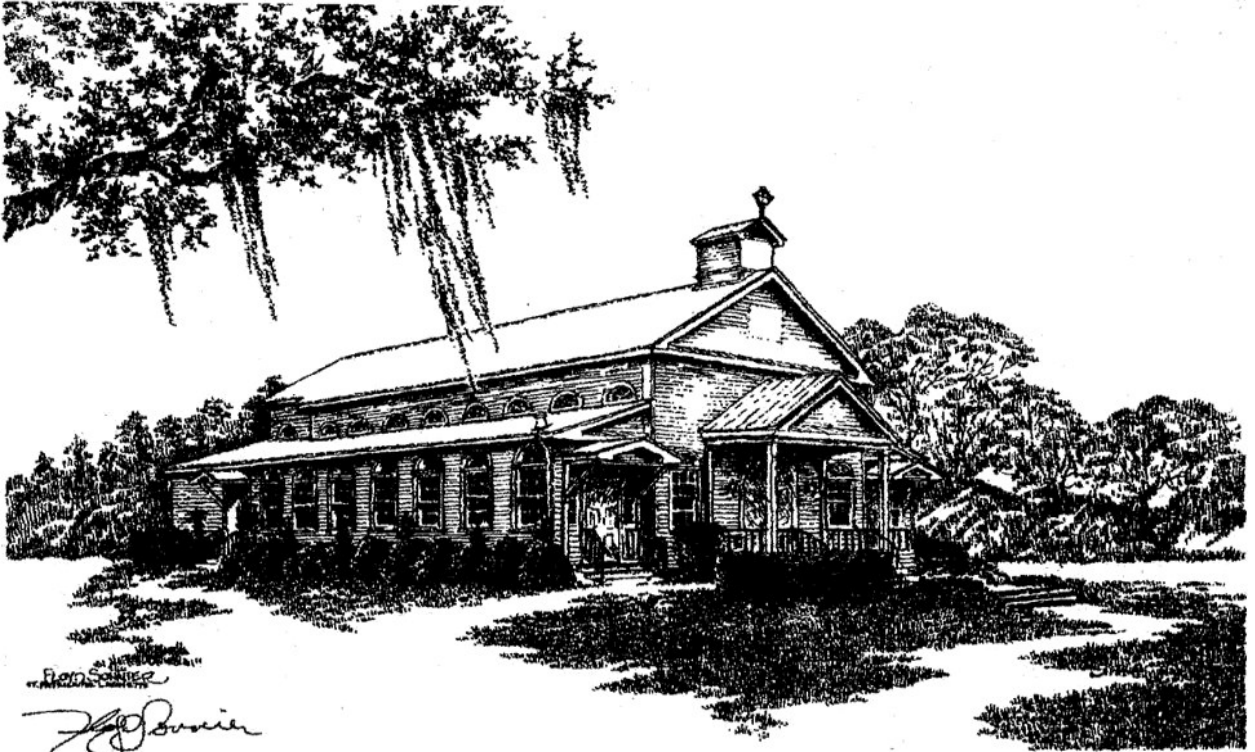


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent



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, December 2

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr and Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; John P Zagar; Deacon Julian Judice; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune; Kreamer family; Joy & Lee J Guillory

Sunday, December 3

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Ron Dartez

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, December 4

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 a.m.: Marlene Comeaux; Marliene Bellard; Valarie Hernandez

Thursday, December 7

7:30 a.m.:

Friday, December 8

7:30 a.m.: For Parishioners

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.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's parish hall. Open to anyone wishing to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Patrick's parish hall at 6:45 a.m., Monday through Friday (open), and at 8 a.m. on Saturday (closed).

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.

Immaculate Conception, December 8

December 8 is a holy day of obligation, a day when Catholics are required to attend Mass. Mass at St Patrick's will be held at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to attend Mass here or at another parish.

Healing Hearts Counseling Center

A Catholic support group for *women* whose relationships have been negatively effected by pornography addiction or the sexual addiction of a spouse or loved one. Meetings are held weekly, from 12-1:30pm, or in the evenings by appointment. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Contact 337-404-6113 for more information.

Festival de la Vie

A public pro-life celebration. Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parc International. For more information, to register or to volunteer, go to diolaf.org/prolifefestival.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” will be held Monday, December 4, 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.

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.

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 holyltravels.org/FrGuilloryItaly.

Altar flowers

Are donated in memory of Dr Tommy Comeaux and Dorinne.

Let us pray for:

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

Ed Roy, who has was hospitalized, and is now at home recovering.

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 first Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

From a homily written in the second century

My brothers and sisters, I appeal to you to repent with your whole heart and so to save yourselves and find life. If we do this, we shall set an example for all young people, for whom the glory and goodness of God is a challenge to be generous in his service. When we are given a warning and corrected for doing something wrong, we should not be so foolish as to take offense and be angry. There are times when we are unconscious of the sins we commit because our hearts are fickle, lacking in faith. Futile desires becloud our minds. We need to pull ourselves up, therefore, because our very salvation is at stake. Those who keep God’s commandments will have reason to rejoice. For a short time in this world they may have to suffer, but they will rise again, and their reward will endure forever. No one who holds God in reverence should grieve over the hardships of this present time, for a time of blessedness awaits. Such a one will live again in heaven in the company of all those who have gone before him; for all eternity he will rejoice, never to know sorrow again.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....\$3,612
Thanksgiving Day (for UCO).....\$1,277

*Next week’s second collection:
Retirement fund for Religious*

From the Pastor's Desk

Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, Advent will be particularly short: December 24 is both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. This complicates how we must understand our obligation to attend Mass both on Sundays and on Christmas, which is a holy day of obligation. The long and short of it is: since there are two days of obligation, there is an obligation to attend Mass twice. So here's a simple way to think about it: attend one Mass that counts for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one Mass that counts for Christmas. Do this, and you'll have met your obligation. So at one Mass you should see the priest wearing violet vestments, and at the other white vestments.

Anyway, it would be a pity to think of Christmas only in terms of an *obligation* to attend Mass. It is an *opportunity* to gather in the name of the Lord as we contemplate the wonder of his birth in a celebration of the mystery of his holy Body and Blood.

Earlier in the year, I made an appeal for adults who had not been confirmed to sign up for a catechetical refresher course and then to receive the sacrament of confirmation. In November, we had two such catechetical refreshers for five people who were able to attend the courses. A special thanks to our parishioners Gabriel Connor and Jennifer Sibille who prepared well and delivered excellent and informative classes to our confirmation candidates.

I am pleased to announce that the five candidates will be confirmed at one of our Masses held next weekend, December 9/10. During Mass, the sacrament of confirmation is administered after the homily has been delivered. I have requested and received from Bishop Deshotel the necessary faculties to confirm our candidates at St Patrick. Please

keep our five candidates in your prayers: Alicia Ellis, Oscar Malveaux, Jeannie LeBlanc, Kolton LeBlanc, and Erin Guilbeau.



St Patrick Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24
4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1
9 a.m.

In Guillory