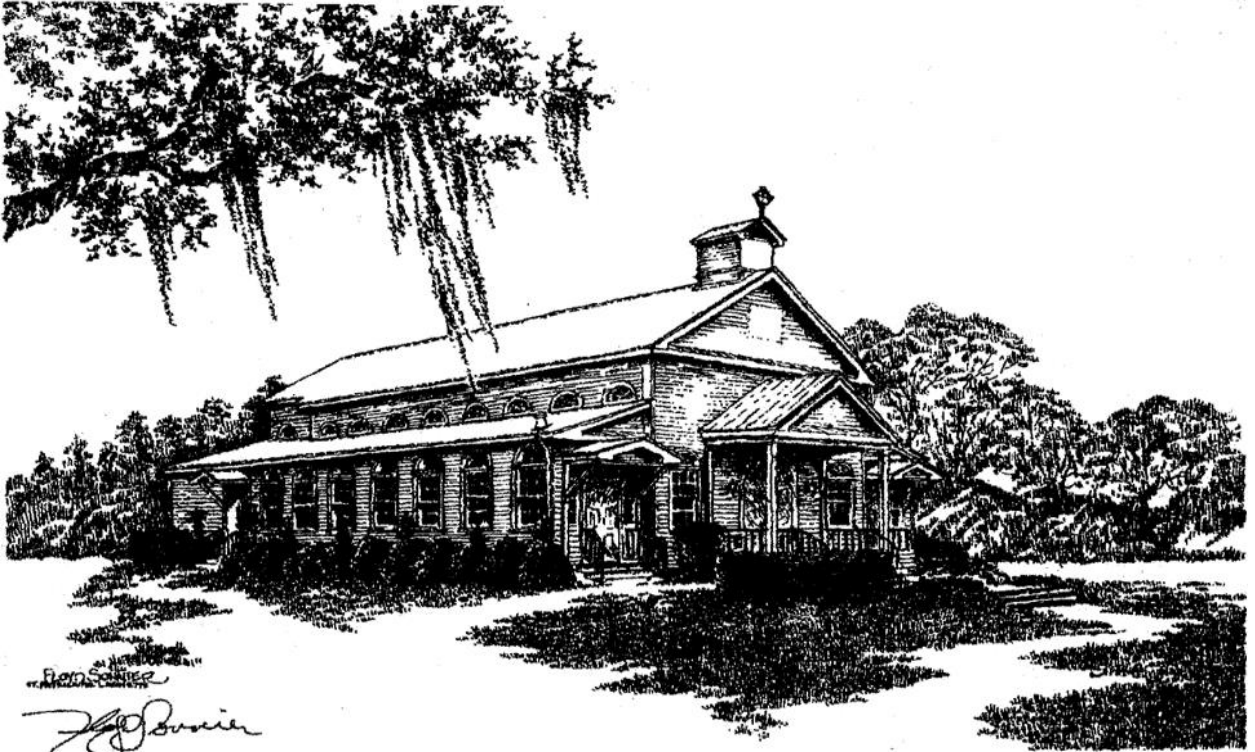


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 8, 2023 – Epiphany



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.

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The Solemnity of the Epiphany ***January 8, 2023***

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 7

4 p.m.: Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Louis Delahoussaye; John P. Zagar; Mildred Ducote; Karen Judice; Deacon Julian Judice; Heather Dugas (*living*); Connie Miller, (*living*)

Sunday, January 8

8:30 a.m.: Jerry Hays; Fr. Rex Broussard; Frank Garber; Polly Garber & Family (*living*); Suzi & Joe Billeaud; M/M L. M. Billeaud

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 a.m.: Katherine Barras (*living*)

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

7:30 a.m.: Francis A. Bourgeois

Friday, January 13

7:30 a.m.:

Festival de la Vie

Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Parc International. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Pro-life prayer walk begins at 9:30 a.m. See diolaf.org/prolifefestival.

