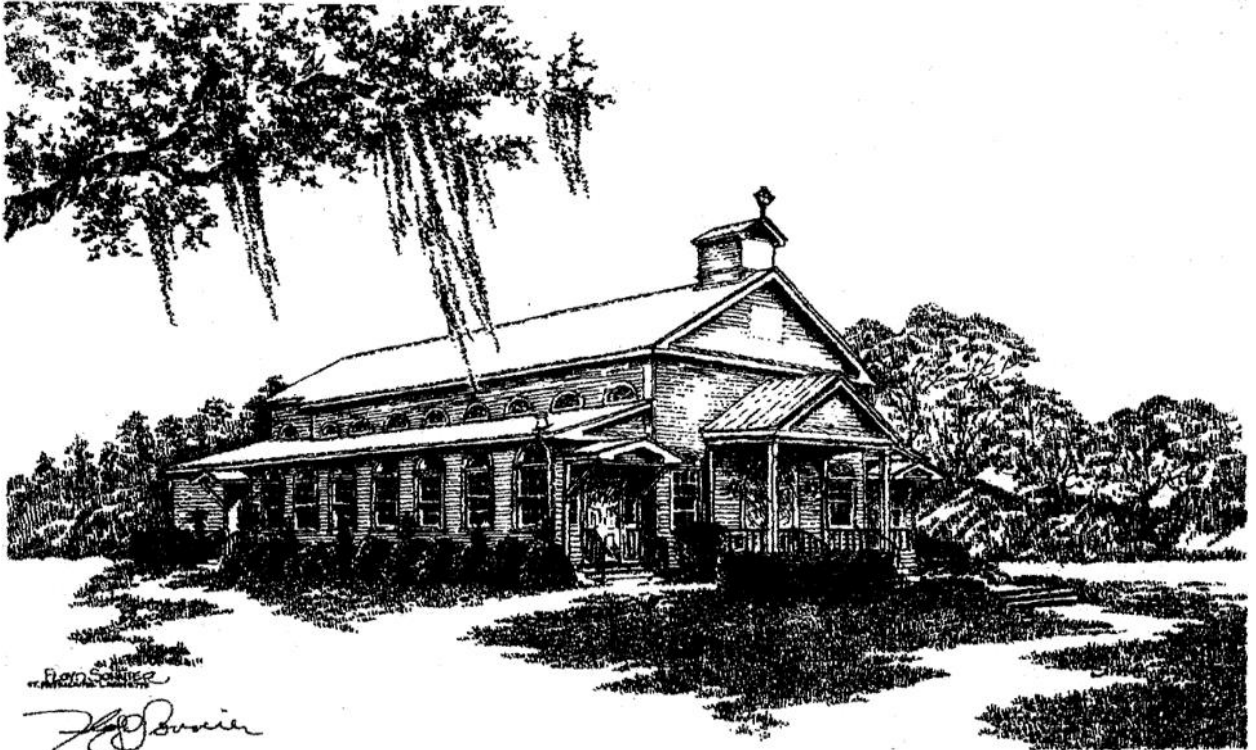


St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 7, 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter



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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Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

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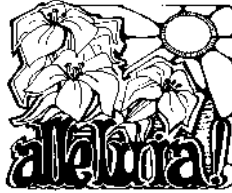
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 6

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Bonnie Dues; Marguerite Montagnet; Oscar "Bo" Phillips; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Adrian Boudreaux; Joy & Lee J Guillory, Sr; Felix & Lola Spizale

Sunday, April 7

8:30 a.m.: Brett Walker
10 a.m.: For Parishioners



Monday, April 8

7:30 a.m.: Dr Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine and Col. Kimberley Fedele (*living*)

Tuesday, April 9

7:30 a.m.: Sheldon Blue

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 a.m.: Byron Gesser (*living*)

Thursday, April 11

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, April 12

7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Drozda

Fight the New Drug

Fight the New Drug (FTND) is a non-religious, education-focused organization that seeks to give visibility to the harm of pornography. Visit fightthenewdrug.org for articles, videos, podcasts, and more.

Integrity Restored

Integrity Restored is a Catholic organization that offers education and resources to combat pornography use. Visit them at integrityrestored.com.

