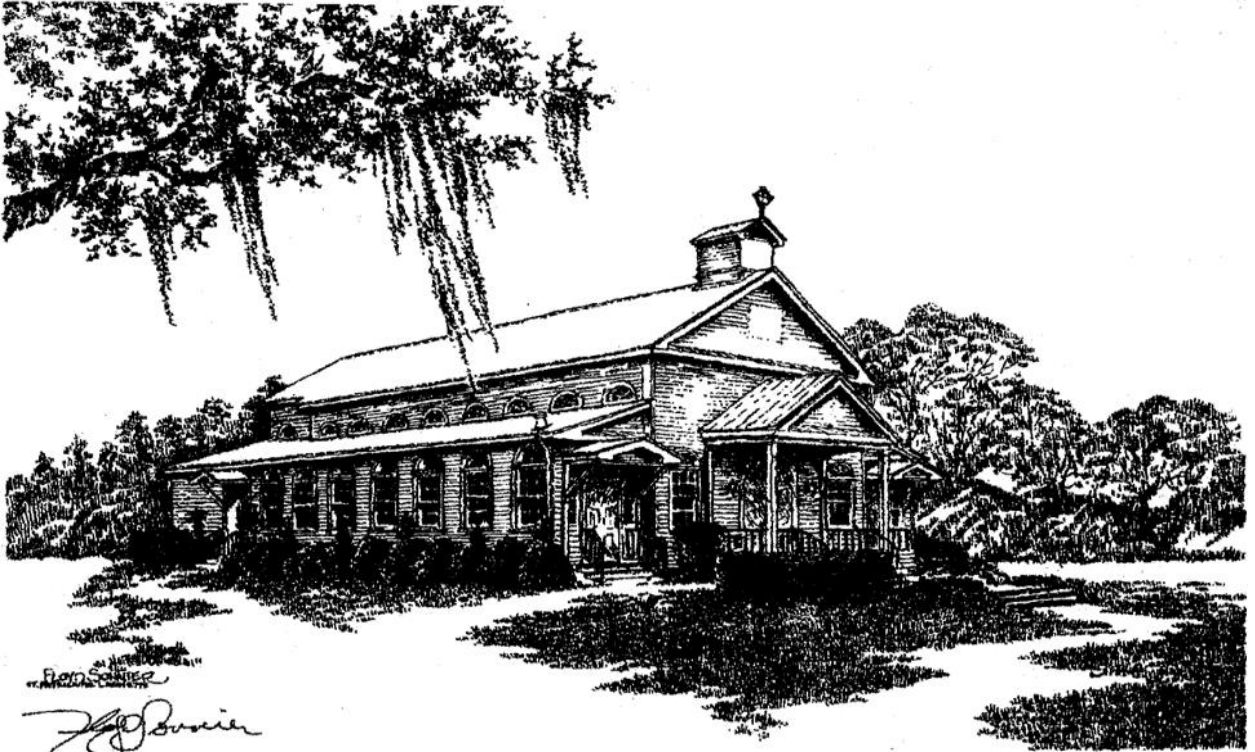


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 27, 2023 – Twenty-first 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, August 26

4 p.m.: John P Zagar; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; Ron Wallace & Romaine Venable

Sunday, August 27

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Conner West; Glenn & Dale Lavergne; Lucille Norval

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, August 28, 7:30 a.m.: Val Mayhall & Caroline Lege (living)

Tuesday, August 29

7:30 a.m.: Walker family

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

7:30 a.m.: Marliene Bellard, Ludden Bellard, Faye Beasley

Friday, September 1

7:30 a.m.: Dr Steve Breaud

New email address

St Patrick's has a new email address:
office@stpat.org.

Advocates for Immigrants in Detention

LAAID is volunteer organization helping immigrants released from detention, by providing transportation, meals, and overnight hosting as they travel to their family/sponsor. See laaid.org for more information.

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 have lost a child. See www.redbird.love to register or for more information.

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.

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.

