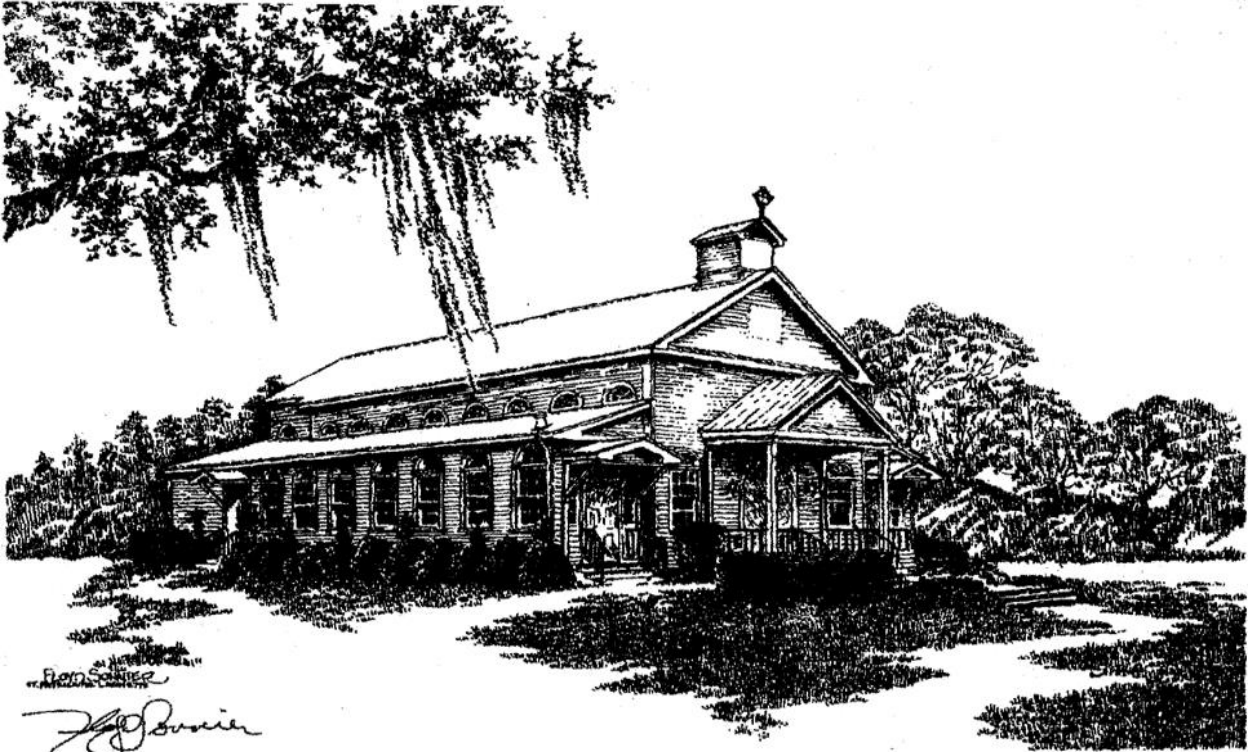


St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 16, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy



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, April 15, 4 p.m.: John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Louis Delahoussaye

Sunday, April 16

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Helen Vallot; James Moss, Jr.; Glenn & Dale Lavergne; James Moss, Jr.

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, April 17, 7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Tuesday, April 18, 7:a.m.: T.A.

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20, 7:30 a.m: T.A.

Friday, April 21, 7:30 a.m.: T.A.

Altar Flowers

Keith & Bobby Toups (liv.)
Joseph Landry family
Dr Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne
Flossie & Phil Purpera
Lydia & Odon Bacque
Francis A. Bourgeois
Joel Francis Bourgeois
Russell Lee Harvey
James Moss
Chad Leblanc
Gladys Barbier
Marie Chaisson



Walking with Purpose: **a book study for women**

A 6-week study on Thursday mornings from 8:15-9:15 a.m., starting April 20. You will need to purchase the book *Living in the Father's Love*, by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. To sign up, please call one of the facilitators: Judi Dugas (337-247-5789) or Trista Littell (337-288-8909). Held at St Patrick Church, in the office building conference room.

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.

Mother's Day of Reflection

Our Annual Mothers' Day of Reflection will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette). The day will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch and materials for the day. **Pre-registration is required no later than May 5th.** Please visit diolaf.org/marriage to register. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life 337-261-5653.

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.

Hospice Raffle

Hospice of Acadiana is holding its 25th annual "Hit the Road with Hospice" raffle. Your \$20 ticket purchase gives you a chance to win a car, a camper, or a trip for two. In addition to hospice care, Hospice of Acadiana offers free grief counseling, loss and transition workshops, and other programs. See hospiceacadiana.com for more details. Tickets will be on sale at St Patrick Church after weekend Masses on April 22-23.

For Your Marriage

The website foryourmarriage.org was created by the US Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. It is a resource for all who share in or are preparing for the sacrament of holy matrimony, from the newly engaged to those in the later years of marriage.

Let us pray for:

Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, who is beginning treatments for cancer.

Parishioner Merrick Stelly, who asks for prayers, especially for his eye troubles.

Parishioner Dr Walter Comeaux, who celebrated his 100th birthday on April 10.

Monica Mullins, our parish secretary, who celebrated her birthday on April 14.

*Please let us know
of your prayer intentions.*

***Pray for one another,
that you may be healed.
~James 5:16***

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

From an Easter homily by St Melito of Sardis, bishop († 180)

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: *Who will contend with me? Let him confront me.* I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ. Come, then, all you nations of men, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$7,115
Good Friday, Holy Land.....\$775

X-treme Christians

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last, because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. "Of course, we can visit the sick and comfort the dying. Just leave it up to God to cure anyone," you might say. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell

all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor. You can donate time as well, perhaps tutoring disadvantaged kids, helping build or repair houses in poor areas, or bringing meals to shut-ins. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example – prayer. Twice in the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46). Breaking bread was their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples

were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. Later, they added reading from the letters of Paul and preaching about Jesus' works and teachings. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

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I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. ~ Psalm 118:17