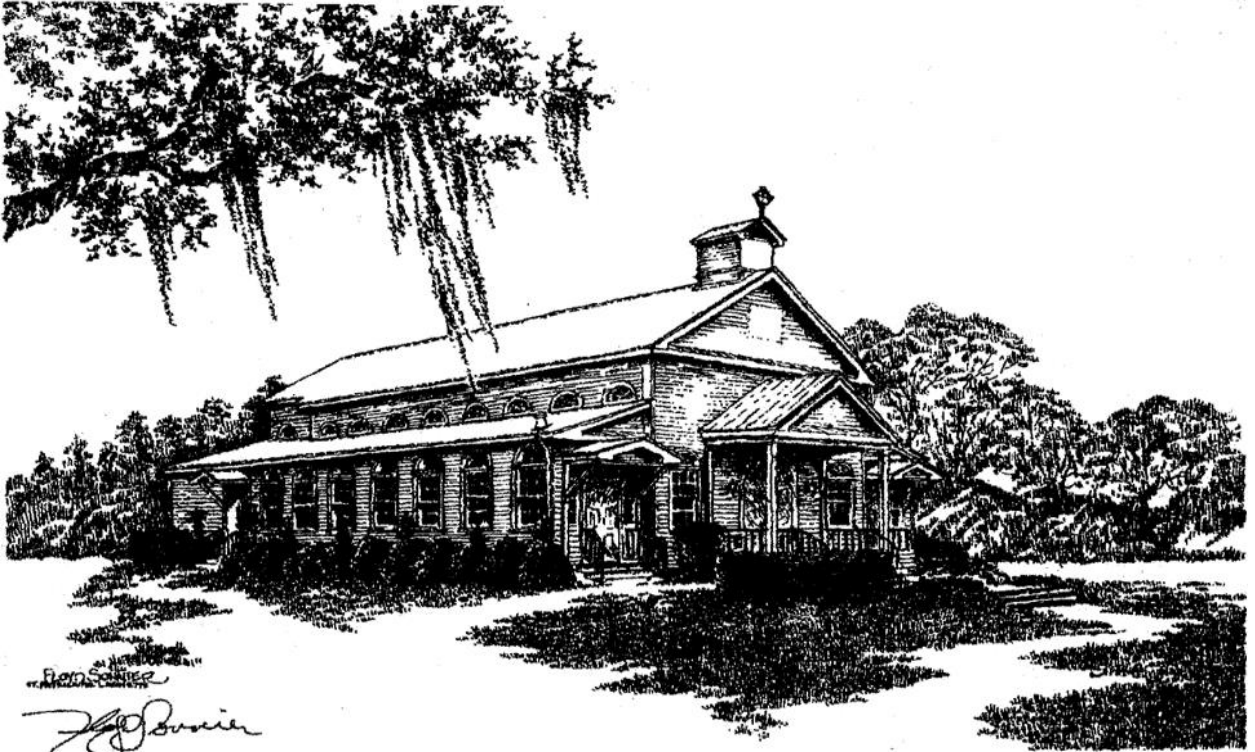


St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 23, 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs:
9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.
Fri: closed

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, July 22

4 p.m.: John P Zagar; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; Ruby Delahoussaye; Melsie Saunders; Jack Boudreaux; Bob Bourgeois; Ronnie Savoie; Jarrod Landry; Michael Arceneaux

Sunday, July 23

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Conner West; Joy Guillory

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, July 24

7:30 a.m.: Walker family

Tuesday, July 25

7:30 a.m.: Gregory Mahtook

Wednesday, July 26

7:30 a.m.: Dr Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux

Thursday, July 27

7:30 a.m.: Curtis Prejean

Friday, July 28

7:30 a.m.: Michael Arceneaux

Natural Family Planning Week

July 23-29. Visit online at t.ly/CPcs for details and information.

Loving through Loss

A free daylong workshop for couples who have experienced the death of a child, from pregnancy to adulthood. Held on Saturday, August 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St Edward Church in Richard. Registration is required. See redbird.love for more information, or call Monica Rougeau at 337-684-5991.

