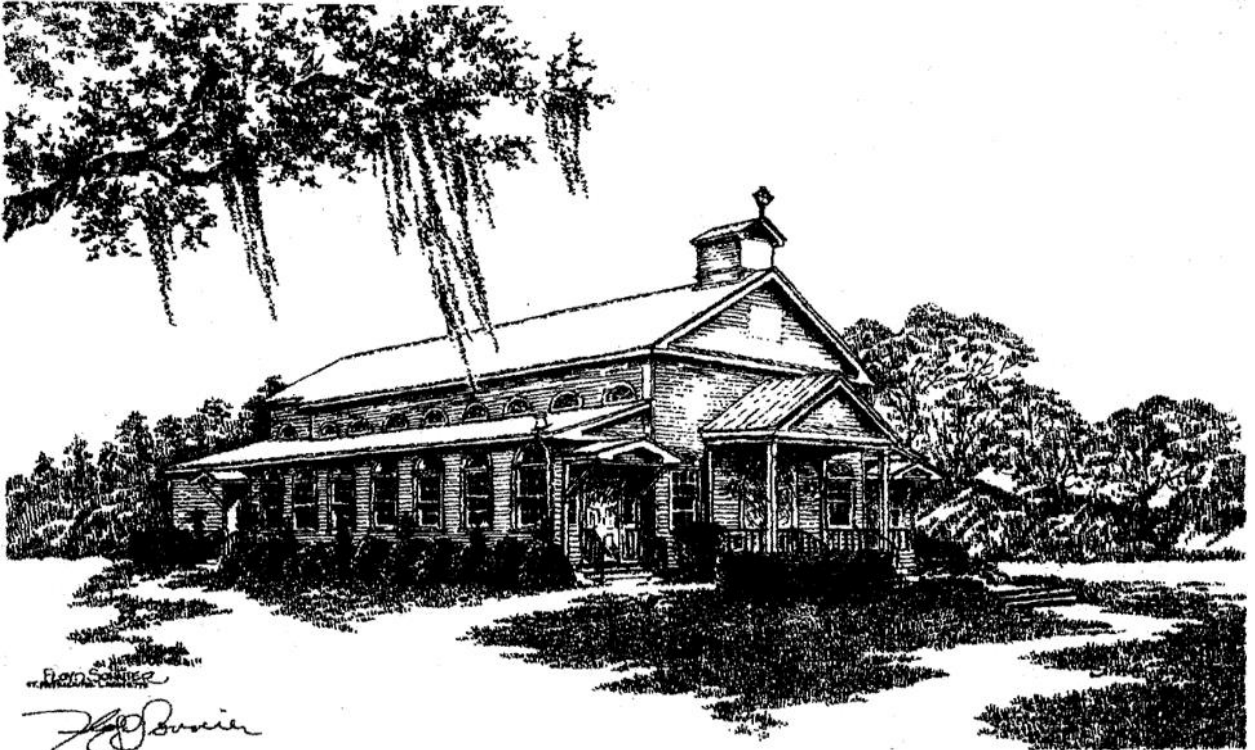


St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 17, 2023 – Twenty-fourth 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 16

4 p.m.: John P Zagar; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; George Eaton

Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, September 18

7:30 a.m.: Walker family

Tuesday, September 19

7:30 a.m.: Ruby Delahoussaye

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, September 22

7:30 a.m.: Jeanne Marie Savoy family

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day ~ Jn 6:54

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, and 21. You may sign up at church after weekend Masses or online at 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. Sign up soon, as spaces are filling up quickly.

Women's Bible Study

A 22-week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 26 (8:15-9:15 a.m.) here in the office building conference room, using the book *Opening Your Heart* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, which can be purchased online at walkingwithpurpose.com or on Amazon. Contact Judi Dugas (337-247-5789) or Pat Dupuis (337-207-0390) for any and all questions, information, and registration.

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.

Teurlings Catholic High open house

For prospective students in the 8th grade and their families. November 7, at 4 and 5:30 p.m. Contact Tiffany Parks at tparks@tchs.net or 337-235-5711 ext. 112.

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.

Concert benefitting Catholic Charities

Sunday, September 17 at Warehouse 535, Garfield St in Lafayette. 3-5 p.m. Featuring Les Frères Michot, Andy Smith, Cliff Bernard, Kristen Foreman.

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.

Maronite Mass

Next Sunday, September 24, Fr Alex Harb will celebrate Mass in the Maronite liturgy at 5:30 p.m. here at St Patrick.

Women's Day of Reflection

October 14, 2023, Borel Center, 204 North Main St, Breaux Bridge. 9 a.m. to 12 noon, with optional Mass before at 8 a.m. Registration, \$20. Contact Mia Reilly at 337-207-6422.

Let us pray for:

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

Bobbie Toups, who died, and whose funeral is scheduled for September 27 at 10 a.m. at St Patrick's.

Dickie Bell, who is suffering with pulmonary disease.

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

Trevor Navarre and Camille Broussard, who will be married at St Patrick's on September 23.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions.

Collect for the Twenty-fourth Sunday

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

From a sermon on the Beatitudes, by St Leo the Great, pope (†461)

Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savored their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *taste and see that the Lord is good*, it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. Just as concern for one's neighbor is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them*. Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God to be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours forever.

Thank you for last week's stewardship
Offerings.....\$3,910

From the Pastor's Desk

In last week's first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord admonished the prophet to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way" or else God would hold Ezekiel responsible for the guilt of the sinner. And in the Gospel, our Lord taught his disciples that if someone should sin, then the disciple had the responsibility to "go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." This is the duty of fraternal correction, which is demanded by charity (CCC 1829). Fraternal correction is given in order to help others along the path to holiness. By receiving fraternal correction in humility, we make progress in the Christian life.

Spiritual writers have written on the duty of fraternal charity for millennia, and in recent times, St Josemaría Escrivá, a Spanish priest who died in 1975, wrote powerfully on the duty to give and on the necessary dispositions to receive this act of love, fraternal charity.

Here are a few excerpts from his writings:

Furrow, 707: A friend of yours, loyally and charitably, points out to you, on your own, certain things which tend to mar your behavior. You then become convinced that he is mistaken: he doesn't understand you. If that false conviction, born of your pride, remains, you will never change. – I pity you: you lack the decision to seek holiness.



Forge, 146: Don't neglect the practice of fraternal correction, which is a clear sign of the supernatural virtue of charity. It's hard; because it's easier to be inhibited. Easier, but not supernatural! – And for such omissions you will have to render an account to God.

Forge, 147: When you have to make a fraternal correction, do it with great kindness – great charity! – in what you say and in the way you say it, for at that moment you are God's instrument.

Forge, 566: To practice fraternal correction – which is so deeply rooted in the Gospel – is a proof of supernatural trust and affection. Be thankful for it when you receive it, and don't neglect to practice it with those around you.

Forge, 567: When you correct someone – because it has to be done and you want to do your duty – you must expect to hurt others and to get hurt yourself. But you should

never let this fact be an excuse for holding back.

Forge, 641: Why don't you make up your mind to make that fraternal correction? Receiving one hurts, because it is hard to humble oneself, at least to begin with. But making a fraternal correction is always hard. Everyone knows this. Making fraternal corrections is the best way to help, after prayer and good example.

Fr. Guillory