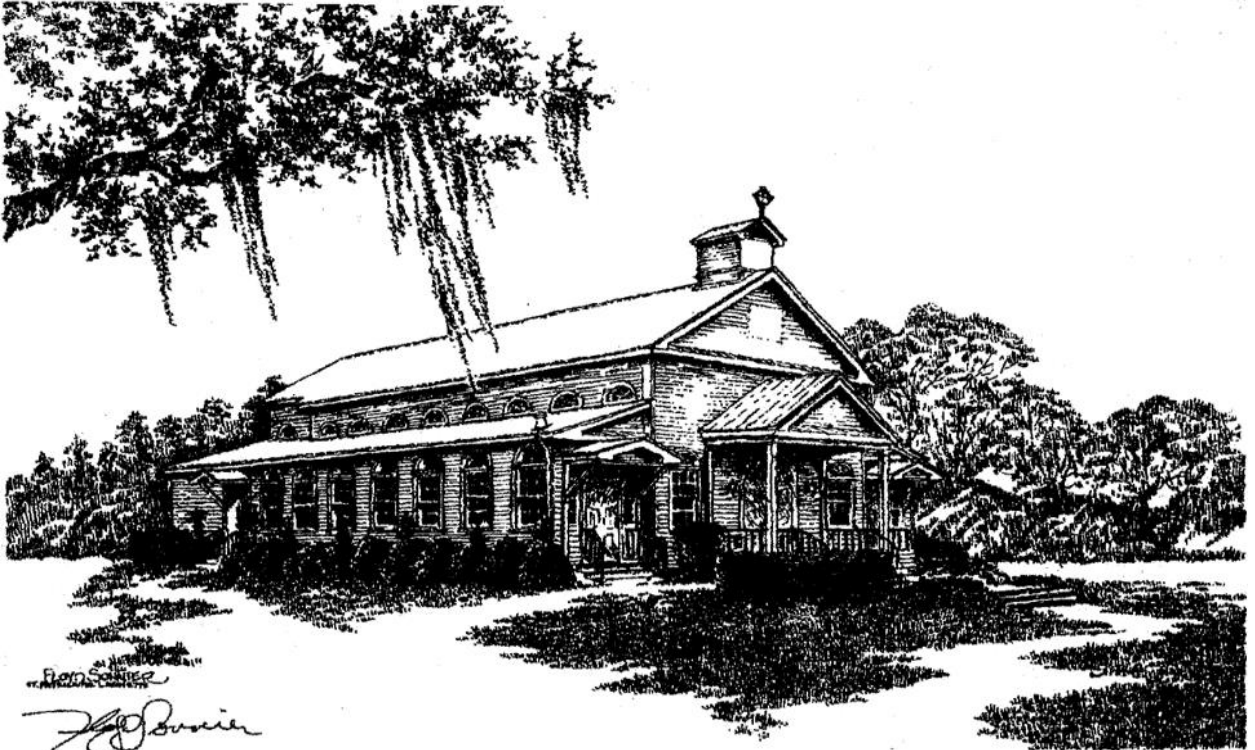


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 10, 2023 – Twenty-third 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, September 9**

**4 p.m.:** John P Zagar; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; Jack Boudreaux; Edna Hampton Dugas; George Eaton

### **Sunday, September 10**

**8:30 a.m.:** Fr Rex Broussard; Conner West; Helen Vallot; Sidney & Nina Begnaud; Chad LeBlanc; Daniel "Danny" Angelle III

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

### **Monday, September 11**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ruby Delahoussaye

### **Tuesday, September 12**

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

### **Wednesday, September 13**

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

### **Thursday, September 14**

**7:30 a.m.:** Marliene Bellard; Ludden Bellard; Gerald Beasley

### **Friday, September 15**

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

### **Parish Photo Directory**

Please sign up to sit for a portrait to receive a free 8x10 and parish photo directory. Portrait dates are October 18, 19, 20. You may sign up at church after weekend Masses or online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). To log in, use *LA120* for the church code and *photos* for the church password. After the photo session, you will have an opportunity to purchase additional photographs, but there is no obligation to buy.

### **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](http://laaid.org) 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](mailto:cirstpiusx@gmail.com) or visit the website [catholicinrecovery.com](http://catholicinrecovery.com).

### **Altar flowers**

Donated in loving memory of Chad LeBlanc.

