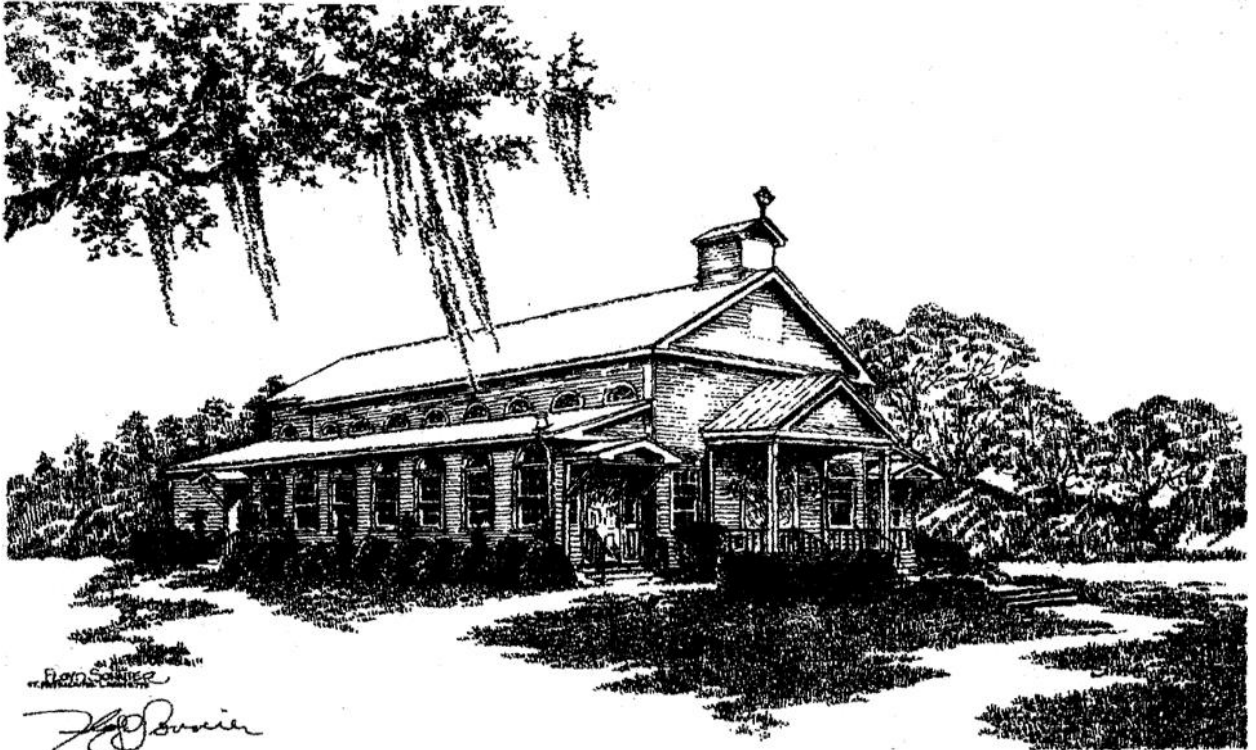


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 31, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family



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 30

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

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m.: Fr Rex Broussard; Cecelia & Junius Ledet; Christopher James; Benjamin family & Darrell Ledet; Chris Gambel

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, January 1

9 a.m.: Deborah Jean Matthews; Ashton Petitjean family

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, January 3

7:30 a.m.:

Thursday, January 4

7:30 a.m.:

Friday, January 5

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

This year, because January 1 falls on a Monday, it is *not* a holy day of obligation. All the same, we will celebrate holy Mass at 9 a.m. on January 1.

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.

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, January 8, 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.

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

The child Jesus grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. ~ Luke 2:40

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 celebrated 51 years of marriage on December 23.

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

Andy Slovacek, who celebrated his birthday on December 26.

Suzanne Lavergne, Ed Roy, Doug Nicko, and Dickie Bell 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 Feast of the Holy Family

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

A word of thanks from Fr Guillory

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas, I offer my heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of words of encouragement and care, the Christmas cards, gifts, and food. You have overwhelmed me with your thoughtfulness and generosity in this Christmas season, and I am humbled and grateful. Thank you again. In this space, I also want to offer words of thanks to all who helped to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas Day. Our musicians and sacristans, our ministers and decorators. All these St Patricians in their own way contributed to a prayerful and peaceful atmosphere for all who came to St Patrick's to worship God. I hope you were able to take to heart the message of my Christmas homily and found the occasion and the conviction to speak aloud the name Jesus. It's not too late to do this, as we're still in the middle of the Christmas season. So as you wish people Merry Christmas (at least until New Year's), be sure to say the holy name, Jesus, Emmanuel, who is God with us!

Merry Christmas,

Fr Joshua Guillory

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Sunday offerings.....\$9,725
Christmas.....\$10,579

Next week's second collection is for St Patrick's building fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

The following is an excerpt from an address given by Pope Paul VI, in Nazareth, on January 5, 1964. As we read Pope Paul's words, let us also pray for peace in the land where our Lord once walked upon the earth:

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be

open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, but rather from the purpose it serves. In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.

Merry Christmas and happy feast of the Holy Family!

Fr Guillory