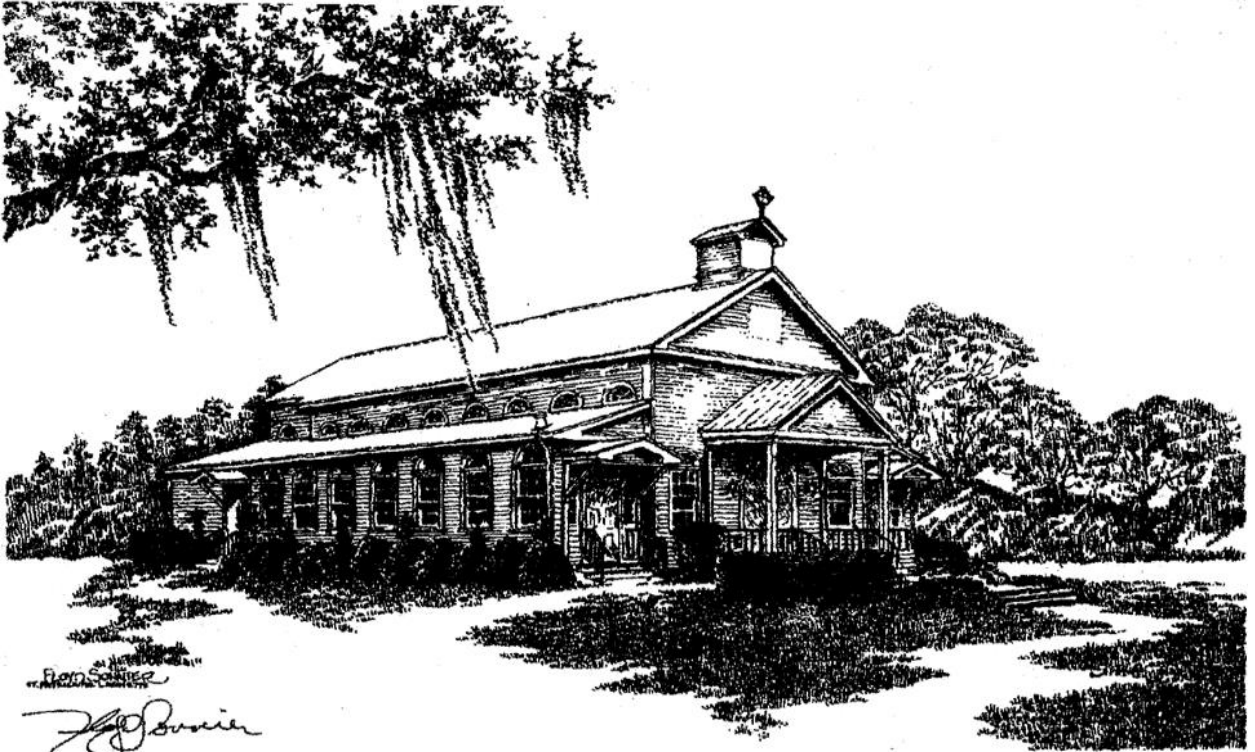


St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 7, 2023 – Fifth 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, May 6

4 p.m.: John P. Zagar; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Rolfes; Dr. & Mrs. Walter Comeaux, Jr.; Deborah Jean Matthews; Karen Judice; Deacon Julian Judice; Jack Boudreaux; Mabel Dupuis; Ronnie Savoie; Joy & Lee J, Guillory; Donie Balusek; Louis Delahoussaye

Sunday, May 7

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Dr. Mario Lopez; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Fifi Billeaud; Gregory Mahtook

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

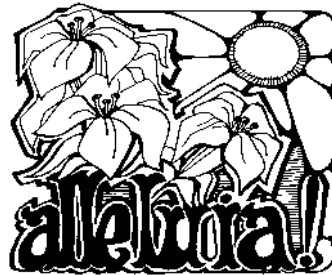
7:30 a.m.: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine and Col. Kimberley Fedele (*living*)

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family



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. Please visit diolaf.org/marriage to register. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life 337-261-5653.

Survivors of Violence Mass

Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at St Pius X Church in Lafayette. Bishop Douglas Deshotel, celebrant. Visit diolaf.org/survivorsofviolencemass to register the name of a loved one who died by violence. Bring a small framed picture of your loved one to be displayed at Mass. A reception follows.

