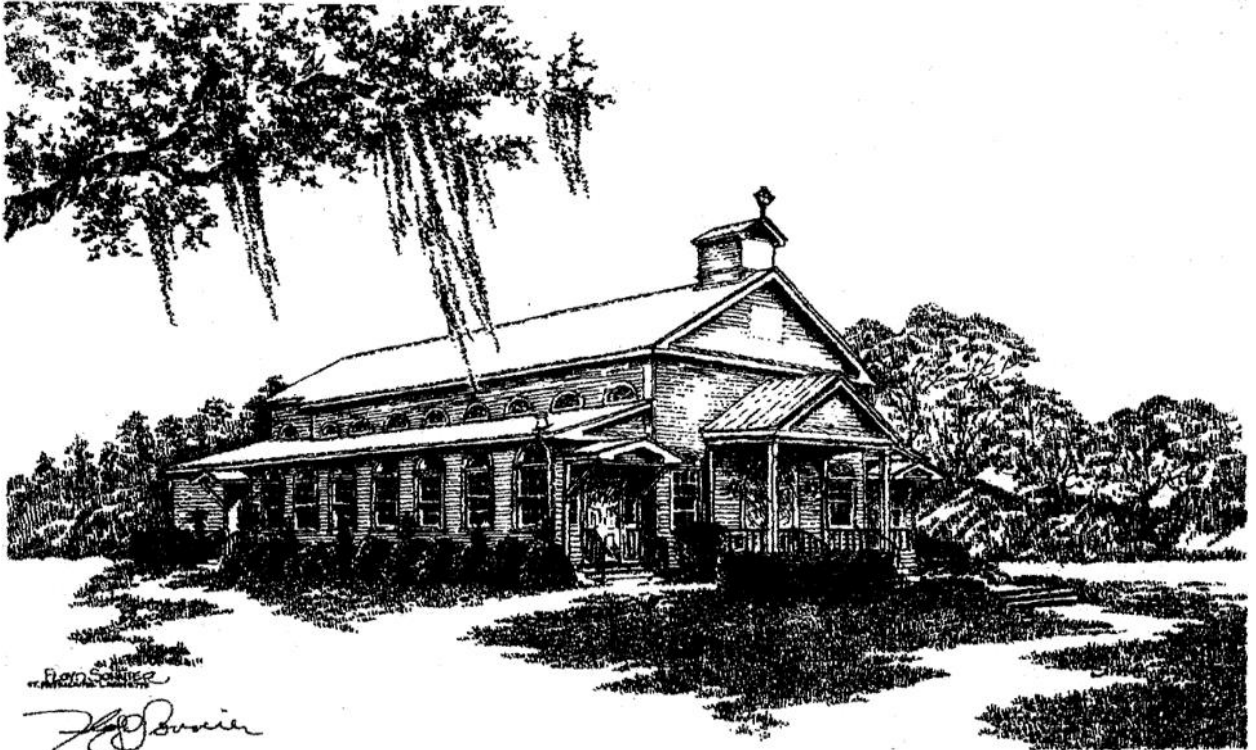


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 4, 2024 – Fifth 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, February 3

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Adrian Boudreaux; Patricia S. Fournet

Sunday, February 4

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

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, February 5

7:30 a.m.: Ceil Lincoln; Ricky Hornberger, Jr.

Tuesday, February 6

7:30 a.m.: Matthew Schnur

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, February 9

7:30 a.m.: Ceil Lincoln; Ricky Hornberger, Jr.

Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fusilier Auditorium at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Dr. Sr Mary Peter and Sr Mary Magdalen, presenters. Theme: *Him only shall you serve*. \$20 fee for the presenters and for snacks. Begins with Mass in the Immaculata Chapel at 8:30 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Deshotel. You must register by February 16. Go online to tinyurl.com/2vzhmc9y.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to will be held Monday, February 5, 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.

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.

