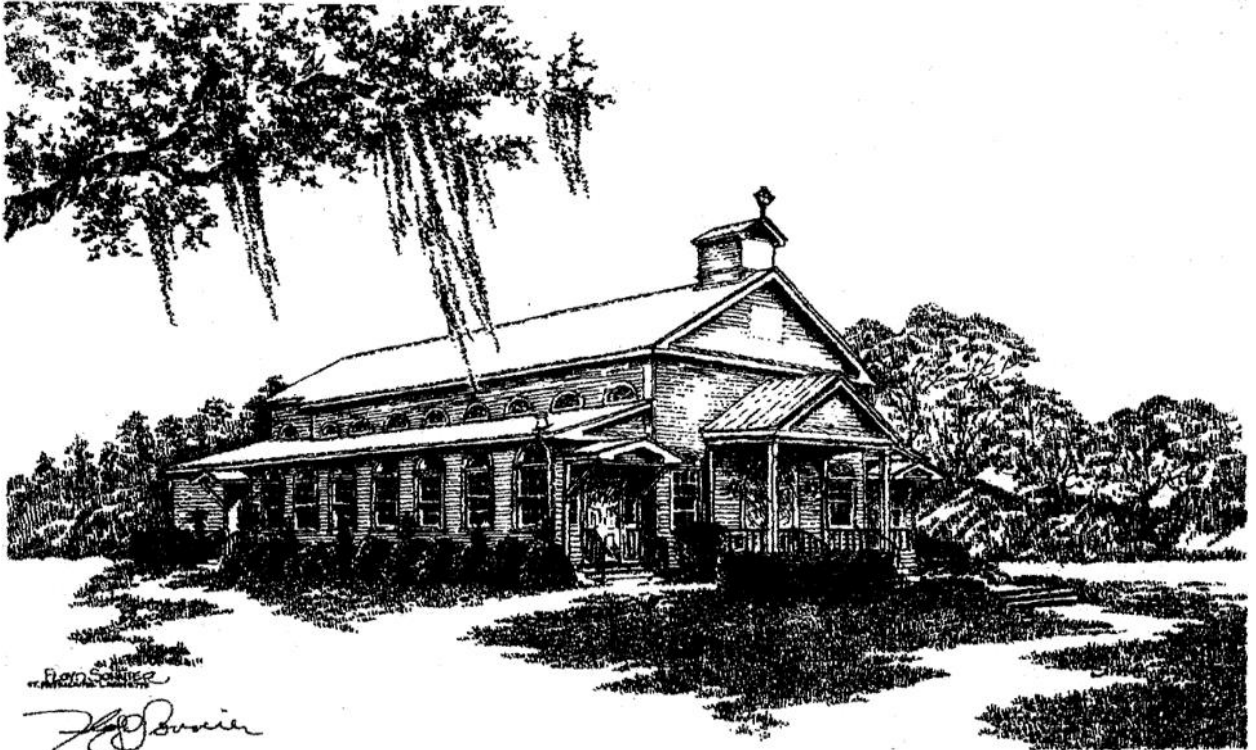


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, January 13

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Shelia Beasley; Marliene Bellard; Faye Beasley

Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m.: Helen Vallot; Barbara "Bobbie" Toups; Jeremy & Meg Dean

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, January 15

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, January 17

7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Wanda Bergeron

Thursday, January 18

7:30 a.m.: Ron Venable

Friday, January 19

7:30 a.m.: Matthew Schnur

Public reading of the entire Bible

BIBLE ON FIRE! Come warm up with the Word! Beginning on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 12:30 p.m., the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the town square of St Martinville in front of St Martin de Tours Church. The Bible Marathon will conclude on Word of God Sunday, January 21, at 4:30 p.m. 300 lectors will be needed for 20-minute intervals. All who are interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Bible Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen! To register as a lector or obtain more information, please contact St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church at (337) 394-6021 or CJC at (337) 394-6550 or email us at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com. More information is available at jesuscrucefied.net and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

Martin Luther King holiday

On Monday, January 15, our nation honors the memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities of Acadiana needs volunteers. Here is how you can help:

St. Joseph Diner: sign up to serve during the most needed shifts: breakfast and dinner.