Louisiana Black Advocates for Life

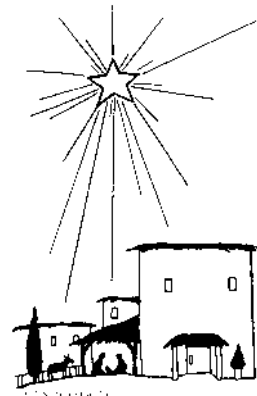
LBAL is a committed prolife group working to promote a culture of life in Louisiana's black community. More details and information on LBAL can be found at lablackadvocates.com.

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.

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.



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 Monday, January 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 and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. 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.

Teurlings new student applications

New student applications for Teurlings Catholic High School open January 12, 2023 and close January 31, 2023. Visit tchs.net for more information.

Remember in your prayers:

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

Lysbeth Shirley, daughter of parishioners Russell and Julie Shirley, who has been hospitalized.

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

Collect for the Epiphany

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

From a sermon by St Leo the Great, pope († 440)

Although the Mediator between God and man chose one family out of the Israelite nation from which to take on the nature of all mankind, yet he was unwilling to conceal the early days of his birth within the narrow limits of his mother's home, but wanted to be soon recognized by all, since he deigned to be born for all. Therefore, to three magi a star of new splendor appeared in the east, which, being brighter and fairer than the other stars, might easily attract the eyes and minds of those who looked on it, so that by its unusual appearance its importance might be immediately observed. He who gave the sign, gave understanding to its beholders. What he made them understand, this he made them seek out, so that the one who was sought out might offer himself to be found. The three men followed the heavenly light, and with steadfast contemplation attended the indications of the guiding splendor, and by the brightness of grace were led to acknowledgement of truth.

Stewardship of the past week

Offerings.....\$5,574
Building fund\$4,582

Thank you for your generous support!

From the Pastor's Desk

On New Year's eve, Pope Benedict XVI, aged 95, passed from this world into eternal life. It was in his capacity as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome that I was first introduced to the writings of Cardinal Ratzinger. Many priests of my generation were deeply influenced by his loyal fidelity to the Gospel and to his defense of the faith. Ratzinger, though, was not an angry, railing, or reactionary type. Rather, his incredible learning was always drawn first from the Scriptures, then from the perennial teachings of the Church Fathers. His writing was deep, reasoned, charitable, learned. It was this approach, I think, that drew so many of us to look up to Cardinal Ratzinger as a man of learning and of faith.

A second-year seminarian, I was present in St Peter's Square on April 19, 2005 when Cardinal Ratzinger was elected pope. I can tell you it was the single most "electric" experience in my life, as thousands poured into the Square to see the new pope. The crowd was jubilant, exultant, for Benedict was well known and seen as a worthy successor to the much beloved John Paul II, as one who would continue to shepherd the Church with a sense of hope and purpose amid the troubles of the world.

In early 2005, one of my seminarian friends was visited in Rome by his sister and her husband. As the couple was near St Peter's one day, they asked directions of a white-haired priest who was walking by in his plain black cassock. The priest helped them orient themselves and then

spent a few minutes with them in pleasant conversation. Some months later, back in the US, my friend's sister and her husband were amazed when that same priest walked out on the balcony of St Peter's to be announced as Pope Benedict! They remembered him distinctly – his kindness, his delightful German accent, the fact that he seemed to have time only for them, his interest in who they were. There were beside themselves that a man of such stature and importance would have given them so much of his time and attention. But this is how it should be. Well done, Pope Benedict, good and faithful servant, Servant of the Servants of God. May you rest in peace.

Fr. Guillory

The Bible in 100 Hours!

Beginning on Wednesday January 18 at 12:30 p.m., the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the town square of St Martinville in front of St Martin de Tours Catholic Church. The Bible Marathon will conclude on Word of God Sunday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m. *Three hundred readers will be needed for 20-minute intervals.* Lectors from churches from throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Bible Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen to the Word of God! To register as a reader or for more information, contact St Martin de Tours Church at (337) 394-6021 or email us at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com. More information is available at jesuscrucefied.net and Fete Dieu du Teche on Facebook.