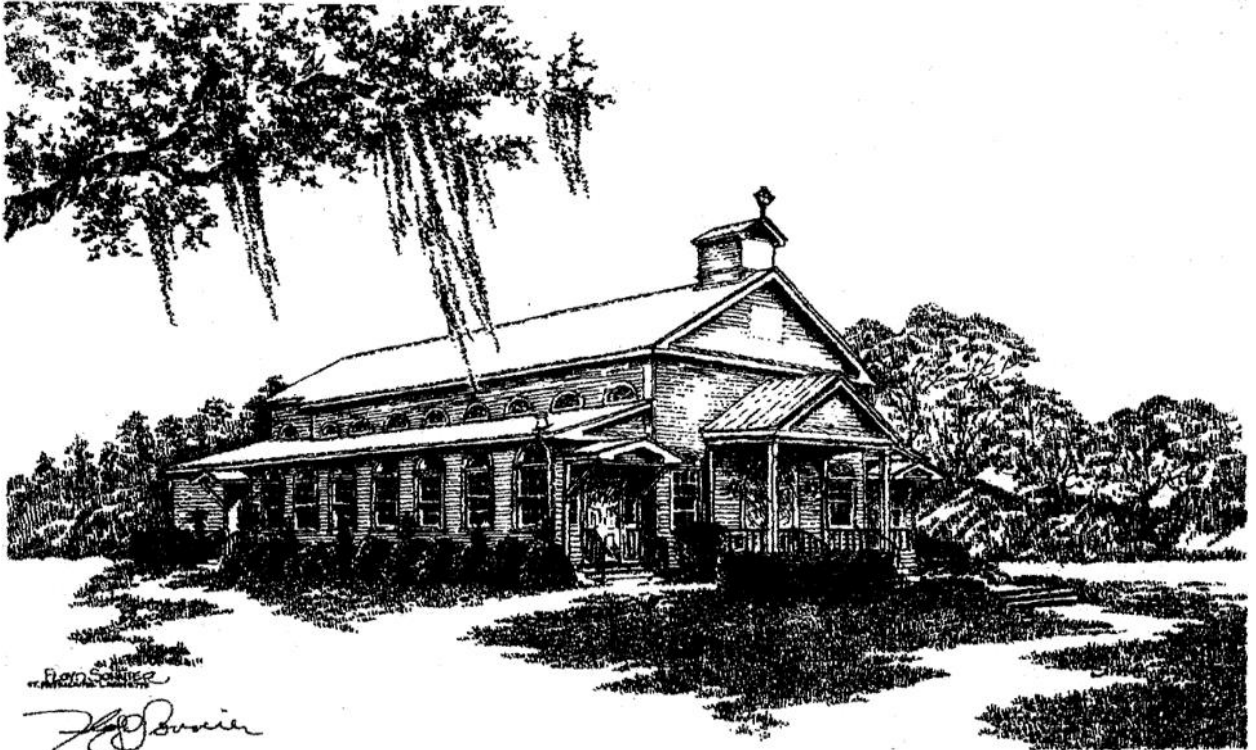


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 17, 2023 – Third 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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Third Sunday of Advent — Gaudete Sunday ***December 17, 2023***

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 16

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr and Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; John P Zagar; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune; Glenn Stutes; Ricky Prejean; Carrol Credeur

Sunday, December 17

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

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, December 18

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

7:30 a.m.: Van Mayhall *living*

Friday, December 22

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 17 from 3-4 p.m. at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.

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.

Three Days of Miracles

A series of exhibits and presentations on Eucharistic miracles, the sacred cloths of the Passion, and the afterlife. **January 4, 5, and 6** at the St Edward Parish Hall in Richard, La. For more information, go to stedwardstthomas.com or call 337-684-5991. Event is free and open to all.

Priests vs Seminarians basketball game

Tuesday, December 26, 6:30 p.m. at St Thomas More HS gym. Come out to support vocations. Adults \$5, kids \$2. Visit lafayettevocations.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.

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.

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 25, 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:

Mickie Sibley, our parish organist, who celebrated her 82nd birthday on December 11.

Janell Venable, who celebrated her 80th birthday on December 13.

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

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

Shelby Graciana, daughter of parishioners Joey and Melinda Dufrene, who is still in recovery from cancer treatments.

Suzanne Lavergne, Ed Roy, and Doug Nicko, for their health concerns.

Brooks Citron, who was diagnosed with bone cancer.

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

Email us at office@stpat.org.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

From the *Proslogion* by St Anselm, bishop (†1109)

Insignificant one, escape from your everyday busyness for a short while, hide for a moment from your restless thoughts. Break off from your cares and troubles and be less concerned about your tasks and labors. Make a little time for God and rest a while in him. Enter into your mind's inner chamber. Shut out everything but God and whatever helps you to seek him; and when you have shut the door, look for him. Speak now to God and say with your whole heart: *I seek your face; your face, Lord, I desire.* Lord, my God, teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you. I have never seen you, Lord, my God; I do not know your face. You have made me and remade me, and you have given me all the good things I possess and still I do not know you. I was made in order to see you, and I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you, and when I seek you show yourself to me, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, nor can I find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in desiring you and desire you in seeking you, find you in loving you.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$7,841*
Retirement for religious.....\$871

**Includes the collection taken for the Immaculate Conception on December 8.*

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday, the third of Advent, is traditionally called "Gaudete" Sunday, from the entrance antiphon to the Mass, which bids the Church to "rejoice" because the Lord is near. And indeed his coming at Christmas is near, just over a week away. Our Advent readiness is coming to its fulfillment, and already we begin to rejoice in anticipation of the Savior's birth.

I thought I would give you a brief update on the rectory construction. In a word, it is going well. The contractors think that the exterior of the rectory will be substantially complete by the end of the year. Some of you may have noticed that the siding went up, came down, and then went up again. This was in order to correct a small problem with the installation of the windows that was detected upon inspection.



It's a good sign that our architect and construction team are attentive to such details and can address them now.

It seems like our parish was very pleased at the celebration of confirmations last Sunday, and indeed, it was a wonderful event. According to our parish records, it had been ten years since confirmations were celebrated at St Patrick's. I am grateful to those who were confirmed, for their dedication and growth in their faith. It was a privilege for me, duly delegated by Bishop Deshotel, to be able to confer upon them the seal of the Holy Spirit.

It has become our custom over the past few years to sing a Marian hymn at the end of Mass. The one we're singing for Advent, "Stainless the Maiden" is a traditional Polish hymn to Mary that evokes all the right Advent imagery: waiting, Bethlehem, light, comfort, promise, hope.

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.