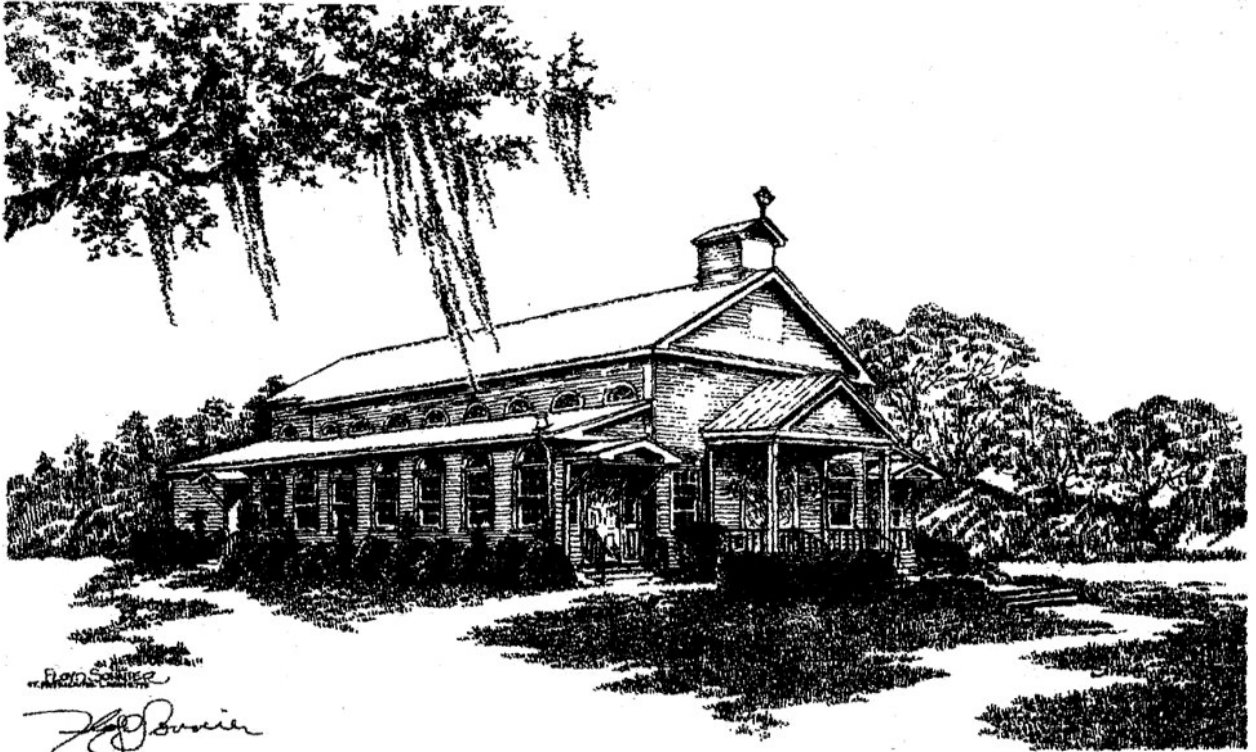


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 24, 2023 – Fourth 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 23

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dr & Mrs Walter Comeaux, Jr; John P Zagar; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Ken & Geneva Phillips family; Chris Gambel

Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Christmas Eve

4 p.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Clara Bell & EF Marin; Jackie Como; Claire Sawyer; Carmen Cheramie; Jack Boudreaux & Ronnie Savoie

6 p.m.: Kreamer family; LaFleur family; Brett Walker

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.: Ronald Lege family; Deborah Matthews; Ashton Petitjean family; Cecelia & Junius Ledet; Arthur & Julia Phillips; Leanna & Dovic Babineaux; Willis & Viola Dore'; Antoine & Marie Albert; Bob & Betty Menard; Bill & Adrian Stewart; Lelia Pellerin

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, December 27

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

Thursday, December 28

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

Friday, December 29

7:30 a.m.: Brian Prejean

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.

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.

For Your Marriage

The website foryourmarriage.org was created by the US Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. It is a resource for all who share in or are preparing for the sacrament of holy matrimony, from the newly engaged to those in the later years of marriage.

Advocates for Immigrants in Detention

LAAID is 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 or call our parishioner, Patty Prather, at 337-278-6029.

Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever. ~ 2 Sm 7:16

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:

Marguerite Montagnet, 96, who is currently under hospice care.

Marlene Credeur, who is being treated for cancer.

Kenneth and Geneva Phillips, who celebrate 51 years of marriage on December 23.

Oscar Phillips, who asks for prayers for his heart health concerns.

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

From a sermon by St Augustine, bishop (†430)

Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. *Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you.* I tell you again: for your sake, God became man. You would have suffered eternal death, had he not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had he not taken on himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for this mercy. You would never have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have been lost if he had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had he not come. Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time. Let us then rejoice in this grace, so that our glorying may bear witness to our good conscience by which we glory, not in ourselves, but in the Lord.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,060

Christmas Flowers in Memory of:

Chris Gambel; Ednia & Joseph Landry Family; Ronnie West; Conner West; Joy & Lee J Guillory Sr; Felix & Lola Spizale; Gladys Barbier; Amelia Barbier; Marie Chaisson; Fr. Floyd Calais

From the Pastor's Desk

This year, with Christmas falling on a Monday, we have the shortest possible Advent, consisting of only three full weeks. Since the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24, the whole fourth week of Advent is condensed into one morning.

This, I suppose, can be a reminder for us to be prepared always for the coming of the Lord. Whether time is short or time is long, the Lord comes all the same. And this short Advent season in 2023 encourages us not to waste time. Time itself is part of creation, part of God's gift to us in the world, a world that "is charged with the grandeur of God."

Because time belongs to creation, and we are stewards of creation, it belongs to us, the children of Adam and Eve, to care for time as we care for the rest of God's creation.



In our care for time, we must show ourselves to be good stewards even of this aspect of the created order. It is in time that we make our preparations for the Lord's coming, who will come at a day and hour that we do not expect.

And so time is of the essence, for it is not limitless. Let us, then, use the time given to us to make a return to the Lord for all that he has so graciously bestowed upon us. Our time is really and truly his time, who is Lord and God. As one spiritual writer so beautifully put it: "He is the Master. He has a right to everything. He takes our hours, one by one, and fills them."

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, and on the upcoming Christmas feast of the Lord's birth, I pray that the Lord will fill each of your hours with every

grace and heavenly blessing, so you may know "what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and...the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Eph 3:18-19).

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.

Fr Guillory