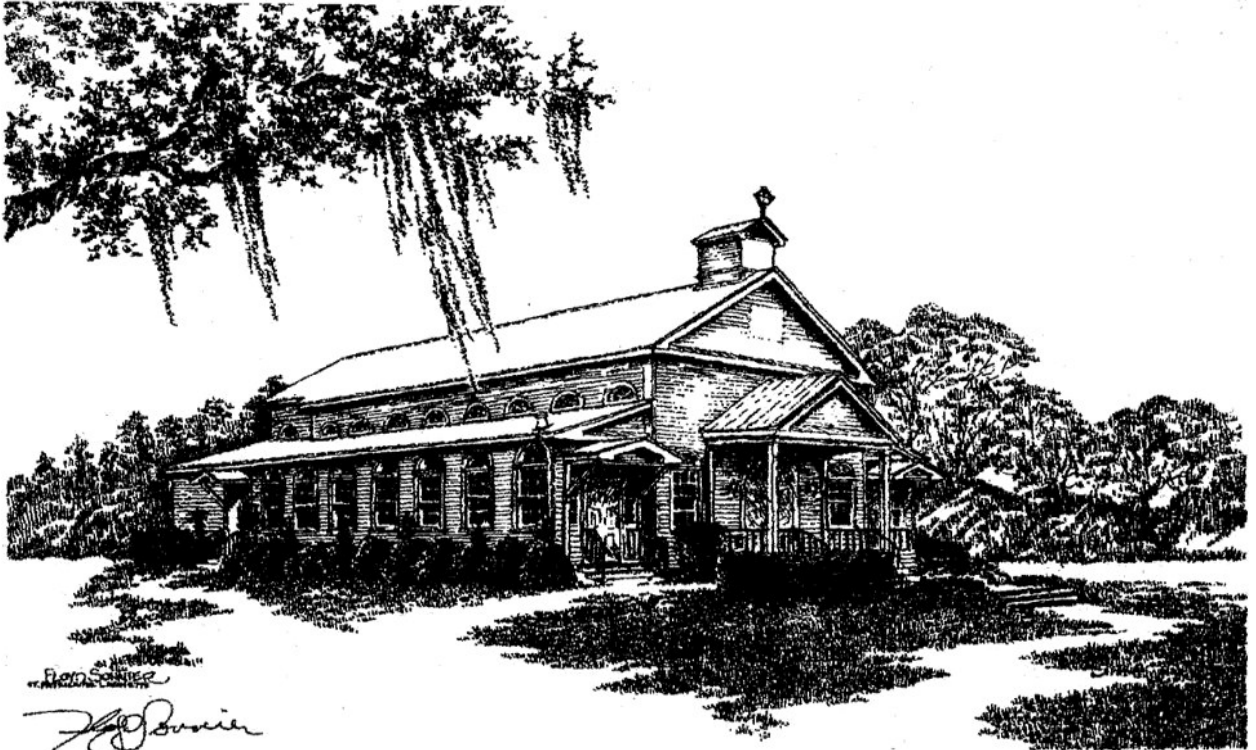


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 7, 2024 – Epiphany



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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Solemnity of the Epiphany

January 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 6

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m.: Barbara "Bobbie" Toups

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, January 8

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Tuesday, January 9

7:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 a.m.: Annette Ebert living

Thursday, January 11

7:30 a.m.:

Friday,

January 12

7:30 a.m.:



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" to 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.

Come, Lord Jesus!

This weekly study/support group focuses on the upcoming Sunday readings in a small group setting. A group meets at St Patrick on Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m., in the office building conference room. For all interested in Scripture and deepening their faith in connection with the holy Eucharist. For more information please call Mike Samson at 337-257-7888 or email: michaelsamson@bellsouth.net.

Lost and Found

Forgot something in church? Can't find those glasses, prayer books, gloves, hats, scarves, rosaries, etc.? Be sure to check the lost and found basket, located in the back of the church under the table. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim.

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

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.

Michael Doumit, who has suffered carotid artery blockage.

Marlene Credeur, who is being treated for cancer.

Mike Legnon and Patricia Broussard, who celebrated birthdays on December 31.

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.

***Pray for one another,
that you may be healed.
~James 5:16***

Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

From a sermon by St Peter Chrysologus, bishop (†450)

In the mystery of our Lord's incarnation there were clear indications of his eternal Godhead. Yet the great events we celebrate today disclose and reveal in different ways the fact that God himself took a human body. In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. He therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding. Today the Magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky. Today the Magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars. Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. So the Gentiles, who were the last, become the first: the faith of the Magi is the first fruits of the belief of the Gentiles.

Thank you for last week's stewardship
Sunday offerings.....\$4,290

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.
~Hebrews 13:16*

From the Pastor's Desk

With the feast of the Epiphany, the twelve days of Christmas have come to an end. I hope and pray that these days of Christmas, which extend into the new year, have been for each of you a time of grace and renewal.

Now that the busyness of the season has winded down and life has more or less returned to its normal routines, the challenge remains to channel the peace and joy of the Christmas season into our everyday, "ordinary time" lives.

For most of 2024, the Sunday Gospel will be taken from St Mark, which is the shortest of the Gospels and one of the three synoptic Gospels. Synoptic means something like "*seeing together*," and is used to describe the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, all of which are remarkably similar in structure and in how they relate the events in the life of Jesus and his sayings and teachings.

The Gospel of John is quite different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke – in its structure, in the long discourses spoken by Jesus, in its theological and even sacramental concerns. Typically we read from St John's Gospel during Christmas

and Easter and for certain other special days and times.

Now because St Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the three synoptic Gospels, which are read on Sundays in successive years – Matthew, year A; Mark, year B; Luke, year C – we have the opportunity to read the entirety of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel during year B. So this summer, beginning with the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time and lasting through the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, we will

pause our reading of St Mark's Gospel for these five Sundays in order to read all of John, Chapter 6.

In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus performs the miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish to feed the hungry crowds, numbering in the thousands. But what is unique to St John's account of this miracle

– also found in the synoptic Gospels – is the explanation that Jesus gives concerning the meaning of the miracle. It is a foreshadowing of the gift of his body and blood, which his disciples must eat as the bread of life. Jesus makes a clear connection between himself and the holy Eucharist, which he gives to his Church as his abiding presence until he comes again in glory.



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