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.

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:

Sharon Savoie, our sacristan, as her doctors determine a course of therapy.

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

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

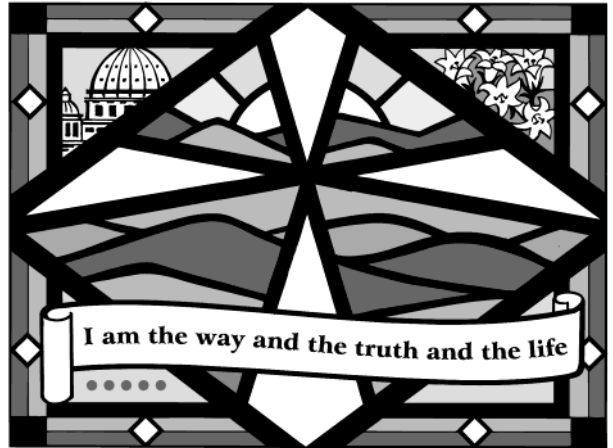
Parishioners Rick and Pauline Lalande, who celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on May 12.

Parishioner Daylan Phillips, who graduates with an associates degree from SLCC on May 11. Daylan will attend ULL in the fall.

*Please let us know
of your prayer intentions.*

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.



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New Parish Secretary

With the upcoming retirement of our long-time parish secretary, Monica Mullins, 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 book-keeping. 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.....\$4,663
Catholic Home Missions.....\$668

*Second collection next week:
Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe*

From the Pastor's Desk

Last week I shared with you in this space St Justin Martyr's description of the holy Eucharist as it was celebrated in the second century. This week I want to offer an excerpt from a sermon by St Gaudentius, who was bishop of Brescia, in northern Italy, in the late fourth and early fifth centuries.

As the Church in the United States focuses on a eucharistic renewal, it is important that we Catholics learn just how deeply the Eucharist is ingrained in the Church and how it shapes our whole spiritual lives. The witness of the early Christians should lay to rest any doubts about the importance of the Eucharist in authentic Christian worship and about the reality of the presence of Christ in the sacred species.

Fr. Guillory

From a sermon by St Gaudentius of Brescia, bishop († 410)

The heavenly sacrifice, instituted by Christ, is the most gracious legacy of his new covenant. On the night he was delivered up to be crucified he left us this gift as a pledge of his abiding presence.

This sacrifice is our sustenance on life's journey; by it we are nourished and supported along the road of life until we depart from this world and make our way to the Lord. For this reason he addressed these words to us: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will not have life in you.*

It was the Lord's will that his gifts should remain with us, and that we who have been redeemed by his precious blood should constantly be sanctified according to the pattern of his own passion. And so he commanded those faithful disciples of his

whom he made the first priests of his Church to enact these mysteries of eternal life continuously. All priests throughout the churches of the world must celebrate these mysteries until Christ comes again from heaven. Therefore let us all, priests and people alike, be faithful to this everlasting memorial of our redemption. Daily it is before our eyes as a representation of the passion of Christ. We hold it in our hands, we receive it in our mouths, and we accept it in our hearts.

It is appropriate that we should receive the body of Christ in the form of bread, because, as there are many grains of wheat in the flour from which bread is made by mixing it with water and baking it with fire, so also we know that many members make up the one body of Christ which is brought to maturity by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Christ was born of the Holy Spirit, and since it was fitting that he should fulfill all justice, he entered into the waters of baptism to sanctify them. When he left the Jordan he was filled with the Holy Spirit who had descended upon him in the form of a dove. As the evangelist tells us: *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan.*

Similarly, the wine of Christ's blood, drawn from the many grapes of the vineyard that he had planted, is extracted in the winepress of the cross. When we receive it with believing hearts, like capacious wineskins, it ferments within us by its own power.

And so, now that you have escaped from the power of Egypt and of Pharaoh, who is the devil, join with us, all of you, in receiving this sacrifice of the saving passover with the eagerness of dedicated hearts. Then in our inmost being we shall be wholly sanctified by the very Lord Jesus Christ whom we believe to be present in his sacraments, and whose boundless power abides for ever. ♦