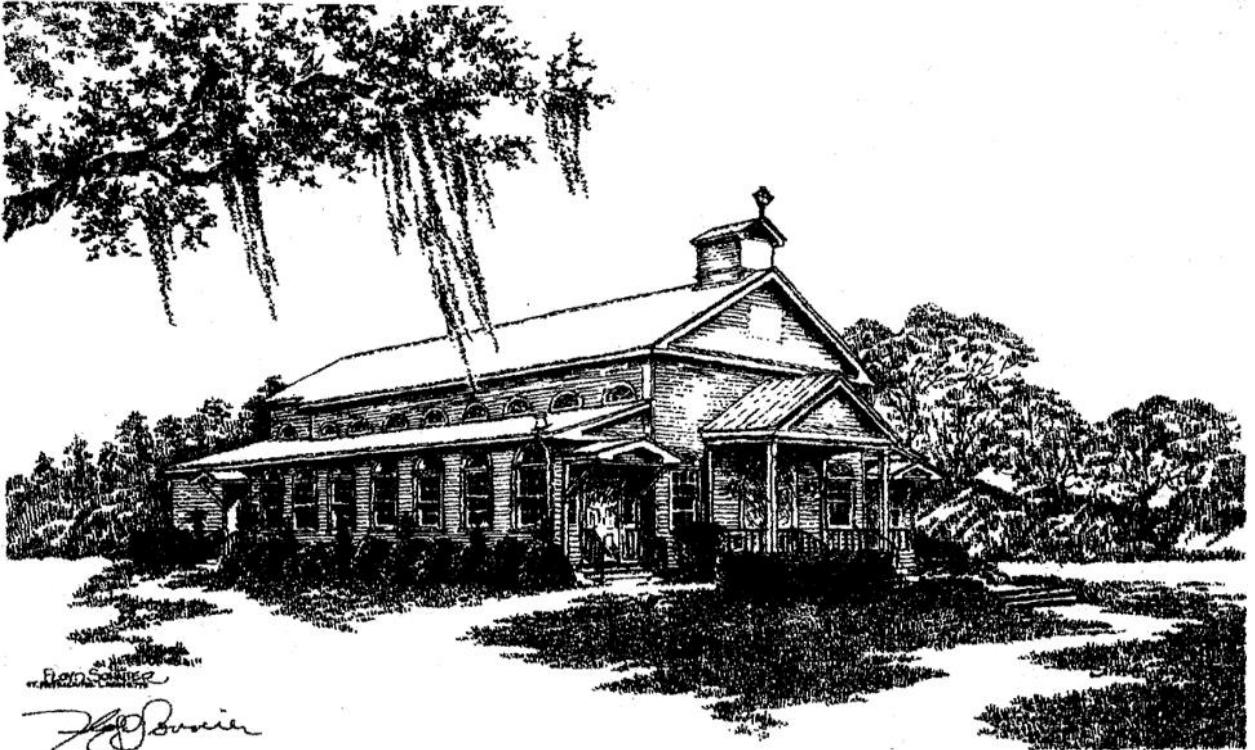


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 12, 2023 – Sixth 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 11

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

Sunday, February 12

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

10 a.m.: Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, February 13

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer Family

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

7:30 a.m.:

Friday, February 17

7:30 a.m.:

Blessed are they who walk in the law of the Lord. ~ Psalm 119:1

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.

Remember Me

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia/Alzheimer's. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Call 337-235-1483 or email setonrememberme@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

Civil Rights in Louisiana

Learn about the struggle for civil rights in Louisiana by visiting www.louisianacivilrightstrail.com. An initiative of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Come, Lord Jesus!

This weekly study/prayer group focuses on the 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 information please call Mike Samson at 337-257-7888 or email: michaelsamson@bellsouth.net.

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.

Let us pray for:

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

Parishioners George and Lily Billeaud. George has recently been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Parishioner Michael Doumit, who will have knee surgery on February 13.

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

Congratulations to parishioners Grant and Mary Duplechien, who welcomed their second child, Louis Patrick, in late January. Baby Louis was baptized this weekend.

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.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions to be placed here.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

St Ephrem the Syrian on the riches of the Scriptures († 373)

O Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to your own harm. Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

Last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$6,604
Building fund.....\$6,103

Thank you for your generous support!

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

~Hebrews 13:16

From the Pastor's Desk

In the holy Mass, at the words of consecration, *this is my body, this is my blood*, the Lord Jesus becomes present *really, truly, and substantially* in the 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, the Eucharist we offer in hope of salvation, the Eucharist we receive in love.

In order to receive the Eucharist three things are necessary. First, one must be Catholic. Second, one must be in a state of grace interiorly. Third, one must not be prohibited from receiving communion.

Last week, I wrote about the necessity of being Catholic in order to receive holy communion. *This week*, we look at the necessity of being in a state of grace in order to receive the Eucharist. What does it mean to be in a state of grace? Being in a state of grace means being free of unrepented and unforgiven mortal (grave) sin. If you have doubts about which sins are mortal sins, I suggest an internet search like “which sins are mortal sins.” Then go to any *Catholic* website and read all about it.

The Eucharist is the holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is the holiness of God in Christ Jesus. To receive the holy Eucharist *worthily*, we must ourselves be worthy, that is, without grave sin. St Paul addressed this spiritual and ecclesial difficulty, writing: “whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord” (1 Cor 11:27). To receive communion *unworthily* – while in a state of grave sin – is to profane the holiness of the Eucharist and to sin against the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Hence the necessity, insisted upon in Scripture and by the over two thousand year history of the Church, of being in a state of grace to receive the holy Eucharist. “Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion” (CCC 1385).

Simply put, if you are not in a state of grace, you must not present yourself for holy communion until you have gone to confession.

What is sometimes forgotten is the sacramental logic of this discipline. It runs like this: baptism is the gateway sacrament to *all the other sacraments*, including the Eucharist. By baptism we are washed clean of sin – original sin and personal sin – and established in grace. By the grace of baptism we are made worthy to worship God in spirit and in truth and to receive the holy things of God, the sacraments, in the life of grace. Only now, established in grace by baptism, may we access the other sacraments, like confirmation, the Eucharist, holy matrimony, holy orders, and the anointing of the sick.

But if we sin so as to fall from grace, then we must have recourse to the sacrament of confession before approaching *any of the other sacraments*, including and most especially the Eucharist, for confession is the renewal of baptism and its graces.

Sacramental reconciliation reestablishes us in grace. And only once we are reestablished in grace can we approach the sacraments, for being in a state of grace is necessary for all the other sacraments, including and most especially the holy Eucharist.

Next week, I will write on the third necessary thing for receiving holy communion: not being prohibited from receiving communion.

Fr. Guillory