Food Net Bank: emergency food bags need to be filled; often they have no one to help.

Check the online calendar and sign up where there are vacancies (catholiccharitiesacadiana.org). For questions contact Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org.

United Christian Outreach, 422 Carmel Dr., is also in need of volunteers. Please contact parishioner Geneva Phillips at 337-280-2065 for more information.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. ~ Mt 25:40

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.

Michael Doumit, who suffered carotid artery blockage and is undergoing surgery.

Marlene Credeur, who is being treated for cancer.

Mitch Palmer, who celebrated his birthday on January 6.

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

From a letter by St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr († ca. 100)

Try to gather together more frequently to give thanks to God and to praise him. For when you come together frequently, Satan's powers are undermined, and the destruction that he threatens is done away with in the unanimity of your faith. Nothing is better than peace, in which all warfare between heaven and earth is brought to an end. None of this will escape you if you have perfect faith and love toward Jesus Christ. These are the beginning and the end of life: faith the beginning, love the end. When these two are found together, there is God, and everything else concerning right living follows from them. No one professing faith sins: no one possessing love hates. A tree is known by its fruit. So those who profess to belong to Christ will be known by what they do. For the work we are about is not a matter of words here and now, but depends on the power of faith and on being found faithful to the end. He who has the word of Jesus can truly listen also to his silence, in order to be perfect, that he may act through his speech and be known by his silence. Let us then do everything in the knowledge that he is dwelling within us that we may be his temples, and he God within us.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$5,936
Building fund.....	\$4,743

From the Pastor's Desk

We are now just a couple of weeks into the new year, 2024, and so I thought I would share with you a few reflections about beginning a new year.

Many people formulate resolutions for themselves when a new year begins, things that they resolve to do to better their lives or the lives of others. We make commitments to eat better, to exercise, to pray and grow in our faith. Experience shows, however, that most of us don't hold on to our resolutions beyond a week or so.

So here is my encouragement to any and all who have made New Year resolutions and have already found their resolve lacking: Do not be discouraged! We are, all of us, perpetual beginners. So there is no shame beginning again. The only "shame" – at least as I see it – is in not making a fresh start, however many fresh starts we have to make.

This is a take on the virtue of perseverance. When we find that we've slacked off on some good thing that we've proposed or resolved to do, the remedy is not anger or frustration or demoralization, but perseverance, gentle yet firm. Without judgment or criticism of ourselves, and with a dose of good humor and good will toward ourselves, we just start afresh, stirring up a spirit of fervor and optimism that with God at our side, we can do all things. Indeed, Scripture teaches us well: "*I can do all*

things in him who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13).

As a practical point, I would suggest that we cannot make good on our resolutions simply by thinking about them or praying about them. We have to *act upon them*. Which means overcoming our hesitations and laziness, our doubts and comfort-seeking. When we begin to act, to do, the grace of God is always in good supply. And before we know it, the thing we were struggling to rouse ourselves to do becomes something that gives light and joy, purpose and reward.



I want to leave you with a few points on perseverance by St Josemaria Escriva, taken from his little book, *The Way*:

- ◇ You went astray and did not come back because you were ashamed to. It would be more logical if you were ashamed not to return.
- ◇ Discouragement is an enemy of your perseverance. If you don't fight against discouragement you will become pessimistic first, and lukewarm afterwards. Be an optimist.
- ◇ Give thanks to God who helped you, and rejoice in your victory. What deep joy you feel in your soul, after responding to grace!
- ◇ And what is the secret of perseverance? Love. Fall in Love, and you will not leave him.

Happy New Year!

Fr Guillory