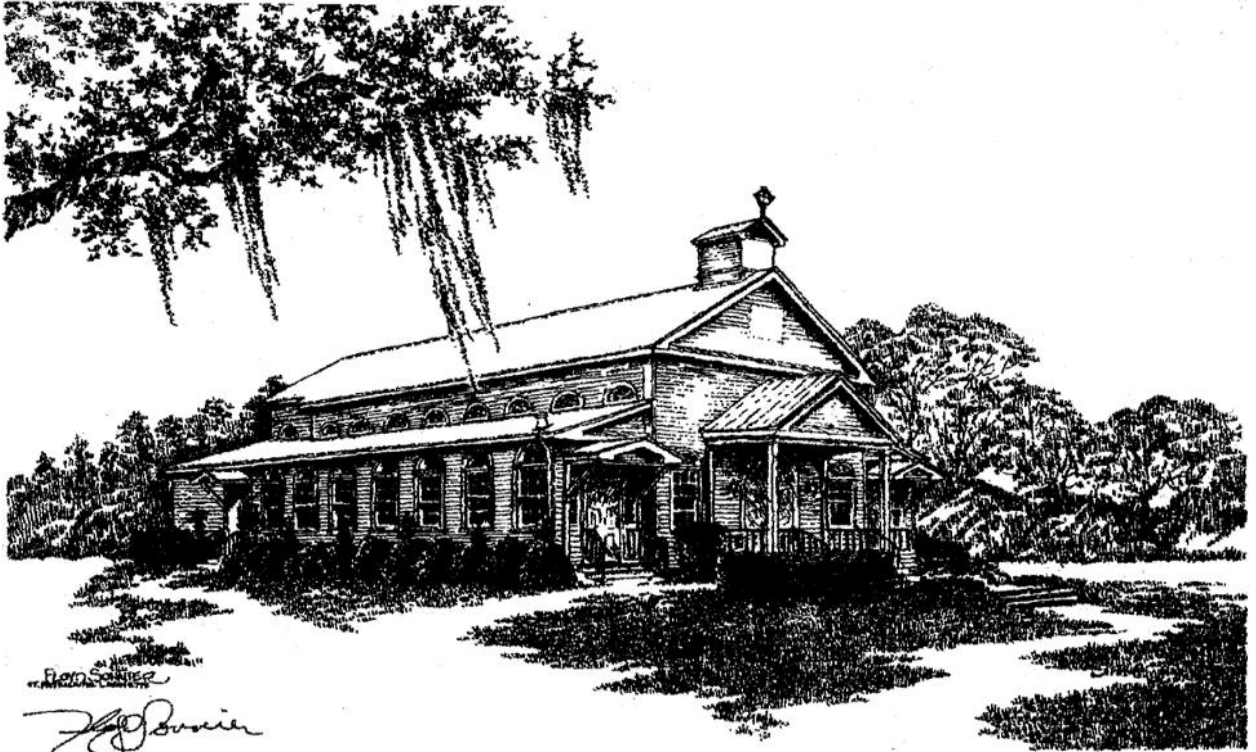


St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 24, 2023 – Twenty-fifth 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 23

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

Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Ronald Lege family; Joy Guillory; Conner West

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, September 25

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 26

7:30 a.m.: Ruby Delahoussaye

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

7:30 a.m.: Walker family

Friday, September 29

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer 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, 21, and November 9. 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.

Susan Castille Bible Study

A bible study on St Paul's hymn of love in 1 Cor 13 will be held on Thursdays, beginning October 26, at Holy Cross Church, from 9:15-11:30 a.m. To register, email susancastillebiblestudy@gmail.com or call 337-406-8606. A voluntary donation of \$10 is asked.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” will be held Monday, October 2, 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.

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 Touns, 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.

Lois Delahoussaye, who celebrated her 94th birthday on September 22.

Adelyn Rose Bordelon, daughter of Jacob and Lindsay Bordelon, who was baptized on September 16.

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-fifth Sunday

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

From a sermon On Pastors, by St Augustine, bishop (†430)

The shepherd seeks out the straying sheep, but because they have wandered away and are lost, they say that they are not ours. “Why do you want us? Why do you seek us?” they ask, as if their straying and being lost were not the very reason for our wanting them and seeking them out. “If I am straying,” they say, “if I am lost, why do you want me?” You are straying, that is why I wish to call you back. You have been lost; I wish to find you. “But I want to stray,” he says: “I want to be lost.” So you wish to stray and be lost? How much better that I do not also want this. Certainly, I dare say, I am unwelcome. But I listen to the Apostle who says: *Preach the word; insist upon it, welcome and unwelcome.* However unwelcome, I dare to say: “You wish to stray, you wish to be lost; but I do not want this.” For the one whom I fear does not wish this. And should I wish it, consider his words of reproach: *The straying sheep you have not recalled; the lost sheep you have not sought.* Shall I fear you rather than him? *Remember, we must all present ourselves before the judgement seat of Christ.*

Thank you for last week’s stewardship Offerings.....\$6,282

Next week’s second collection is for St Patrick’s building and maintenance fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

Construction of the new rectory for St Patrick's is well underway. Over the past few weeks we've seen dirt work for the foundation being built up, as well as pipes for sewage installed. Most recently, steel rebar and meshing have been installed for the pouring of the concrete foundation, which took place on Thursday of this past week. If everything stays on track and weather permits, the final concrete work will be done on Monday. After which time, we will see crews working to frame up the house, likely beginning on Thursday.

Our parish projects so far have been a resounding success, as much needed attention has been given to St Patrick's physical plant. I'm sure you've heard it yourself – people have commented approvingly on how nice our church exterior and newly renovated office building look. I am proud of the work we've done so far and very grateful for the encouragement and generous financial support of you, our parishioners.

As I've mentioned before, I plan to start looking at our parish hall and parking lot next, as these need much attention as well. Naturally, I will keep you posted on that as it develops.

But I am also very proud of how we, as a parish and as individual parishioners, are focused not just on ourselves and the betterment of our premises. Though this necessary work is taking up much of our efforts and energies, St Patricians of all stripes have not failed to go out into the community and into the world to work in the Lord's vineyards, to bring in his harvest, a harvest of righteousness and

holiness, a harvest of mercy and of lovingkindness. So many of you volunteer to help the poor at Catholic Charities or United Christian Outreach; you are involved in pro-life activities, in the support of missionary work, in welcoming the stranger, and so forth. The Lord, who will not be outdone in generosity, will not fail to reward handsomely those whom he summons to work in his vineyard.

Fr. Guillory

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.

Blue Mass, October 2

On Monday, October 2, the annual "Blue Mass" will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, to express gratitude and to pray for all first responders: law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. All first responders are invited to attend, along with friends and families.

White Mass, October 17

On Tuesday, October 17, Bishop Deshotel will preside at the annual "White Coat Mass," held at 6 p.m. at St Pius X Church. All health care professionals are invited to attend, along with family and friends. A reception follows, sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Health.