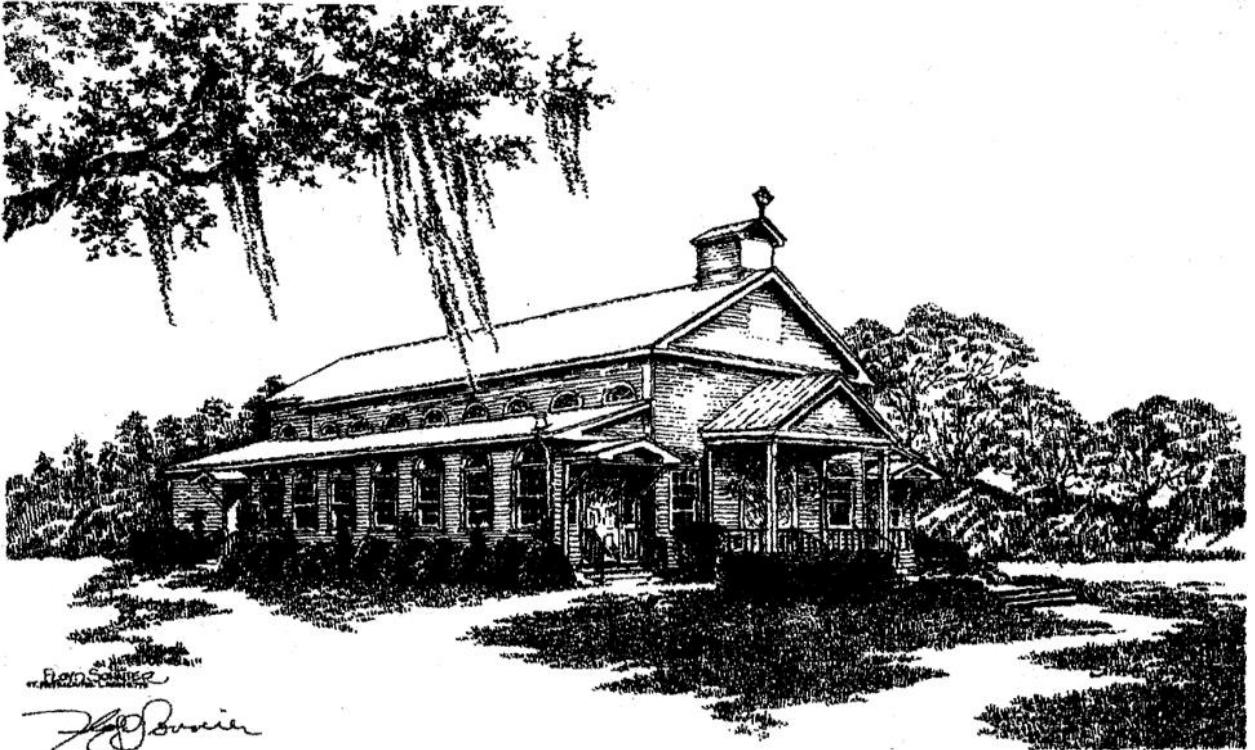


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 5, 2023 – Fifth 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, February 4

4 p.m.: John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Karen Judice; Deacon Julian Judice; Francis A. Bourgeois; Butch Diaz; Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 5

8:30 a.m.: Jerry Hays; Fr. Rex Broussard; Clara Bell Marin; Jeremy & Megan Dean

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, February 6

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, February 7

7:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer Family

Friday, February 10

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

Life and Legacy of Pope Benedict XVI

February 24-25, St Thomas More High School. Sponsored by the Aquinas Institute. Keynote speakers: Fr. Bryce Sibley, Dr. Joshua Brumsfield, Dr. Jordan Haddad. Tickets \$30. Details and registration at www.aquinaslafayette.org.

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.

YOU ARE
THE SALT
OF THE
EARTH

Redbird Ministries

Faith, grief, bereavement support for parents who are suffering the loss of a child. See www.redbird.love for more information, meetings, and events.

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.

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).

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:

Adam Guidry, nephew of parishioner Monica Guidry, who has been diagnosed with ALS.

Parishioners George and Lily Billeaud. George was recently diagnosed with brain cancer.

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

Julie McDougald, sister of parishioner Mary Duplechien, who is recovering from cancer surgery.

Don Hernandez, Lisa Dore, and Raymond Garry, who ask for your prayers.

Congratulations to parishioners Harry and Brenda Demette, who will be retiring at the end of the month. They are closing their business, Steve's Automotive Service, after 55 years in operation.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

From a letter to the Corinthians by St Clement I, pope and martyr († 99)

Let the one truly possessed by the love of Christ keep his commandments. Who can express the binding power of divine love? Who can find words for the splendor of its beauty? Beyond all description are the heights to which it lifts us. Love unites us to God, cancels innumerable sins, has no limits to its endurance, bears everything patiently. Love is neither servile nor arrogant. It does not provoke schisms or form cliques, but always acts in harmony with others. By it all God's chosen ones have been sanctified; without it, it is impossible to please him. Out of love the Lord took us to himself; because he loved us and it was God's will, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his life's blood for us – his body for our body, his soul for our soul. See then, beloved, what a great and wonderful thing love is, and how inexpressible its perfection. Who are worthy to possess it unless God makes them so? To him then we must turn, begging of his mercy that a love free from human partiality and beyond reproach may be found in us. Happy are we if love enables us to live in harmony and in the observance of God's commandments, for then it will also gain for us the remission of our sins.

Last week's stewardship

Offerings..... \$4,881

Thank you for your generous support!

From the Pastor's Desk

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of our lives as Catholics. At Mass, we come together in prayer as the holy ones of God, and where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, he is present in their midst (Mt 18:20). Jesus is likewise present in the Word of God, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. At Mass, Jesus is also present in the person of the priest, through the sacrament of holy orders, as one who has come to serve, not to be served. But most mysteriously and most deeply, the Lord Jesus is present *substantially* in the sacred Eucharistic species. The Bread, no longer bread, and the Wine, no longer wine, become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the Eucharist we celebrate in faith. This is the Eucharist we offer in hope of salvation. This is the Eucharist we receive in love.

In order to receive the Eucharist at Mass three things are necessary. First, you must be Catholic. Second, you must be in a state of grace interiorly. Third, you must not be prohibited from receiving communion. Let's take these in order.

First, to receive the Eucharist in holy communion, you must be Catholic. We Catholics, along with the Orthodox and some Protestant groups, adhere to what is sometimes called "closed communion." That is, only those of our Church are admitted to holy communion. Hence, at Mass, one must be a Catholic to receive the Eucharist in holy communion. Other Christian denominations, when they celebrate the Lord's supper, have an "open communion." That is, they invite all Christians of whatever conviction to share in their communion.

While all Christians, and indeed non Christians, may attend holy Mass, only

Catholics may receive the Eucharist in holy communion at Mass. This is not a matter of being exclusive, as some might call it. Rather, it is a matter of being *coherent*.

Communion is a sign of shared faith, common belief, unity in governance and worship. While Catholics and other non-Catholic Christians do have much in common, sadly there is much that divides us, including the meaning and purpose of the Eucharist. For this reason, intercommunion with other faiths is not possible. It would be *incoherent* for a Catholic to share in a Methodist communion, let's say, since we Catholics do not believe what Methodists believe about their eucharistic celebrations. And likewise, it would be *incoherent* for a Lutheran, let's say, who attends a Catholic Mass to share in our Eucharist, because Lutherans and Catholics hold quite different beliefs about the Eucharist, and about many other important matters as well.

So, if you ever attend a non-Catholic service that includes their communion rite, you should take part reverently and prayerfully. But you should not share in their communion, even if invited. One may always politely and reverently decline, as no one is ever required to take communion.

As these ecumenical issues involve theological and spiritual matters that none of us are qualified to weigh in on with any real knowledge or authority, it is unwise, and potentially spiritually damaging, to set aside the Church's judgment in preference to our own feelings, however well-intentioned. Here, it is better to trust the guidance of our Church and our pastors.

Next week, I will write on the second necessary thing for receiving holy communion: being in a state of grace interiorly.

Fr. Guillory