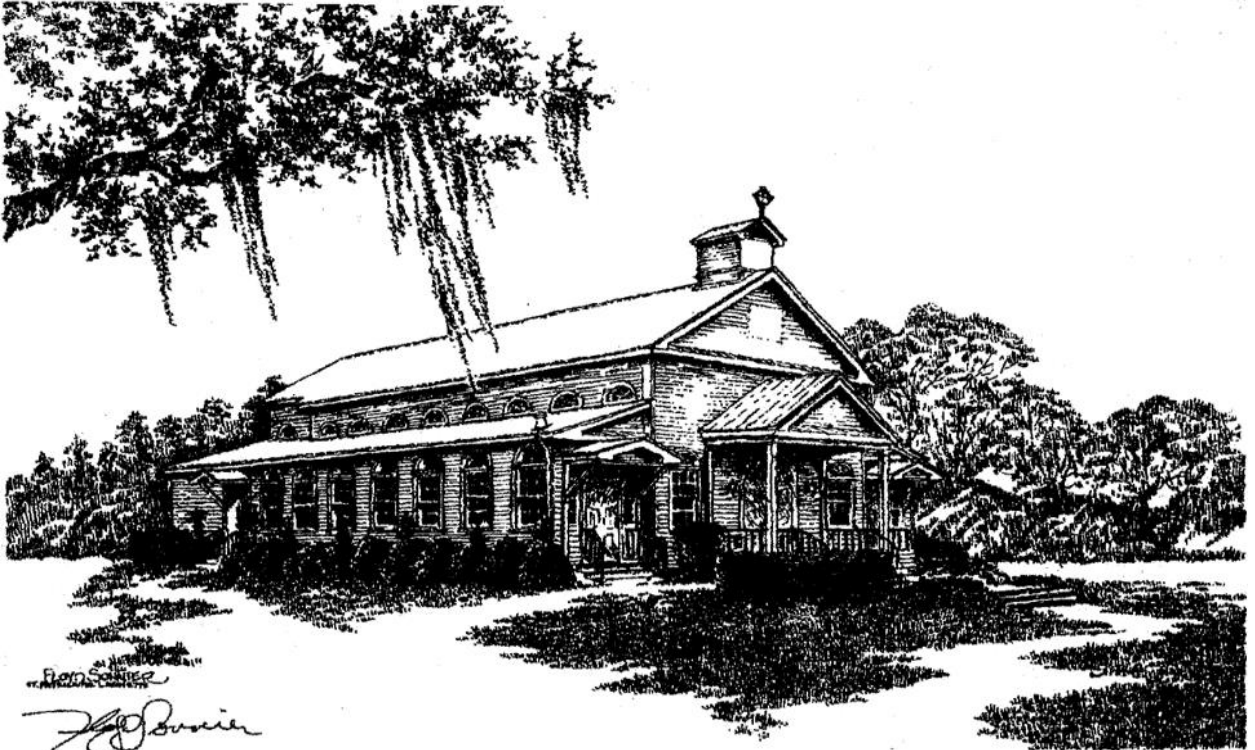


St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 30, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 29

4 p.m.: John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Deborah Jean Matthews; Fifi Billeaud

Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Claire Sawyer

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, May 1

7:30 a.m.: T.A. (*living*)

Tuesday, May 2

7 a.m.: Jackie & Don Hines; Sally & Bobby Bourgeois; Marilyn Scott

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, May 5

7:30 a.m.: T.A. (*living*)



Mother's Day of Reflection

The 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.

Maronite Mass

The Maronite Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's on Sunday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to experience the Mass in another Catholic rite.

Fight the New Drug

Fight the New Drug (FTND) is a non-religious, education-focused organization that seeks to give visibility to the harm of pornography. Visit fightthenewdrug.org for articles, videos, podcasts, and more.

Integrity Restored

Integrity Restored is a Catholic organization that offers education and resources to combat pornography use. Visit them at integrityrestored.com.

Truth about Porn

The website truthaboutporn.org contains articles of scientific research concerning pornography use, as well as some short informative videos by researchers who explain, in brief, their scientific findings.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations

You are invited to the monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to be held Monday, May 1 from 6-7 p.m. here at St. Patrick's. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Let us pray for:

Parishioner Bobbie Toups, who has been hospitalized.

Sharon Savoie, our sacristan, who will undergo heart surgery in early May.

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

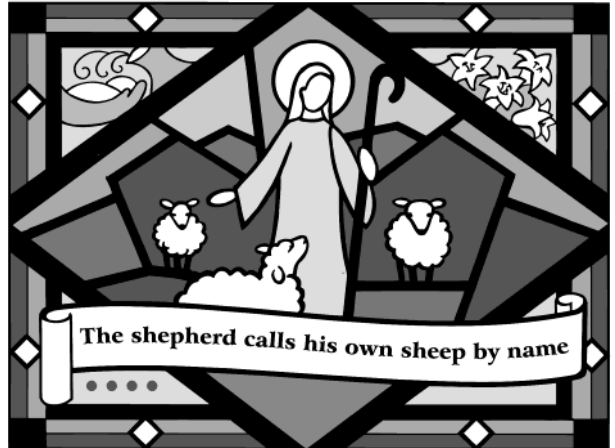
Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, who is beginning treatments for cancer.

Parishioners Tom and Carol Hebert, who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on April 30.

*Please let us know
of your prayer intentions.*

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.



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New Parish Secretary

With the retirement of our long-time parish secretary, Monica Mullins, it was necessary to seek out and hire a new parish secretary/office manager. We are pleased to welcome Anna Walker to St Patrick's. Anna comes to us with a great deal of experience in parish life and management, as she has spent the past five years at St Ann's in Mamou, working in almost every aspect of parish life, including parish finances and bookkeeping. Anna will begin at St Patrick's on Monday, May 15, working with Monica for about two weeks until Monica retires on May 31. Anna is excited to join us at St Patrick's, and we are glad to welcome her.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings..... \$3,018.50

*Second collection next week:
St Patrick's building and maintenance*

From the Pastor's Desk

I wanted to share with you this Sunday one of the greatest writings of the early Church, St Justin Martyr's description of the holy Eucharist as it was celebrated in the second century. St Justin wrote this work around the year 155 to describe and defend the religious practices of Christians before the pagan authorities who were troubled by what they were hearing about Christian worship, specifically the holy Eucharist. What St Justin sets forth is the already long-established practice of the Sunday eucharistic assembly. As you read his words below, think about how closely this resembles the Mass as we celebrate it even today, and be amazed at how we are connected through time and space with the first Christians, made one with them, with each other, and with the Lord Jesus himself in the gift of the Bread and Wine, his Body and his Blood.

From the first apology in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr (155)

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do*

this in memory of me. This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor, and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The presider offers prayers and gives thanks, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the presider, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration. ♦