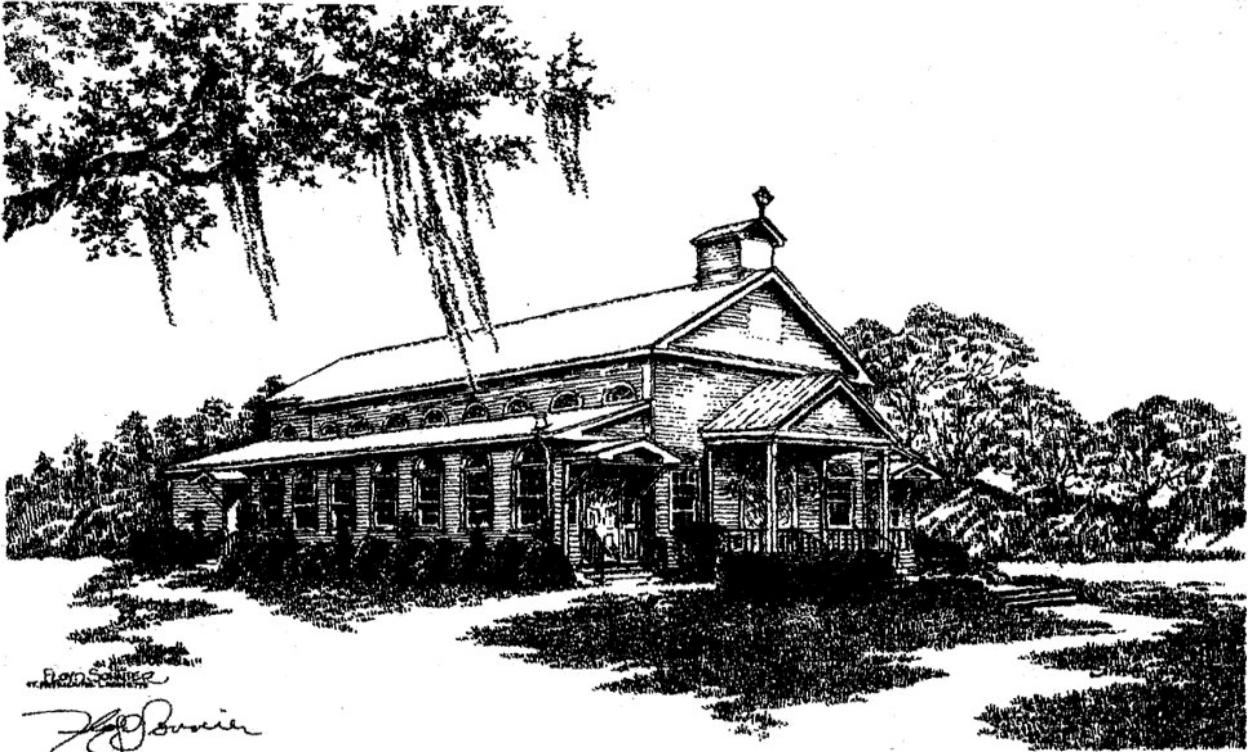


St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 19, 2023 – Thirty-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, November 18

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

Sunday, November 19

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Robert "Bob" LeJeune

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, November 20

7:30 a.m.: Louise Gouaux & Marguerite Scarpero Sahuc

Tuesday, November 21

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23

7:30 a.m.: Ronald Lege family

Friday, November 24

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Child Smile Project

Put a holiday smile on the face of a child in need. Visit diolaf.org/smile or call 337-261-5545 for more information on how and what to donate. Sponsored by the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace.

Retrouvaille weekend

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

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.

Comunità Cenacolo

A Catholic community for addiction recovery. Visit hopereborn.org.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 23 is Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's at 7:30 a.m., with music and song, as we give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of an abundant harvest and for gift of the American nation.

Fight the New Drug

Fight the New Drug (FTND) is a non-religious, education-focused organization that seeks to give visibility to the harm of pornography. Visit fightthenewdrug.org for articles, videos, podcasts, and more.

Integrity Restored

Integrity Restored is a Catholic organization that offers education and resources to combat pornography use. Visit them at integrityrestored.com.

