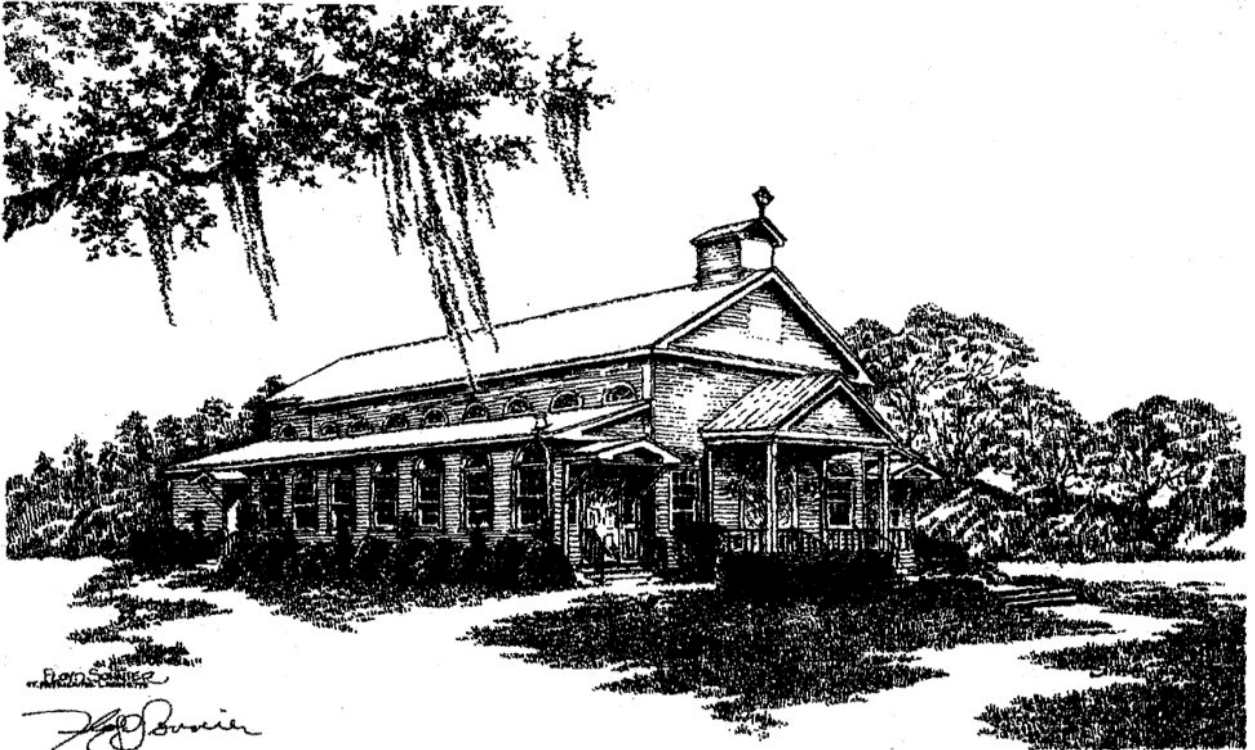


St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 21, 2024 – Fourth 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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 20

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Marguerite Montagnet; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m.: Ashlie Comeaux; Jude Comeaux; Emma Broussard; Jerrol Sparrow; Willie Noel

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, April 22

7:30 a.m.: Ken Dugas

Tuesday, April 23

7:30 a.m.: Sheldon Blue

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, April 25

7:30 a.m.: Kolton LeBlanc

Friday, April 26

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

Catholic Missions Company

Catholic Missions Company is a 501(c)3 non-profit, established in 2016 here in Lafayette, that leads affordable domestic mission trips for college-aged students. In the past years it has led mission trips in the Dioceses of Gallup (New Mexico) and Fairbanks (Alaska), as well as sponsored local service days throughout Acadiana. To learn more about CMC or to support its missionary work by financial contributions, visit online at collegemissions.net. A representative of CMC will speak here at the weekend Masses on April 27-28.

Retrouvaille weekend

Hope and renewal for struggling marriages. Contact Bill & Missie at 985-232-5963 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

Remember Me

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. For more information call 337-235-1483 or email setonrememberme@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Survivors of Violence Mass

Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. Immaculata Center Chapel (1408 Carmel Dr, Lafayette). Bishop Deshotel, celebrant. For more information or registration, go to diolaf.org/survivorsofviolencemass.

Advocates for Immigrants in Detention

LAID is volunteer organization helping immigrants released from detention by providing transportation, meals, and overnight hosting as they travel to their family/sponsor. See laaid.org for more information or call our parishioner, Patty Prather, at 337-278-6029.

Let us pray for:

Natalie Connor, our parish cantor, who celebrates her birthday on April 28.

Lois Delahoussaye and Jan Judice, who are recovering from illnesses.

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

Nolan and Theresa Guidry, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 18.

Sue Landry, sister of our sacristan Sharon Savoie, who died on April 12.

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

Collect for the fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

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

Once, when speaking to the Jews, Christ said: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall have no life in you.* This horrified them and they left him. Not understanding his words in a spiritual way, they thought the Savior wished them to practice cannibalism. Under the old covenant there was showbread, but it came to an end with the old dispensation to which it belonged. Under the new covenant there is bread from heaven and the cup of salvation. These sanctify both soul and body, the bread being adapted to the sanctification of the body, the Word, to the sanctification of the soul. Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith. You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the body and the blood of Christ. You know also how David referred to this long ago when he sang: *Bread gives strength to man's heart and makes his face shine with the oil of gladness.* Strengthen your heart, then, by receiving this bread as spiritual bread, and bring joy to the face of your soul.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$5,039

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Home Missions.

From the Pastor's Desk

The fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly called "Good Shepherd Sunday," because the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of St John's Gospel, where Jesus tells his disciples that he is the good shepherd. And then he tells them the criterion for being a good shepherd: "*A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*" What we commemorated on Good Friday was already foretold by the Good Shepherd himself.

And now that the Good Shepherd is risen from the dead, we, his disciples, rejoice because we have heard his voice, and this according to the words of Jesus: "*The sheep heard the shepherd's voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out ... and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger...*"

In this image, Jesus is obviously the Good Shepherd, and we are the sheep, the people of his flock. In order to be counted among the flock of those God has chosen, we must be able to recognize the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us, when he calls us by name. The voice of the Lord can come to us through our ears, but most often, he speaks his word directly into our hearts. So it is crucial that we all find time

to be still and to be quiet, in order to refine our spiritual senses to be attentive to how the Lord may be speaking to us, calling us by name.

A most effective way to do this is to participate in a retreat. Spending a few days in silence, with guided prayer, away from the routines and noise of our daily lives can help us to recognize how the Lord Jesus is speaking to us and how he is asking us to respond to his words. Retreats are special times, meant to rekindle our faith lives and to enliven our response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

So on this Good Shepherd Sunday, it happens that I am away on my yearly retreat, where I will spend the better part of a week in silence and in prayer, listening for the voice of Christ who called me to imitate

him as a shepherd. We priests must be in constant contact with the word of the Good Shepherd so that we might truly be shepherds after the heart of God, sent to feed his people with knowledge and understanding (Jer 3:15).

May your Good Shepherd Sunday be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. I look forward to seeing you all next week, when I return.



Fr Guillory