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing ministry offering understanding, forgiveness, healing, and wholeness. Private sessions with trained facilitators. Call 337-261-5598. Offered at no charge and funded through the Bishop's Services Appeal.

Comunità Cenacolo

A Catholic community for addiction recovery. Visit hopereborn.org.

Holy Hour for Vocations

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

Scripture, song, and sign language

An evening of music and praise here at St Patrick Church, Wednesday, April 17, 6-7:30 p.m. Featuring Grammy-nominated musician Laura Huval, with Nancy Nicholson, sign interpreter. Register online at laurahuval.com.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. ~ Psalm 118:1

Family Promise of Acadiana

“Dining Under the Stars,” a fundraiser to support families experiencing homelessness, will be held at the home of Sarah and Harold Schoeffler on May 3rd, 6 p.m. To become a sponsor, assist with the event, or purchase tickets, call 337-233-3447 or go to familypromiseacadiana.org for more information.

Mission of Truth with Jim Caviezel

Saturday, April 13, 6 p.m. at the Cajundome. An evening with actor Jim Caviezel who will speak about what it means to seek truth in today’s world by sharing his own life experiences. Go to jpgacademy.org for more information and tickets.

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.

Let us pray for:

Monica Mullins, who celebrates her birthday on April 14.

Lois Delahoussaye, who is recovering from covid.

Suzanne Lavergne, Ed Roy, Doug Nicko, Sarah Brabant, and Dickie Bell for their health concerns.

Jan Judice, who is recovering from illness at home.

Vincent Gil and Michelle Simon, who were married at St Patrick’s on April 6.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions. Email us at office@stpat.org.

Collect for the second Sunday of Easter

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

From the Jerusalem Catecheses of St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop († 386)

Let no one imagine that baptism consists only in the forgiveness of sins and in the grace of adoption. Our baptism is not like the baptism of John, which conferred only the forgiveness of sins. We know perfectly well that baptism, besides washing away our sins and bringing us the gift of the Holy Spirit, is a symbol of the sufferings of Christ. This is why Paul exclaims: *Do you not know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus we were, by that very action, sharing in his death? By baptism we went with him into the tomb.* When we were baptized into Christ and clothed ourselves in him, we were transformed into the likeness of the Son of God. Having destined us to be his adopted sons, God gave us a likeness to Christ in his glory, and living as we do in communion with Christ, God’s anointed, we ourselves are rightly called “the anointed ones.” We became “the anointed ones” when we received the sign of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, everything took place in us by means of images, because we ourselves are images of Christ.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,246
Good Friday for the Holy Land\$1,005

From the Pastor's Desk

For eight weeks the Church celebrates Easter – from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday! These eight weeks are an octave of octaves. An octave is a series of eight days. And so today, the second Sunday of Easter, is the octave day of Easter. But we Christians are not content to rejoice in Easter for only a mere week. We need a week of weeks to express our joy at the Lord's Resurrection. Hence, eight weeks – an octave of octaves – culminating with the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we commemorate and celebrate on Pentecost.

So it is not at all extraordinary that we should continue to wish each other Happy Easter at least for a week or two after Easter Sunday. After all, Easter only *begins* on Easter Sunday. Like with Christmas, we Christians need to push back against the commercialization of our holy days and times, reclaiming a Christian mindset and abandoning a secular one.

For Christians, the only point of arrival is heaven, the kingdom of God. Everything else is a point of departure, a new beginning, or a beginning *anew*. We have to think of all Christian life, and especially the sacraments, like this, too. Baptism is not the end, but the beginning of our new life in Christ. And so is confirmation, the beginning of a renewed life in the Spirit.



Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!

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And so is holy Communion, as it feeds our soul to form us into what we receive: Christ himself. And so is confession, grace beginning anew in our souls. And so for the sacraments of the anointing of the sick, holy orders, and holy matrimony.

“Behold, I make all things new.” So speaks Christ enthroned in heaven in St John's mystical vision in the book of Revelation (21:5). Christ Jesus makes all things new, he who is the Ancient of Days (Dan 7).

In his *Confessions*, which is his autobiography, the great Bishop St Augustine, who died in 430, wrote prayerfully and poetically about how he came to know the power, mercy, and love of God late in his life, and how that encounter with God made him anew:

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was

there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.”

In Guillory