Labor Day office closure

St Patrick's parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Maronite Mass

This Sunday, August 27, Fr Alex Harb will celebrate Mass in the Maronite liturgy at 5:30 p.m. here at St Patrick. The Maronite Mass is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at St Patrick.

Retrouvaille weekend

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

For Your Marriage

The website foryourmarriage.org was created by the US Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. It is a resource for all who share in or are preparing for the sacrament of holy matrimony, from the newly engaged to those in the later years of marriage.

Let us pray for:

George Billeaud, who is continuing treatments for brain cancer.

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

Parishioners Adelia Sparrow and Cordero Henry, who were married on August 26.

Bobbie Toups, who is being admitted to nursing home care.

Gavin and Grayson Stout, sons of parishioner Graham Stout, who were baptized on August 5.

James Robert McElligott, son of John and Lacey McElligott, who will be baptized on September 2.

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

Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II (1965)

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are sure that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, and more than satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it. We are warned that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet insofar as it can help toward the better ordering of human society, it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,931
August 15, Assumption\$383

*Next week's second collection:
St Patrick building and maintenance fund.*

From the Pastor's Desk

Work on the parish rectory has begun in earnest. A rectory is a residence for the priest or priests assigned to a particular parish or church. Our new rectory, once complete, will look very much like St Patrick's church. And this is by design, so that the church and the rectory will match in their external appearance. This has the added benefit of the rectory's matching the other houses in the neighborhood.

The drought conditions we are presently experiencing seem to be working in our favor when it comes to construction. At this point, the dirt work for the foundation has been completed, and the sewer piping has been laid and filled in. In the next days the contractors will have some steel installed, and the concrete foundation will be poured. I will keep you posted here about the developments in the rectory construction, which is scheduled to be completed by May of next year.

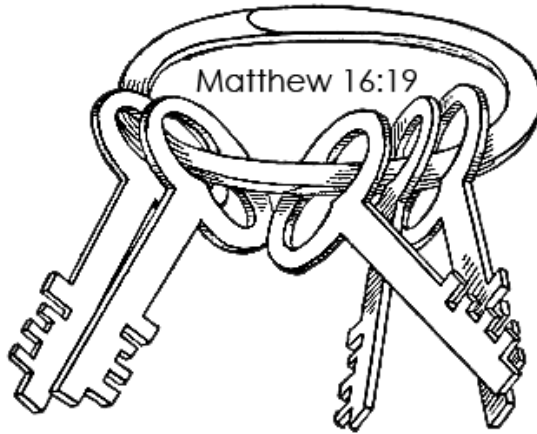
In the gospel this Sunday, the Lord promises "the keys to the kingdom of heaven" to St Peter, a symbol of his authority and of his mission. Now, if you're looking for a novel to read, one with a definite Catholic theme, then I can recommend *The Keys of the Kingdom* by A.J. Cronin. It's the fictional story of a Scottish priest, called Fr Francis

Chisholm, who becomes a missionary in China. The novel was adapted into a 1944 film starring Vincent Price and Gregory Peck, who earned his first Oscar nomination for best actor in the role of Fr Chisholm.

This book will always be dear to me because of how I came to know it. I announced my entry into the seminary to become a priest while I was teaching French at North Vermilion High School in 2001. One of my colleagues, a Frenchman who was teaching chemistry and physics, came to my classroom one day with a gift. As I unwrapped it – it was clearly a book – I read the title, *The Keys of the Kingdom*. And my colleague told me that the main character was the best priest he had ever met, and it was his hope that this novel might inspire me in how I would answer God's call to be a priest. Truthfully,

I didn't even know that my colleague was a man of faith, and so his thoughtfulness both surprised and touched me.

It's been probably twenty years since I've read *The Keys of the Kingdom*, but now that I'm writing this column, I'm thinking I might have to dig out that volume and read it again, and maybe even watch the movie. It's good to remember the "old graces" of our lives, and to be inspired by them again.



Fr. Guillory