Women's Lenten morning of reflection

Tuesday, February 20, at 9 a.m. at the Parish Life Center of St Pius Church. Fr Michael Russo, presenter.

Mornings of Reflection on Holy Week

The ceremonies of Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil – are the most ancient and solemn of all our liturgical celebrations. Join us to reflect on the history, theology, and scripture of Holy Week at three Wednesday mornings of reflection presented by Faye Drobic at St Patrick Church on March 6, 13, and 20. Each one-hour session will be held in church and begin at 8:15 a.m., following the 7:30 a.m. daily Mass.

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.

17th annual Hopefest Music Festival

A free charity event benefitting the Hub and the STM Options Program. Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Moncus Park. Go to stmcougars.net/hopefest for more information or to support this charitable effort organized by St Thomas More HS.

Let us pray for:

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

Sharon Savoie, Ed Roy, Doug Nicko, and Dickie Bell for their health concerns.

Ronald Lege, who celebrated his 79th birthday on January 27.

Ken Phillips, who celebrates his birthday on February 3.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

From a treatise On Spiritual Perfection by Diadochus of Photice († 486)

The light of true knowledge makes it possible to discern without error the difference between good and evil. Then the path of justice, which leads to the sun of Justice, brings the mind into the limitless light of knowledge, since it never fails to seek the love of God with all confidence. Therefore, we must maintain great stillness of mind, even in the midst of our struggles. We shall then be able to distinguish between the different types of thoughts that come to us: those that are good, those sent by God, we will treasure in our memory; those that are evil and inspired by the devil we will reject. A comparison with the sea may help us. A tranquil sea allows the fisherman to gaze right to its depths. No fish can hide there and escape his sight. The stormy sea, however, becomes murky when it is agitated by the winds. The very depths that it revealed in its calmness, the sea now hides. The skills of the fisherman are useless. Only the Holy Spirit can purify the mind. So by every means, but especially by peace of soul, we must try to provide the Holy Spirit with a resting place.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$4,859
Church in Latin America.....	\$622

From the Pastor's Desk

On this first Sunday of the month, when our parish takes up a second collection for our building projects and maintenance concerns, I thought it good to give you an update on the building of the parish rectory and a few other maintenance items that we have tended to recently.

The work on the parish rectory is going quite well. The contractors are nearly finished with the exterior and preparation for painting has begun. The rectory will be painted just like the church. This is intentional, to make the two buildings like a matching set. Various inspections have been completed on the interior, and insulation and sheet rock are being installed. The work will likely be completed by May.

In the intense cold spell that we just had, we discovered that one of the three units that heat and cool the church was not working properly. This is one reason why it was unusually cold in church for a few days. The necessary part has been ordered and Butcher Air Conditioning has repaired the unit. For a few days, then, only two units were available for heating, which hasn't been much of a problem, now that winter temperatures have warmed up a bit.

At the same time, one of the units in the parish hall also stopped heating, making

for some very chilly mornings for the groups that meet there. The temperature in the hall would barely rise to 60 degrees! But now, all's well. It was a very quick and easy fix for Barry's Air Conditioning.

Another recent maintenance item was a long overdue tune up of our organ. Our musicians noticed a few problems here and there, and so we contacted Mr J Adrian Cook, the organ specialist who oversaw the 2006 purchase and installation of our Johannes Opus 27 church organ. Mr Cook, an Englishman who lives in Thibodaux, spent nearly a whole day servicing the organ. If our untrained ears don't notice much of a difference, our organists certainly do, and they are glad that this maintenance work was done to keep the organ in good working shape.



I want to close with a word about our parish photo directories. The company that we contracted with is currently putting the photo directory together and within a few weeks will be mailing us a proof copy. After we work through that and return it to them, printing and delivery will take a few weeks more. So I ask for your patience. We're all eager to have the photo directories in our possession! As soon as they arrive, we'll see to their distribution.

Fr Guillory