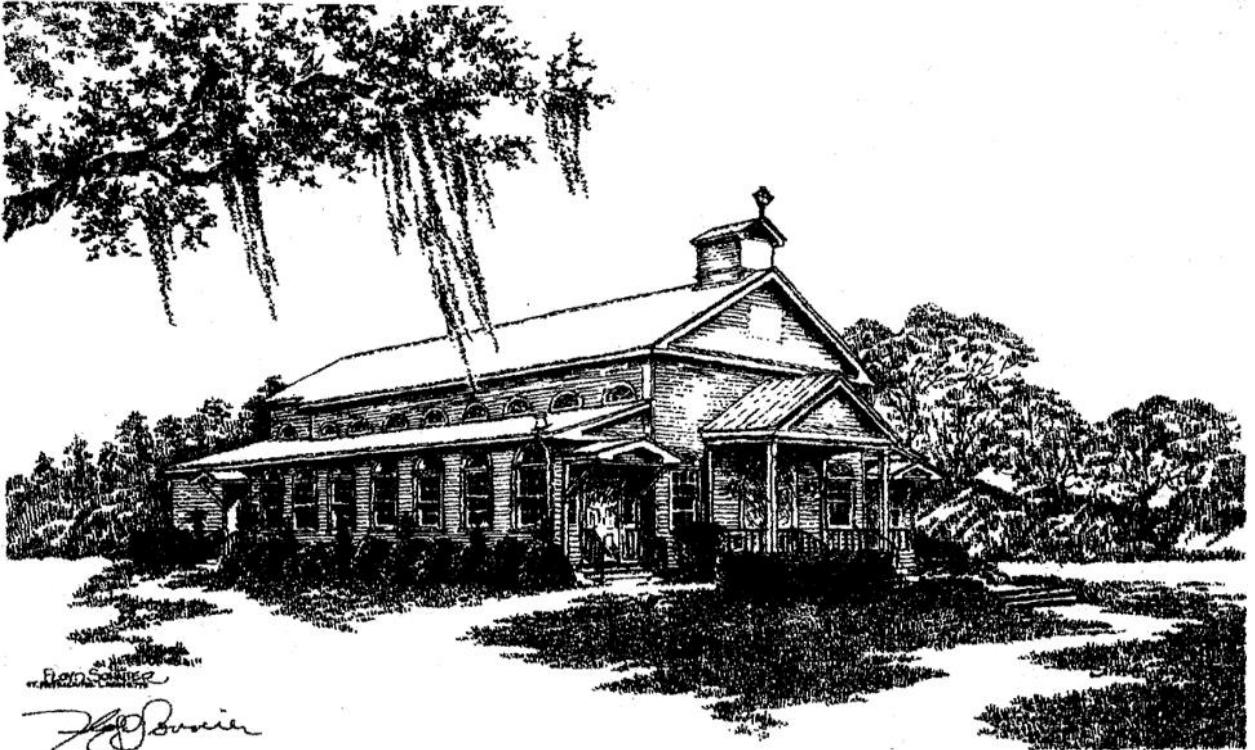


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 22, 2023 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 21

4 p.m.: Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; John P. Zagar

Sunday, January 22

8:30 a.m.: Jerry Hays; Fr. Rex Broussard; Lauren Louque (*living*)

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, January 23

7:30 a.m.: Michelle George; Melba & Edna Parker

Tuesday, January 24

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer Family

Wednesday, January 25:

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

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

7:30 a.m.: Ronald Lege (*living*)

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.

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.

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, go to diolaf.org.

One thing I ask of the Lord, this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. ~ Ps 27

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.

Healing House

Free grief support for children age 4-17 who have experienced or are about to experience the death of a sibling or primary caregiver. 160 S Beadle Rd, Lafayette. Visit healing-house.org for more information.

Saints Timothy and Titus



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Sts Timothy and Titus

Timothy and Titus were companions of St Paul who traveled with him on his missionary journeys to spread the Gospel. Each man, it seems, was brought to faith in Christ by St Paul himself, and then later was entrusted by the Apostle to shepherd the flock: Timothy in the city of Ephesus and Titus on the island of Crete. In the New Testament, we find two letters of St Paul to Timothy and one to Titus. These brief letters are easy to read and understand, as St Paul addresses many practical concerns about the Christian life. The Church commemorates Sts Timothy and Titus on January 26.

Let us pray for:

Parishioners Ed Roy and Shelley Collins, who were married on January 20.

Parishioner Esther Sahuc, 95, who died on January 12.

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.

Charlotte Cole, who was baptized on January 21, and her parents Anderson and Elizabeth.

Our sacristan Sharon Savoie, who celebrated her birthday on January 18.

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

Collect for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

From a letter to the Ephesians by St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr († 140)

Try to gather together more frequently to give thanks to God and to praise him. For when you come together frequently, Satan's powers are undermined, and the destruction he threatens is done away with in the unanimity of your faith. These are the beginning and the end of life: faith the beginning, love the end. When these two are found together, there is God, and everything else concerning right living follows from them. No one professing faith sins; no one possessing love hates. "A tree is known by its fruit." So those who profess to belong to Christ will be known by what they do. For the work we are about is not a matter of words here and now but depends on the power of faith and on being found faithful to the end. Nothing is hidden from the Lord, but even our secrets are close to him. Let us then do everything in the knowledge that he is dwelling within us that we may be his temples and he God within us. He is and will reveal himself in our sight, according to the love we bear him in holiness.

Last week's generous stewardship

Offerings..... \$4,638

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ~ Proverbs 11:24

From the Pastor's Desk

"I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. *Choose life*, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him" (Dt 30:19-20).

Today, January 22, 2023, marks fifty years since the Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade* struck down most state laws that forbade abortion. For the past fifty years, though, that judicial ruling did nothing to put an end to the moral, legal, and civic dispute that is abortion. Rather, *Roe v Wade's* ineptitude, at least from a legal point of view, would only add to the confusion, chaos, and heartache.

In June of last year, the Supreme Court decision commonly known as *Dobbs* struck down *Roe v Wade*. Now the moral, legal, and civic dispute continues, no longer so much in the judicial branch of our government as in the legislative branch, where it is best handled, according to the serious thinkers on such matters.

Since January 22, 1974, the first anniversary of *Roe*, there has been a March for Life in Washington, D.C. each year. This year is no different. What is different this year is that the specter of *Roe* has fallen. But that means that a new phase in the fight for life, and perhaps a more difficult one, is now upon us.

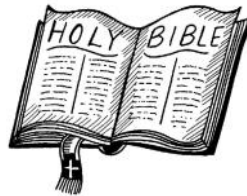
As tens of thousands of Americans from all walks of life gather this weekend in the nation's capital, let us pray that our work

for a culture of life will find success, and that we will persevere until abortion becomes unthinkable. This, more than making abortion illegal, is and must remain the real goal of the pro-life movement.

Today is also the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, which Pope Francis designated to be Word of God Sunday, a day on which Catholics are to devote themselves in a special way to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God as given to us in the holy Scriptures.

Just as the Lord Jesus himself opened the disciples' minds to understand the Scriptures (Lk 24:45), so the Holy Spirit continues to be at work in the world opening the human heart and mind to the power of God's Word.

At Sunday Mass, we gather to hear God's Word read to us in the readings, and we listen to his Word devoutly and with attention. But we cannot limit our exposure to the Scriptures to Sunday Mass alone. At home, or in groups, we must study the Word of God and have the Word of God at the center of our prayer.



With the internet, the possibility of learning the Bible and of studying Scripture with other Catholics has never been more readily available and easier. All that is lacking, perhaps, is our own personal commitment. So take up and read! And see if the Word of God will not make your hearts burn within you (Lk 24:32).

Fr. Guillory