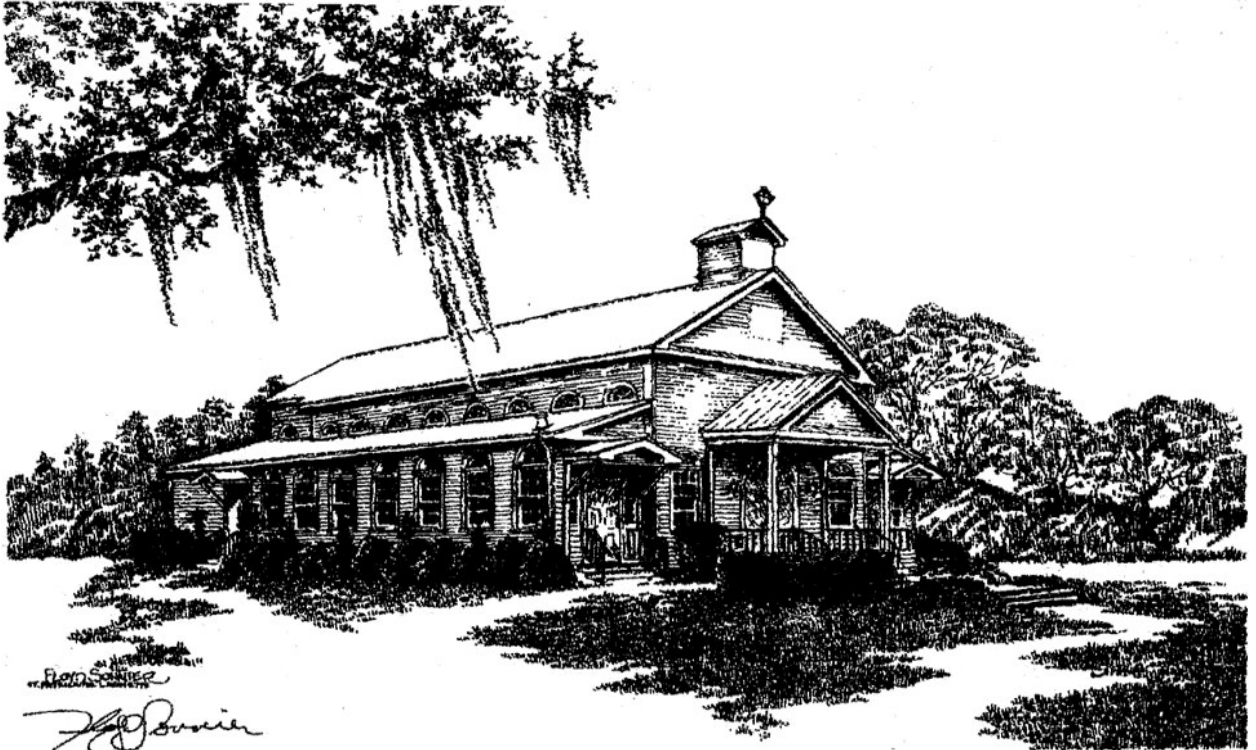


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 21, 2024 – Third 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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## January 21, 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, January 20

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

#### Sunday, January 21

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

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

#### Monday, January 22

7:30 a.m.:

#### Tuesday, January 23

7:30 a.m.: Matthew Schnur

#### Wednesday, January 24

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

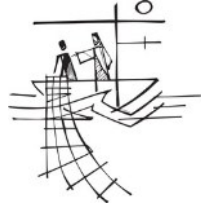
#### Thursday, January 25

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

#### Friday, January 26

7:30 a.m.:

*Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men  
~Mark 1:17*



### Lenten Day of Recollection

February 15, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St Edmond Church in Lafayette. Includes Rosary, Mass, lunch. Fr Reed Bellingham, presenter. Tickets are \$15. Registration deadline is February 2. Call Judy Dixon at 337-739-9332 or the church office at 337-981-0874 to register.

### Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's parish hall. Open to anyone wishing to attend.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at St. Patrick's parish hall at 6:45 a.m., Monday through Friday (open), and at 8 a.m. on Saturday (closed).

### Catholic in Recovery

Meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at St Peter Room of St Pius X Church. Also online meetings. For more information contact Marcelo at [cirstpiusx@gmail.com](mailto:cirstpiusx@gmail.com) or visit the website [catholicinrecovery.com](http://catholicinrecovery.com).

### 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](http://catholiccharitiesacadiana.org)). For questions contact Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or [sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org](mailto: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. ~ Matthew 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](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/annMass).

## **Find Mass when traveling**

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they're away from home or traveling. Look at [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) for useful information.

### **Let us pray for:**

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

Marlene Credeur, who is at home under end of life care.

Sharon Savoie, our sacristan, who celebrated her birthday on January 18 and who is having surgery to repair a broken arm.

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](mailto:office@stpat.org).*

## **Collect for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

## **From a letter to the Corinthians by St Clement I, pope and martyr († 99)**

Let the one truly possessed by the love of Christ keep his commandments. Who can express the binding power of divine love? Who can find words for the splendor of its beauty? Beyond all description are the heights to which it lifts us. Love unites us to God; it cancels innumerable sins, has no limits to its endurance, bears everything patiently. Love is neither servile nor arrogant. It does not provoke schisms or form cliques, but always acts in harmony with others. By it all God's chosen ones have been sanctified; without it, it is impossible to please him. Out of love the Lord took us to himself; because he loved us and it was God's will, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his life's blood for us – he gave his body for our body, his soul for our soul. See then, beloved, what a great and wonderful things love is, and how inexpressible its perfection. Who are worthy to possess it unless God makes them so? To him therefore we must turn, begging of his mercy that there may be found in us a love free from human partiality and beyond reproach.

**Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$5,115**

*Next week's second collection is for the Church in Latin America*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

January 22 is the 51st anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in all 50 states. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-life Americans converge in Washington, D.C., in the cold of winter, to bear public witness for life by marching through the National Mall, past Capitol Hill, and before the Supreme Court.

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. It is the largest human rights demonstration in the world, but it is not merely a protest. It is a witness to life, a celebration of each and every life from the very moment of conception.

We all know that *Roe v. Wade* was overturned about a year and a half ago, on June 24, 2022, by the Supreme Court decision called *Dobbs*. This decision, though, did not make abortion illegal throughout the United States. It merely overturned *Roe*, allowing the question of the legality of abortion to be determined by the individual states.

This means that the focus of pro-life efforts is not longer primarily on the federal level, but on the state and local level. The fight to enshrine a pro-life ethos into our national, state, and local

laws remains real and difficult. Consider for a moment that in 2022, voters in California, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Vermont, and Kansas either rejected restrictions on abortion or expanded legal protection for abortion. In 2023, Ohio voters passed a measure in the state constitution to guarantee abortion access. In 2024, Maryland and New York will vote to amend their constitutions to include abortion, and several other states have ongoing or pending efforts to do the same. So far, some 24 states have pro-life protections restricting abortion.



The energies of the pro-life movement cannot be allowed to wane, as if the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* were the final victory... not while there are still over 900,000 abortions each year in the United States. Hence, the continuing need for the witness of the March for Life.

Many people from Acadiana, including many young people, were in Washington, D.C. this past week, braving the frigid temperatures in order to give witness to the sanctity of life. For three days, from Wednesday to Friday, they participated in meetings, educational workshops, and conferences concerning life issues and public policy. And then on Friday, January 19, they marched prayerfully and peacefully to bear witness to the sacredness of human life. May our efforts to build a culture of life prevail.

*Fr Guillory*