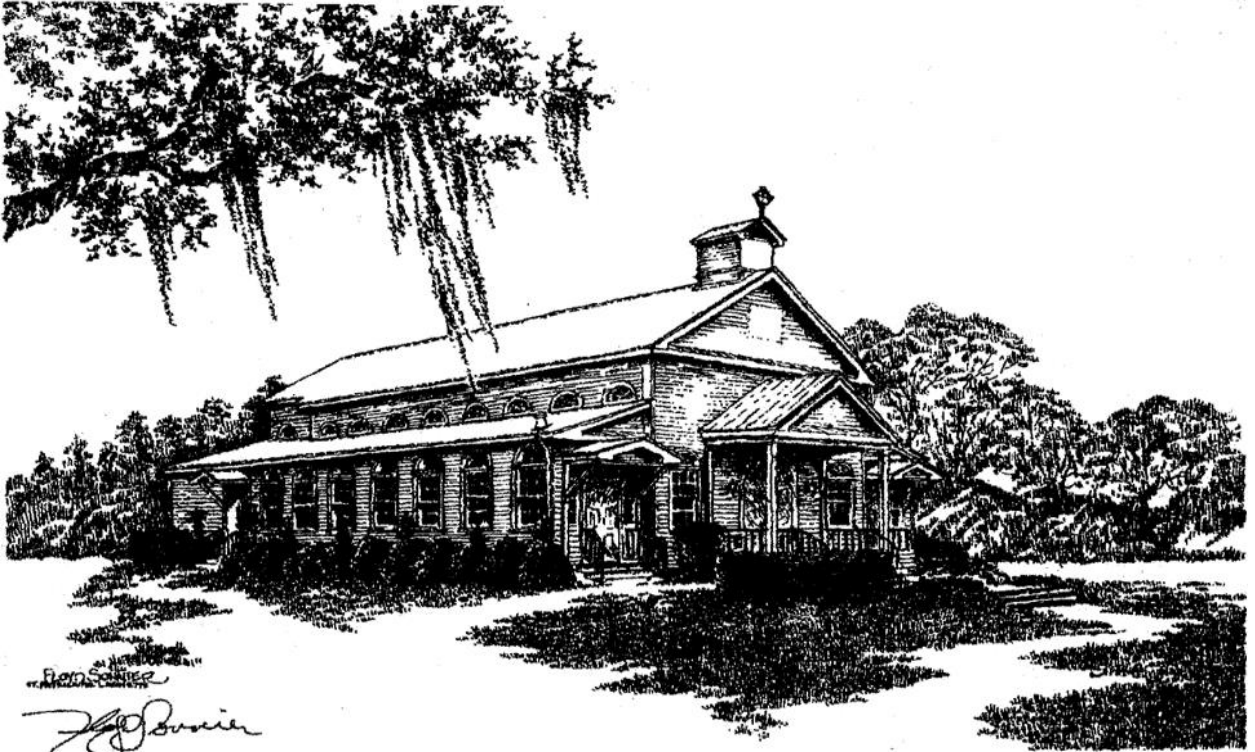


St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 21, 2023 – Ascension of the Lord



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 20

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

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; T. A. (living); Gregory Mahtook

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, May 22

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

7:30 a.m.: Robert Prejean

Friday, May 26

7:30 a.m.: Russell Harvey



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

Maronite Mass

Next Sunday, May 28, Fr Alex Harb will celebrate Mass in the Maronite liturgy at 5:30 p.m. here at St Patrick.

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.

Catholic in Recovery

Meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at St Peter Room of St Pius X Church. Also online meetings. For more information contact Marcelo at cirstpiusx@gmail.com or visit the website catholicinrecovery.com.

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.

Second annual veterans' retreat

Come. Relax. Recharge. Held at Our Lady of the Oaks retreat house in Grand Coteau, May, 25-28 at no cost for any veteran, men and women. Not a silent retreat. Fr. Jim Conroy, S.J., an Army veteran, is the retreat director. Call 337-662-5410 to register.

Community outreach opportunity

With Second Harvest Food Bank and Makin' Groceries Mobile Market, St Patrick's is sponsoring a community outreach effort to reach those in need in our neighborhoods. Opportunities for health screening and information about wellbeing programs will also be provided. The event will be scheduled soon and held at our parish hall. For more information contact Marcus Bruno at triumphantservicesllc@gmail.com or 337-962-9049. St Patrick's is accepting donations for this worthy effort of Christian service.

Retrouvaille weekend

Hope and renewal for struggling marriages. Contact Bill & Missie at 985-232-5963 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

Let us pray for:

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

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

Parishioner Michael Doumit, as he recovers from knee surgery.

Bobbie Toups, who asks for prayers for her health.

The repose of our beloved dead, especially Nestor Granelli, Ron Dartez, and Christy Maraist, sister of parishioner Vida Lege.

*Please let us know
of your prayer intentions.*

**Pray for one another,
that you may be healed.**

~James 5:16

Collect for the Ascension

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.

From a sermon by St Augustine, bishop (†430)

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. While in heaven he is also with us; and we, while on earth, are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power, and his love. We cannot be in heaven as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love. He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.* These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head, and we are his body. He is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,224
Church in Eastern Europe.....\$448

From the Pastor's Desk

Last weekend during my homily I spoke about the injunction from St Peter to "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). The boldness of our witness does not come from ourselves, but from the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to conquer the spirit of doubt and impossibility that would paralyze our giving witness.

Sometimes people will scoff at our witness to Christ; others will entertain our witness with some degree of polite curiosity; others will embrace our hope as their own. This same dynamic was at work in the earliest days of the Church, and we see it in the mission of St Paul to the city of Athens, where he gave witness before the sophisticated Greek intellectuals of that ancient city (see Acts 17:22ff). St Paul was not discouraged by the results. Rather, encouraged by the Spirit of truth, he went on to proclaim the Good News to another city.

The take-away is this: we must be bold, yet gentle, in speaking to others about the reason for our hope. And we must not be discouraged by the lack of a response. Ours is to bear witness; it is God's to convince and win over.

I want to encourage you again to consider serving your parish as an usher/greeter, a lector, a communion minister, an altar server, an altar linen launderer, or a money counter. Please fill out a slip on the back table of the church and place it in the basket there. There will be a training session for all parish volunteers so that you will be comfortable and confident as you serve God and your parish in these roles.

Now is also the time to renew our parish pastoral council, which assists the pastor in the non-financial aspects of the parish: developing and fostering the pastoral mission, vision, goals, and action plans of the parish.

You may nominate yourself or another person(s) to serve on the pastoral council, which meets between two and four times a year. To do so, please fill out a slip in the back

of the church and place it in the basket there.

Service to your own parish and faith community is a first step in expressing our own hope in Christ. It is a witness offered to the household of faith. My personal thanks to all our parishioners who generously serve our parish.

Fr Guillory

