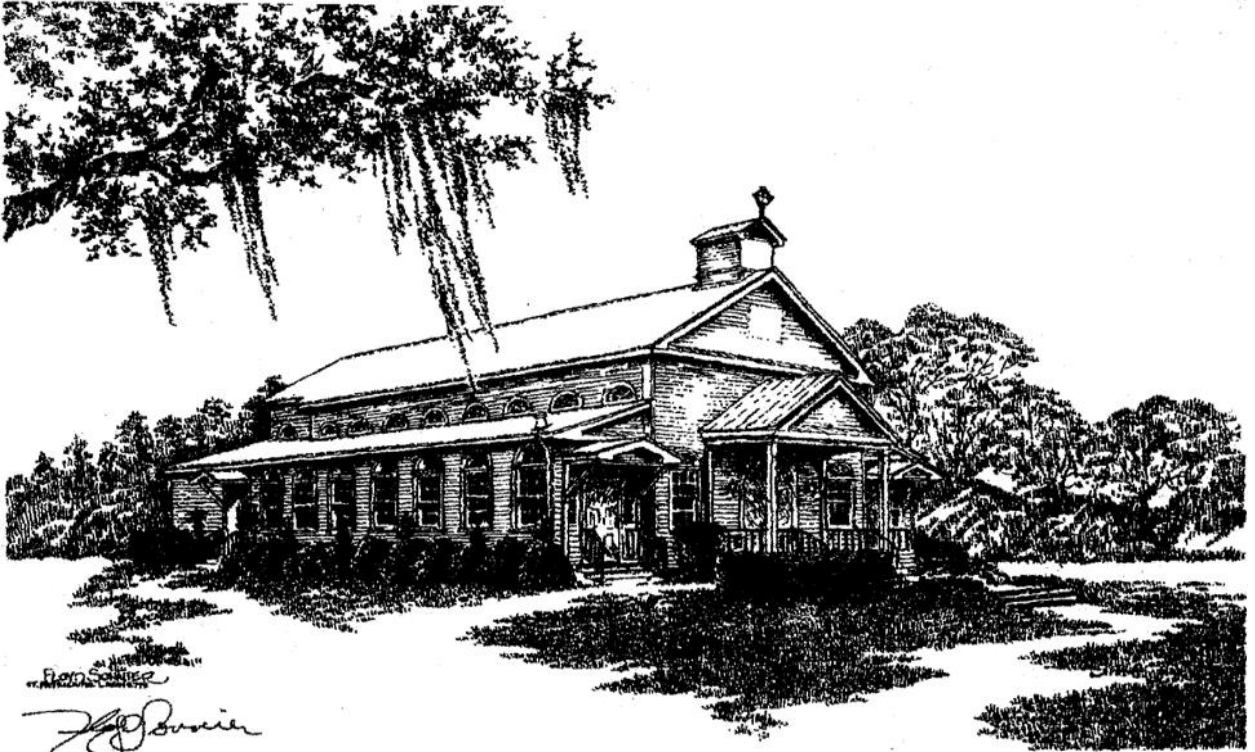


St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 22, 2023 – Twenty-ninth 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, October 21

4 p.m.: John P Zagar; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; Jack Boudreaux; Kevin Vincent; Robert "Bob" LeJeune

Sunday, October 22

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Conner West

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, October 23

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 24

7:30 a.m.: Ruby Delahoussaye

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

7:30 a.m.: *Via Nova* Fellows

Friday, October 27

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker family

*I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.
~ Psalm 23:6*

Friendsgiving in Christ: fall social

Sunday, November 12 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please sign up for our annual fall social, held in the parish hall. There is no cost to attend. Every household is encouraged to bring a homemade dish to share – whether salad or vegetable, a casserole or a dessert. Canned and dried goods will be collected for distribution to those in need.

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.

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.

Come to the Well grief retreat

A day of hope, prayer, and reflection for those suffering the death of a loved one. November 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Immaculata Center. The \$35 registration fee covers lunch. To register, you may go online to tinyurl.com/mt2wz3fk or call the Diocese's Office of Pro-life Apostolate at 337-261-5598.

Retreat for grieving fathers

Held December 1-3 at the Theriot House in Theriot, La. For men who have experienced the death of a child. Register by November 15 at redbird.love/dadsretreat.

Remember Me

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia and Alzheimer's. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Please call 337-235-1483 or send an email to setonrememberme@gmail.com for more information.

Maronite Mass

Next Sunday, October 29, Fr Alex Harb will celebrate Mass in the Maronite liturgy at 5:30 p.m. here at St Patrick.

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.

Let us pray for:

Brett Walker, husband of parish secretary Anna Walker, who is being treated for cancer.

Doug Nicko, who asks for prayers as he heals from spinal procedures.

Dickie Bell, who is suffering with pulmonary disease.

Jacob Guillory and Chelsea Poret, who were married at St Patrick's on October 21.

Oscar Phillips, brother of parishioner Ken Phillips, for his heart health concerns.

Edward Thomas, brother-in-law of parishioner Geneva Phillips, who has died.

Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, who has successfully completed cancer treatments.

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

**Pray for one another,
that you may be healed.
~James 5:16**

Collect for the Twenty-ninth Sunday

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

From a letter to Proba, by St Augustine, bishop (†430)

In our fear of not praying as we should, why do we turn to so many things to find what we should pray for? Why not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple.* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end. So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it. Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realize that our Lord and God wants us to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

Thank you for last week's stewardship
Offerings.....\$4,589

From the Pastor's Desk

There are only five weeks left in the church liturgical calendar for Ordinary Time, which is another way of saying that Advent is right around the corner, beginning on Sunday, December 3. In these last five weeks of Ordinary Time, our second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

First Thessalonians is thought by most scripture scholars to be St Paul's earliest letter, written around the year AD 52. The Thessalonians are the inhabitants of the Greek city, Thessalonika, which is found in north central Greece. Thessalonika still exists today and is Greece's second largest city.

In the passages that we will read from this letter, St Paul writes about his ministry and mission among the Thessalonians, to whom he preached the Gospel, winning many converts. He encourages them in their concerns about the last days, the second coming of Christ, and what will happen when they die.

In the closing lines of this letter (5:16-22), St Paul offers a series of short admonitions to the Thessalonians of two thousand years ago, words that we would do well to heed even today: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil." The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
(1 Thess 5:28).

Fr Guillory

Mass of Remembrance

November 18, 10 a.m. Cathedral of St John the Evangelist. To remember loved ones lost to suicide. See diolaf.org/suicide-survivors or call 337-261-5653 to place the name of a loved one who died by suicide in the Mass program. Bring a small framed picture of your loved one to be displayed during the Mass, if you like.

Advocates for Immigrants in Detention

LAAID is a 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.

Come and See

For men ages 16+ who may be considering or discerning the priesthood. Held November 3-5 at St Joseph's Seminary College in Covington. For more information, see lafayettevocations.com/retreats. Free registration. Meals and lodging provided.

African American Catholic Youth Congress

Held Saturday, November 18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St Thomas More High School. Sponsored by the Diocese of Lafayette. Call 337-261-5694 or email obcm@diolaf.org for more information and registration.

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, please call Magnificat Travels at 337-291-1933 or visit their website at www.holytravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly.