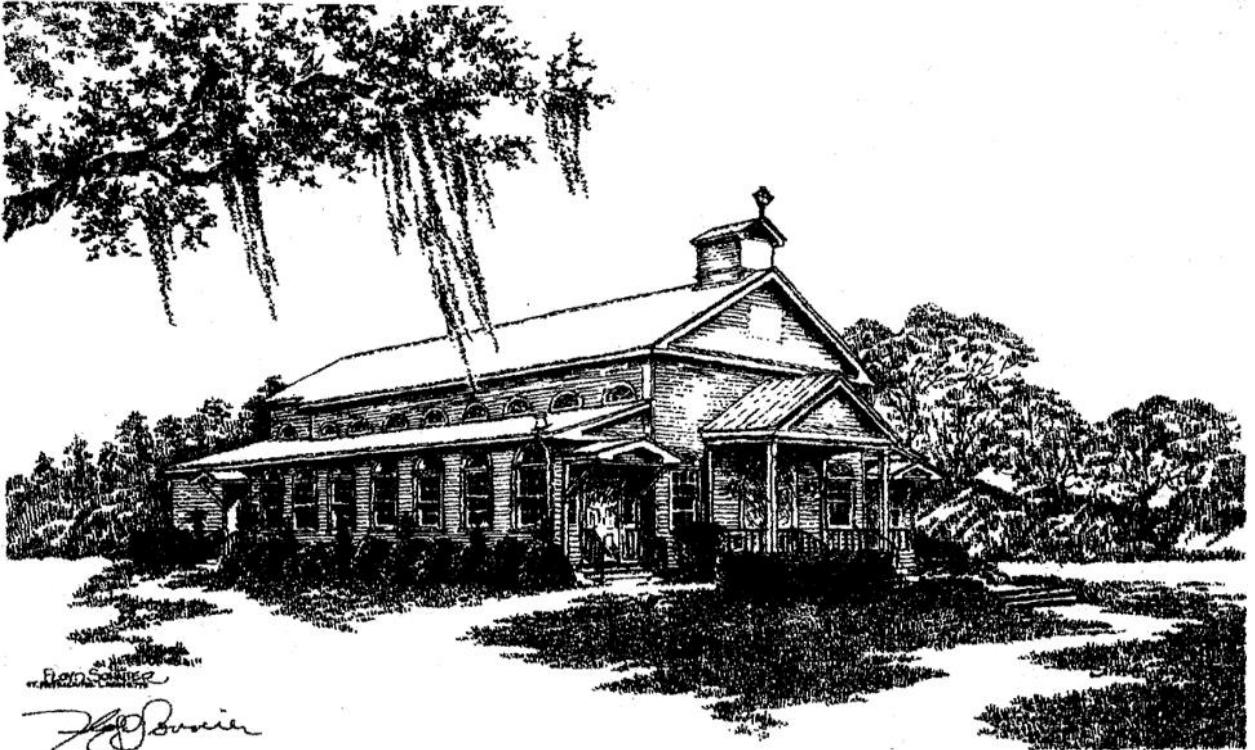


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 6, 2023 – The Transfiguration of the Lord



L'Église St. Patrick

<p><b>Office Hours</b>          Mon-Thurs:          9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.          Fri: closed</p>	<p><b>Holy Mass</b>          Saturday: 4 p.m.          Sunday: 8:30 &amp; 10 a.m.          Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Confessions</b>          Saturday: 3:20-3:50 p.m.          Weekdays: 7-7:25 a.m.</p>
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## ***August 6, 2023***

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Saturday, August 5**

**4 p.m.:** John P Zagar; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; Deacon Julian Judice; Karen Judice; Louis Delahoussaye; Joy & Lee J Guillory; Donie Balusek; Ruby Delahoussaye

#### **Sunday, August 6**

**8:30 a.m.:** Fr Rex Broussard; Conner West; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Lucille Norval

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

#### **Monday, August 7**

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

#### **Tuesday, August 8**

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

#### **Wednesday, August 9**

**7:30 a.m.:** Edna Hamilton Dugas

#### **Thursday, August 10**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ron Venable

#### **Friday, August 11**

**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.

#### **August 15, Assumption of the BVM**

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Mass at St Patrick on Tuesday, August 15 is at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to attend Mass here or at another parish.

#### **Bereavement/grief support**

Hospice of Acadiana offers a weekly support group on Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m. for those who are bereaved or have experienced the death of a loved one. Other loss/grief programs are available. Call 337-889-5369 for more information.

#### **Altar flowers**

Donated in loving memory of Dr Tommy Comeaux and Corinne.

