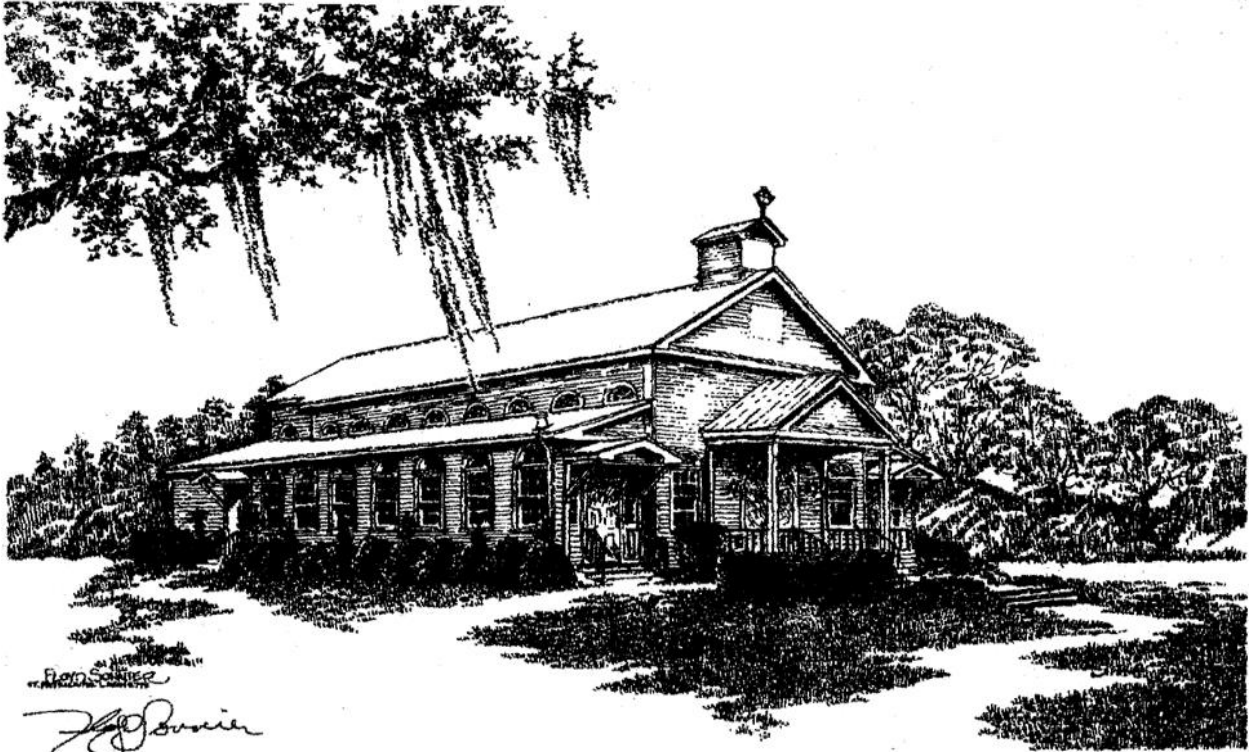


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 10, 2023 – Second 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 9

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

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Helen Vallot; Sidney Begnaud & Nina Bourdier

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, December 11

7:30 a.m.: Nicholas & Amanda Clay

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

Friday, December 15

7:30 a.m.:

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.

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.

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing ministry offering understanding, forgiveness, healing, and wholeness through the grief and pain of abortion. Private sessions with trained facilitators. Call 337-261-5598. Offered at no charge through the Bishop's Services Appeal.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St John the Evangelist Cathedral. Bishop Deshotel will preside over a procession followed by a bilingual celebration of Mass. All are invited to attend.

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.

Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass

To be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2 p.m. at St Anne Church in Youngsville. For couples celebrating 2, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Bishop Deshotel will be the celebrant. Deadline to register is January 26. To register, go online to tinyurl.com/annMass

Let us pray for:

Alicia Ellis, Erin Guilbeau, Oscar Malveaux, Jeannie LeBlanc, and Kolton LeBlanc, who are being confirmed at St Patrick's this weekend.

Fr Floyd Calais, who died on December 6 at 97 years old. He was a priest for 73 years.

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

Ed Roy, who 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 second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance into his company.

From *Lumen gentium*, a document of the Second Vatican Council (1965)

The Church will reach her perfection only in the glory of heaven, when the time comes for the renewal of all things, and the whole world, which is intimately bound up with mankind and reaches its perfection through him, will, along with the human race, be perfectly restored in Christ. The promised renewal that we look for has already begun in Christ. It is continued in the mission of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit it goes on developing in the Church: there we are taught by faith about the meaning also of our life on earth as we bring to fulfilment – with hope in the blessings that are to come – the work that has been entrusted to us in the world by the Father, and so work out our salvation. The end of the ages is already with us. The renewal of the world has been established and cannot be revoked. In our era it is in a true sense anticipated: the Church on earth is already sealed by genuine, if imperfect, holiness. Yet, until a new heaven and a new earth are built as the dwelling place of righteousness, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions belonging to this world of time, bears the likeness of this passing world. She lives in the midst of a creation still groaning and in travail as it waits for the children of God to be revealed in glory.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,872
Building and maintenance.....\$6,651

From the Pastor's Desk

"The Light is on for You"

In the days of winter, now upon us, when the light retreats early and leaves the world covered in darkness, the lights of our Catholic churches in the Diocese of Lafayette beckon us to come inside, to enter the house of the Lord, where we can know his mercy and love and be granted his salvation.

The annual event called "The Light is on for You" is held each Wednesday evening during the season of Advent, when priests are in all our parishes church from 6:30 to 8 p.m. so that the people of God can approach the holy sacrament of reconciliation, by naming their sins with sorrow and expressing their desire for conversion.



This is an extension of the Church's mission of mercy and her commission to preach and proclaim repentance. The Church does this because this is what Christ himself did. His message was repentance and conversion. His mission was mercy.

I want to encourage each of you reading this to avail yourselves of the sacrament of confession during Advent as a spiritual preparation for the great joy of the birth of the Savior that we celebrate on Christmas Day. For some, going to confession in a different church, with a priest unknown to them, is a comfort, one that removes whatever reluctance we might have to approach the sacrament of divine mercy.

As in years past, I will be at St Pius Church on Wednesday evenings to hear confessions there, where the light is on for all who seek mercy and reconciliation with God.

Fr Guillory

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.