*I will not set before my eyes
whatever is base.
~ Psalm 101:3*

Maronite Mass

On Sunday, November 26, Fr Alex Harb will celebrate Mass in the Maronite liturgy at 5:30 p.m. here at St Patrick.

Bereavement/grief support

Hospice of Acadiana offers a weekly support group for those who are bereaved or have experienced the death of a loved one. Call 337-232-1234 for more information.

Remember Me

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

Let us pray for:

Anna Walker, our parish secretary, whose husband Brett died on October 28, after a long illness with cancer.

Suzanne Lavergne, who fell and broke her hip and is now recovering.

Robin Roy, who celebrated her 78th birthday on November 18.

Joyce Stelly, who celebrates her 93rd birthday on November 20.

Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, whose latest scans show that she is cancer-free.

Doug Nicko, for his health concerns.

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

Email us at office@stpat.org.

Collect for the Thirty-third Sunday

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

From a sermon by St Gregory Nazianzen, bishop (†390)

What is man that you are mindful of him? (Ps 8:4). What is this new mystery surrounding me? I am both small and great, both lowly and exalted, mortal and immortal, earthly and heavenly. I am to be buried with Christ and to rise again with him, to become a coheir with him, a son of God, and indeed God himself. This is what the great mystery means for us; this is why God became man and became poor for our sake: it was to raise up our flesh, to recover the divine image, to re-create mankind, so that all of us might become one in Christ who perfectly became in us everything that he is himself. If only we could be what we hope to be, by the great kindness of our generous God! He asks so little and gives so much, in this life and in the next, to those who love him sincerely. In a spirit of hope and out of love for him, let us then bear and endure all things and give thanks for everything that befalls us. And meanwhile let us commend to God our own souls and the souls of those who, being more ready for it, have reached the place of rest before us although they walked the same road as we do.

Thank you for last week's stewardship
Offerings.....\$4,837

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

Last Sunday, our parish celebrated our fall social – Friendsgiving in Christ – with our biggest turnout yet, 135 St Patricians. The food was abundant and delicious; the fellowship was outstanding; faith was on display as boxes and bags of goods were collected to be distributed to those in need through United Christian Outreach.

So many St Patricians volunteered to organize this event, to set up for it, to clean up afterward. I am truly grateful for all of you. I won't mention all your names here, as the risk of missing someone is too great! But you, our parishioners, never fail to step up when needed.

The same can be said for our efforts at creating a parish photo directory. The photography sessions are now concluded, and we're moving into the design phase of the photo directory. Again, this entire work was carried out by parish volunteers – those who organized the sessions, those who staffed the sessions, those who made phone calls and scheduled and did all sorts of behind-the-scenes acts of service. For all of you, I am truly thankful. If you haven't yet managed to get your photo taken, there may still be time. Please contact the parish office right away, and we'll see what accommodations can be made.

Each year in May and October, all parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette take attendance at weekend Masses. This gives us a fairly reliable idea of the number of people attending Mass at each parish in the Diocese.

I thought I'd share with you the Mass counts for the past five years here at St Patrick (which is as long as I've been here as your pastor).

	<u>May</u>	<u>October</u>
2019	387	338
2020	—	205
2021	255	251
2022	311	245
2023	328	338

A little context in reviewing these numbers. You'll remember that 2020 and 2021 were covid years. That certainly accounts for the drastic drop in Mass attendance. Then in October 2022, we were celebrating Mass in the parish hall due to the HVAC replacement project in church. Now in 2023, it seems that our parish is again approaching its typical Sunday Mass attendance.

What about daily Mass, some of you might be wondering. Daily Mass at St Patrick's brings in from 50 to 70 people. During Advent and Lent, that number usually surges to 70 to 90 people. Obviously there is no obligation to attend Mass during the week. But those who do find it to be a powerful way to connect to the Lord through scripture and sacrament. It's something each Catholic should prayerfully consider and try to find time, even just once a week, to attend Mass during the week.

Fr Guillory

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy, June 2024

Rome, Assisi, and other places in Italy, June 17- 24, 2024. If you're interested, call Magnificat Travels at 337-291-1933 or visit their website at holytravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly.