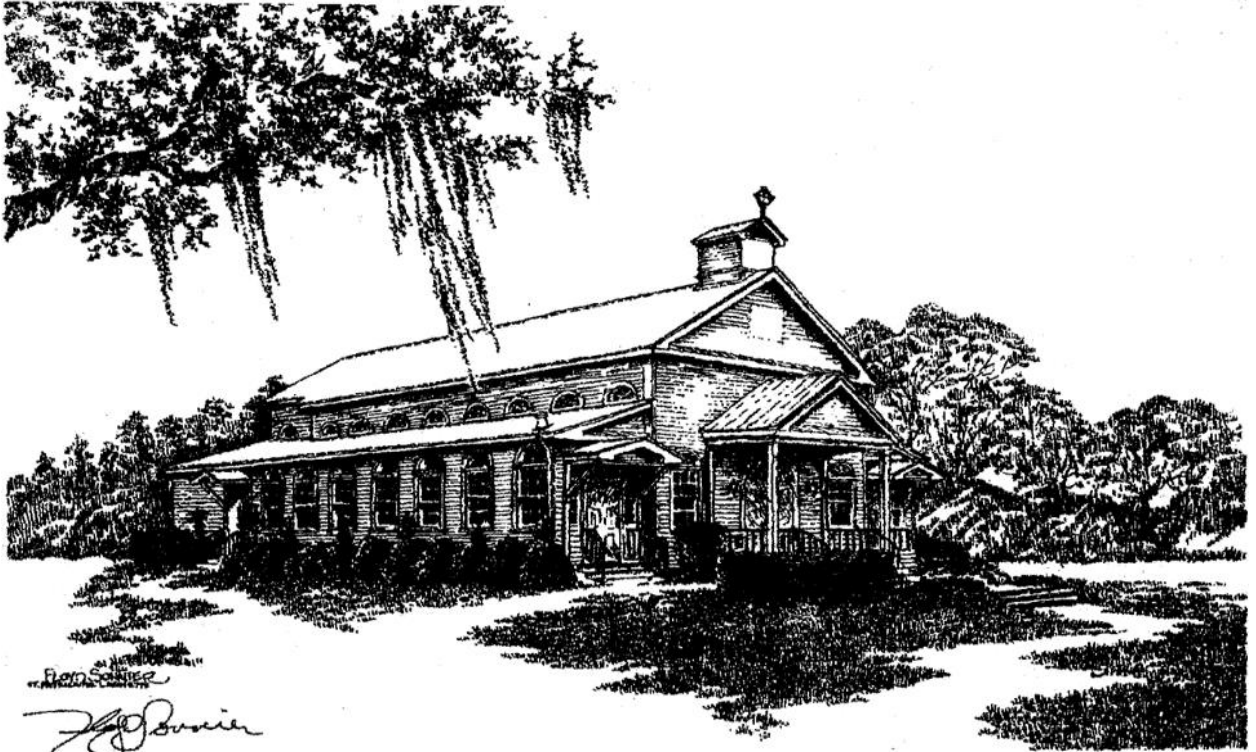


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 29, 2023 – Fourth 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 28

4 p.m.: Pam Zagar (*living*); Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; M/M James A. Laurent Jr.; Cheryl Duchamp (*living*); Butch Diaz; Souls in Purgatory; Jarrod Landry

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m.: Jerry Hays; Fr. Rex Broussard

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, January 30

7:30 a.m.: M/M James Laurent, Jr.

Tuesday, January 31

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer Family

Wednesday, February 1:

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

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

7:30 a.m.:

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.

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).

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.

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.



Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth; seek justice, seek humility.

~ Zephaniah 2:3

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities of Acadiana needs volunteers. Here is how you can help:

St. Joseph Diner: sign up to serve during the most needed shifts: breakfast and dinner.

Food Net Bank: emergency food bags need to be filled; often they have no one to help.

Check the online calendar and sign up where there are vacancies (catholiccharitiesacadiana.org). For questions contact Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org.

United Christian Outreach, 422 Carmel Dr., is also in need of volunteers. Please contact parishioner Geneva Phillips at 337-280-2065 for more information.

Let us pray for:

Lisa Dore, who asks for prayers for her health concerns.

Jenny and Janell Degeyter, daughters of Joyce Stelly, who have both been diagnosed with breast cancer. Janell's recent surgery was successful and her check up shows that all is well. Jenny had surgery this past week and awaits the results.

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.

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

I celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ as God, because he is responsible for your wisdom, well aware as I am of the perfection of your unshakeable faith. In regard to the Lord, you firmly believe that he was *of the race of David according to the flesh*, but God's son by the will and power of God; truly born of the Virgin and baptized by John, *that all justice might be fulfilled*; truly nailed to a cross in the flesh for our sake, and of his most blessed passion we are the fruit. And thus, by his resurrection he raised up a standard over his saints and faithful ones for all time in the one body of his Church. For he endured all this for us, for our salvation; and he really suffered, and just as truly rose from the dead. He was united with his body even after the resurrection. When he visited Peter and his companions, immediately they touched him and believed. And for this reason they despised death and conquered it. And so I am giving you serious instruction on these things, dearly beloved, even though I am aware that you believe them to be so.

Last week's stewardship

Offerings..... \$4,010
Church in Latin America \$648

The second collection next weekend will be for St Patrick's building and maintenance concerns. Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Those of you who are attentive readers of our parish bulletin may have noticed that over the past few weeks there has been a section of the bulletin that contains a passage from a writer in the early Church. So far, we have had excerpts from Diognetus, St Leo the Great, St Athanasius, St Clement I, and St Ignatius of Antioch.

These brief excerpts are mostly taken from the Office of Readings as found in the Breviary, also called the Liturgy of the Hours or the Divine Office, a book of prayers prayed by deacons, priests, and religious every day.

It is my intention to continue including various passages from the writers of the early Church in order to expose us to some of their thoughts and reflections. In this way, we can see the remarkable continuity that exists in Christian life, theological reflection, prayer, and action over the millennia.

Our Catholic faith is ever ancient, ever new, and reading or studying the writings left by the early Church puts us in contact with the timeless quality of our faith. It is amazing to learn, and to realize, how much we hold in common with those first men and women who came to faith in Christ and began living the life of grace.

Though we are separated by centuries, or even millennia, though distant in geography, different in language and customs, yet our common humanity unites us to one another and to Christ

Jesus himself, who “humbled himself to share in our humanity.” And this is the Church, is it not, the body of those called to holiness in Christ, who become the body of Christ.

This coming week, from January 29 to February 4 is Catholic Schools Week. It is a time during which students, teachers, and administration, together with families and supporters, reflect on and celebrate the gift that is our Catholic schools.

Parents who scrimp and save; teachers, lay and consecrated, who give so generously, often with little thought of reward or recompense ... our Catholic schools are a work of love and sacrifice. All who are or have been beneficiaries of that legacy come together this week in gratitude and in celebration.

Let us pray for our Catholic schools, that they may remain ever faithful to Christ and become fruitful seedbeds of Christian life and virtue.

Speaking of Christian life and virtue, in the Gospel this Sunday, the Lord Jesus withdraws from the crowds and goes up the mountain. When his disciples come to him, he begins to teach them, speaking the beatitudes. There is a clear distinction here between the crowds and the disciples, between the casual observers and the committed followers. While the beatitudes are meant for all, we might wonder in which group we find ourselves, and who, if any, have the best part.

Fr. Guillory