#### **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.

#### **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](http://www.redbird.love) to register or for more information.

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*Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted. ~ Matthew 5:4*

## 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.

## Collect for the Transfiguration

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to our servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him.

### Let us pray for:

William and Stephanie Bacque, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

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.

*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).*

## From a treatise by St Ambrose, bishop (†397)

It is wonderful that God rained manna on our fathers and they were fed with daily food from heaven. And so it is written: *Man ate the bread of angels*. Yet those who ate that bread all died in the desert. But the food that you receive, that living bread which came down from heaven, supplies the very substance of eternal life, and whoever eats it will never die, for it is the body of Christ. Consider which is the more excellent: the bread of angels or the flesh of Christ, which is indeed the body that gives life. The first was manna from heaven, the second is above the heavens. One was of heaven, the other is of the Lord of the heavens; one subject to corruption if kept till the morrow, the other free from all corruption, for if anyone tastes of it with reverence he will be incapable of corruption. For our fathers, water flowed from the rock; for you, blood flows from Christ. Water satisfied their thirst for a time; blood cleanses you forever. The unbeliever drinks and still thirsts, but when you drink you will be incapable of thirst. What happened in symbol is now fulfilled in reality. If what you marvel at is a shadow, how great is the reality whose very shadow you marvel at. You now know what is more excellent: light is preferable to its shadow, reality to its symbol, the body of the Giver to the manna he gave from heaven.

**Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,410**

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.  
~Hebrews 13:16*

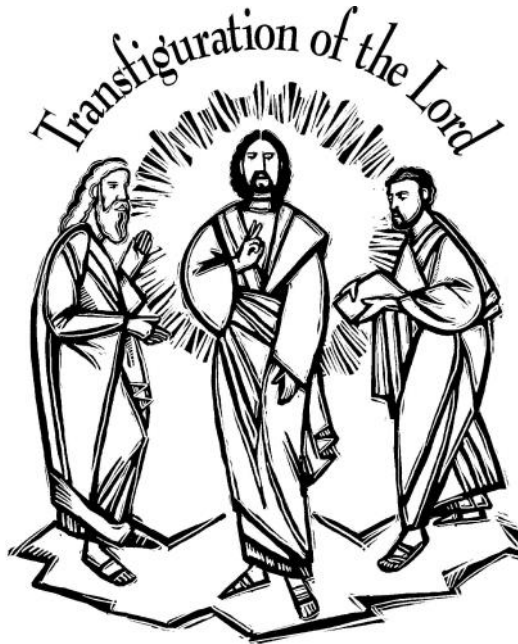
## *From the Pastor's Desk*

I'm sure everyone's noticed that work on the parish rectory has begun. The lot is marked off and the dirt work for the foundation is well underway. After a soil core sample and analysis, it was determined that some 20 inches of soil needed to be removed – it was not an ideal substrate upon which to pour a foundation. So now that the lot has been filled with a good quality soil, the contractors will soon begin working on the foundation.

You may have also noticed the seven-foot black wire mesh fence installed along our property line with Lerosen School. This is an undertaking by the Lafayette Parish School System, but one that certainly benefits us as well, as the new fence is a nice visual improvement for our property. The staff of the Lafayette Parish School System maintenance department have kindly worked with our parish for the installation of a wooden privacy fence between the new rectory and Lerosen School. We're essentially going to share a single fence, with St Patrick's paying only for the "upgraded" wooden portion. In the long term, this benefits both properties, and in the short term, it results in a significant savings to our parish.

Next Tuesday, August 15, is the solemn feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. So all

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass as if it were a Sunday. These holy day obligations are few in number in the United States, for a maximum of five: the Immaculate Conception (December 8), Christmas Day (December 25), Mary, the Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption (August 15), and All Saints' Day (November 1). And except for Christmas and the Immaculate Conception, if any holy day falls on a Saturday or a Monday, there is no obligation. That said, we should be looking at these



holy days not in terms of the obligation to attend Mass, but rather as an opportunity to gather again as a parish family, as the people of God, to give thanks to the Lord in the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

Speaking of our celebration of the holy Eucharist, I want to thank all our liturgical ministers, new and old – usher/greeters, altar servers, lectors, communion ministers – for attending the recent training sessions. It is my hope that the small adjustments we made will enhance our reverent celebration of the sacred mysteries of our faith. I thank Brenda Demette in particular, for her years of dedication to our parish in the recruiting and training of liturgical ministers. St Patrick's is truly blessed with wonderful parishioners, so eager to serve, so quick to give, so desirous of drawing closer to the Lord Jesus.

*Fr. Guillory*