Retreat: mothers who have lost a child

Held September 8-10 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, La. Hosted by Redbird Ministries, which offers faith, grief, and bereavement support for parents who are suffering the loss of a child. See www.redbird.love to register or for more information.

Comunità Cenacolo

A Catholic community for recovery. Visit hopereborn.org.

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.

Strive (for Catholic Men)

A resource and community for men who wish to break away from pornography use. Visit strive21.com.

Bloom for Catholic Women

Bloom provides healing for women affected by their husband's pornography use/addiction. Therapeutic and spiritual online courses to heal the betrayal trauma. bloomforcatholicwomen.com.

Ministers training

For all new and old liturgical ministers: In church on Saturday, July 22 at 9 a.m. for ushers; 10 a.m. for lectors; 11 a.m. for communion ministers; 12 p.m. for altar servers. Repeat sessions on Tuesday, July 25 at 6 p.m. for ushers and 7 p.m. for lectors and Thursday, July 27 at 6 p.m. for communion ministers.

Maronite Mass

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

Let us pray for:

George Billeaud, who is continuing treatments for brain cancer.

Sharon Savoie, our sacristan, who is recovering at home from heart valve replacement surgery.

Brett Walker, husband of our parish secretary Anna Walker, who is undergoing treatments for cancer.

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

Raymond Garry, who is beginning radiation treatment for an aneurysm.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions. Email us at stpat.org@gmail.com.

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

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith, and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

From a sermon by St Caesarius of Arles, bishop (†542)

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. My brothers and sisters, sweet is the thought of mercy, but even more so is mercy itself. It is what all hope for, but unfortunately, not what all deserve. For while all wish to receive it, only a few are willing to give it. How can one ask for himself what he refuses to give to another? If he expects to receive any mercy in heaven, he should give mercy on earth. Do we all desire to receive mercy? Let us make mercy our patroness now, and she will free us in the world to come. Yes, there is mercy in heaven, but the road to it is paved by our merciful acts on earth. There is an earthly as well as a heavenly mercy, that is to say, a human and a divine mercy. Human mercy has compassion on the miseries of the poor. Divine mercy grants forgiveness of sins. Whatever human mercy bestows here on earth, divine mercy will return to us in our homeland. In this life God feels cold and hunger in all who are stricken with poverty; for, remember, he once said: *What you have done to the least of my brothers you have done to me.* Yes, God who sees fit to give his mercy in heaven wishes it to be a reality here on earth.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,715
Catholic Communication.....\$409

From the Pastor's Desk

As work on our parish rectory has begun, please continue to keep the success of our parish projects in your prayers.

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I want to thank all those who helped with the food distribution effort this past Thursday and Friday, and for those who so generously supported it with their financial contributions. This is an act of mercy and compassion that follows from our commitment to Christian discipleship.

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Last Sunday in my homily I asked us to reflect on whether there was some teaching of our Lord or some demand of Christian discipleship that we were pretending wasn't there or didn't apply to us. Strange as it may seem, mercy is one of the demands of discipleship with which many people struggle, not only in their consciences, but also in their hearts.

I was encouraged last month when reading in the paper that almost all Louisiana death-row inmates had filed for clemency and that our governor was open to considering granting them clemency, which means that the prisoners would remain in prison for the rest of their lives, but that the death penalty would be set aside. I was then disappointed to read in the paper a month later (just a few days ago), that the attorney general issued a legal opinion that could upend some or many of the clemency petitions.

I do not take political sides on this question, the legal contours of which are

undoubtedly more complex than presented in news reports. Nor do I call into question the Christian commitments or character of either the governor or the attorney general, both of whom are Catholics.

But when it comes to putting our moral and spiritual commitments as Christians into concrete action in the public sphere, we would do well to consider Church teaching on this matter and to examine our consciences accordingly. God showed his justice by offering mercy in Christ the Lord.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: n. 2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good. Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person," and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

Fr. Guillory