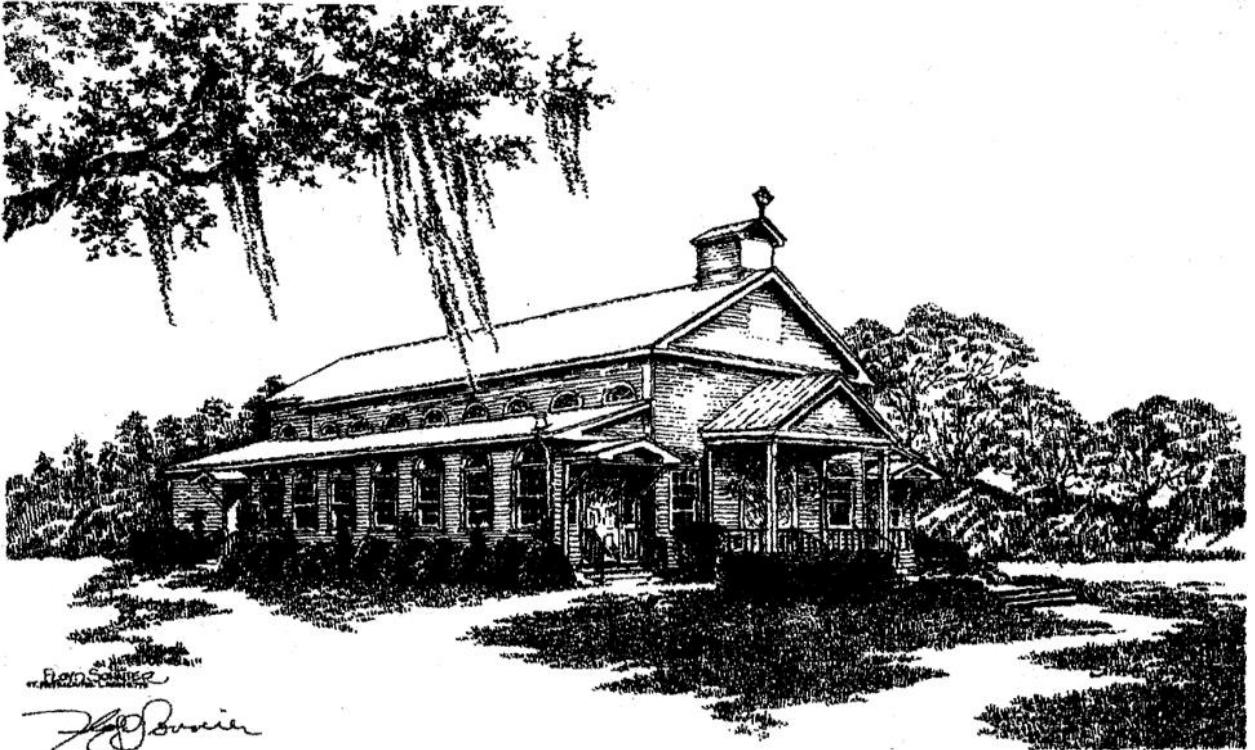


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 30, 2023 – Seventeenth 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 29

**4 p.m.:** John P Zagar; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; Melsie Saunders; Michael Arceneaux; Kreamer family; Carol Credeur; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye

#### Sunday, July 30

**8:30 a.m.:** Fr Rex Broussard; Conner West; Beau Lege (*living*)

*Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.*

*~ 2 Maccabees 12:46*

**10 a.m.:** For Parishioners

#### Monday, July 31

**7:30 a.m.:** Kreamer family

#### Tuesday, August 1

**7:30 a.m.:** Michael Arceneaux

#### Wednesday, August 2

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

#### Thursday, August 3

**7:30 a.m.:** Dr. Steve Bertrand

#### Friday, August 4

**7:30 a.m.:** Walker family

### Not confirmed?

If you are an adult Catholic, regularly practicing, and have not been confirmed, please let the office know or fill out the sign up sheet on the back table of the church. Fr Guillory will offer a refresher course, after which you may receive the sacrament of confirmation.

### Free heart health screening

Held Saturday, August 5, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Physicians Group in Carencro. Must register by August 1 at [lourdesrhc.com/heartvalvescreen](http://lourdesrhc.com/heartvalvescreen). Space is limited.

### 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](http://redbird.love) for more information, or call Monica Rougeau at 337-684-5991.

### 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](http://catholiccharitiesacadiana.org)). For questions contact Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or [sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org](mailto:sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org).

St Patrick Church also supports **United Christian Outreach**, located at 422 Carmel Dr, which is also in need of volunteers of every kind. Please contact parishioner Geneva Phillips at 337-280-2065 for more information.

## Maronite Mass

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

## 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, August 7 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:

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](mailto:stpat.org@gmail.com).*

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

## Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

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

What kind of people are we? When God gives, we wish to receive, but when he begs, we refuse to give. When the poor are starving, Christ too hungers. Christ hungers now, my brethren; it is he who deigns to hunger and thirst in the persons of the poor. And what he will return in heaven tomorrow is what he receives here on earth today. What do you wish for, what do you pray for, my dear brothers and sisters, when you come to church? Is it mercy? How can it be anything else? Show mercy, then, while you are on earth, and mercy will be shown to you in heaven. A poor person asks you for something; you ask God for something. He begs for a morsel of food; you beg for eternal life. Give to the beggar so that you may merit to receive from Christ. For he it is who says: *Give and it will be given to you*. It baffles me that you have the impudence to ask for what you do not want to give. Give when you come to church. Give to the poor. Give them whatever your resources will allow.

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,604.50

*Next week's second collection  
St Patrick building fund*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

St Ignatius of Loyola, whose feast day is July 31, was one of the masters of the spiritual life. Ignatius was born in the Basque region of Spain in 1491 and died in Rome in 1556. With Sts Peter Faber and Francis Xavier, he founded the Jesuit order. He is best remembered today for his writings on the spiritual life, particularly his *Spiritual Exercises*, in which he recorded his experience and his method in the ways of prayer and discernment. Millions have followed this Ignatian way of prayer with great benefit, always drawing closer to Christ, who is the heart, soul, and center of St Ignatius' spiritual way. The motto of the Jesuit order, and one of the hallmarks of Ignatian spirituality is: *ad majorem Dei gloriam*, which means *for the greater glory of God*. All things – all thoughts, all desires, all actions, whether I sleep or am awake, whether I am ill or in good health, whether I stay or I go – all things for God's greater glory.

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Speaking of doing things for the greater glory of God, I was deeply impressed by our parish's recent food distribution event, which was spearheaded by Mr



Marcus Bruno. Some fifteen or sixteen St Patricians showed up to prepare the food distribution bags at Second Harvest on Thursday, July 19, and another sizable group volunteered the next morning at our parish hall for the distribution event. Three hundred food bags were prepared, and in the space of an hour and half, about two hundred sixty of them were given out. The rest were sent to shut-ins or redirected to United Christian Outreach. Visitors were able to receive materials and information from several booths set up to address health care concerns. Our Lady of Lourdes, Louisiana Department of Health, AmeriHealth Caritas, and Second Harvest all participated in this event that was meant to reach those who have limited food security. This first event, I am sure, will lead to others like it in the future. My thanks and gratitude to all parishioners who contributed time, talent, and treasure in this good work for the poor of our city.

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This week I'm away with six of my seminary classmates from around the country. Since this is my year to host, we're in Covington, on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, in a beautiful house on the Tchefuncte River, to enjoy a week of fellowship, rest, and prayer. See you soon!

*Fr. Guillory*