### **Diocesan Eucharistic Rally**

To be held Thursday, October 5 at the Cajundome Convention Center from 6-9:30 p.m. The evening includes Mass celebrated by Bishop Deshotel, a dinner with a keynote address by Dr Ralph Martin, and adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Admission is free, and all are encouraged to attend.

### **Lost and Found**

Forgot something in church? Can't find those glasses, prayer books, gloves, hats, scarves, rosaries, etc.? Be sure to check the lost and found basket, located in the back of the church under the table. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim.

### **St Thomas More HS open house**

For 8th grade prospective students and parents. Wednesday, Oct 11 from 4-7 p.m. To register, go to [stmcougars.net/admissions](http://stmcougars.net/admissions).

## Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, September 11 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.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Italy, June 2024

Through Magnificat Travel, St Patrick's is sponsoring a parish pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and other places in Italy, June 17-24, 2024. If you're interested, RSVP for an orientation meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 6 p.m. at our parish hall by calling Magnificat Travels at 337-291-1933 or online at [www.holytravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly](http://www.holytravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly).

### Let us pray for:

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

Bobbie Touns, who is being admitted to hospice care.

Dickie Bell, who is suffering with pulmonary disease.

Mike and Tanya Roy, who are celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary on September 9.

Gerry McGovern, who is having back issues and asks for prayers.

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

## Collect for the Twenty-third Sunday

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

## From a letter to the Corinthians, by St Clement, pope (†99)

Dear friends, we must live lives worthy of God and in mutual harmony do what is good and acceptable in his sight. He tells us: *The Spirit of the Lord is a lantern, searching the hidden places of our inmost being.* We must remember how near he is and that no thought of ours, no conversation we hold is hidden from him. It is right, therefore, that we should not turn our backs and flee from God's will. We should rather give offense to stupid and foolish men, puffed up and taking pride in their boastful speech, than give offense to God. Your children must share in the way of discipleship in Christ. They must learn how effective humility is before God, what chaste love can accomplish with God, how good and noble is the fear of God, for it brings salvation to all who possess it and who live holy lives with a pure heart. The Father is merciful in all he does and full of generosity; he is loving to those who fear him. In goodness and gentleness he gives his graces to those who approach him with undivided hearts. We must then put away all duplicity and not be distrustful in the face of his excelling and ennobling gifts.

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$5,601
Building fund .....	\$5,123

*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

After the success of our last women's group book study, Trista Littell, Judi Dugas, and Pat Dupuis have graciously agreed to organize another one for the women of our parish. This time, it will be a 22-week program, using the book *Opening Your Heart* by Lisa Brennkemeyer, which can be purchased on Amazon or online at [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com). Contact Judi (337-247-5789) or Pat (337-207-0390) if you'd like to participate in this bible study. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26, from 8:15-9:15 a.m. in the conference room of our parish office building. All St Patrick's women are invited, whether you followed the last bible study or not.

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Although it's still ten weeks away, I thought it good to remind everyone of our parish fall social, "Friendsgiving in Christ," which is held two Sundays before Thanksgiving. This year, that falls on Sunday, November 12. As in the past, this social will be held in our parish hall after the 10 a.m. Mass. St Patrick's furnishes the main meat dishes, and all participants are encouraged to bring a covered dish – whether salad or vegetable, a casserole or dessert. Bring your favorite homemade dish to share

with other St Patricians! There is no cost or admission fee for this social event, but we will be taking up canned goods and dried goods to be donated to United Christian Outreach for distribution to the poor and needy.

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In my homily last Sunday, I began with a passage from Fr Thomas Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation*, where he wrote "A Catholic poet should be an apostle by being first of all a poet, not try to be a poet by being first of all an apostle. For if he presents himself to people as a poet, he is going to be judged as a poet and if he is not a good one his apostolate will be ridiculed."

Being "Catholic" will not make up for being a poor poet, nor will it make up for being an incompetent professional of any type. Hence Merton's admonition that we must excel at our endeavors, and by

that excellence we will then do honor to our commitments as Catholics. In this way, people will see first our determination and excellence, and then, learning that we are Catholic, they will also respect our faith commitment as something serious and worthy. This is how disciples are made, and how the skeptical and dubious are won over to Christ.

*Fr. Guillory*

