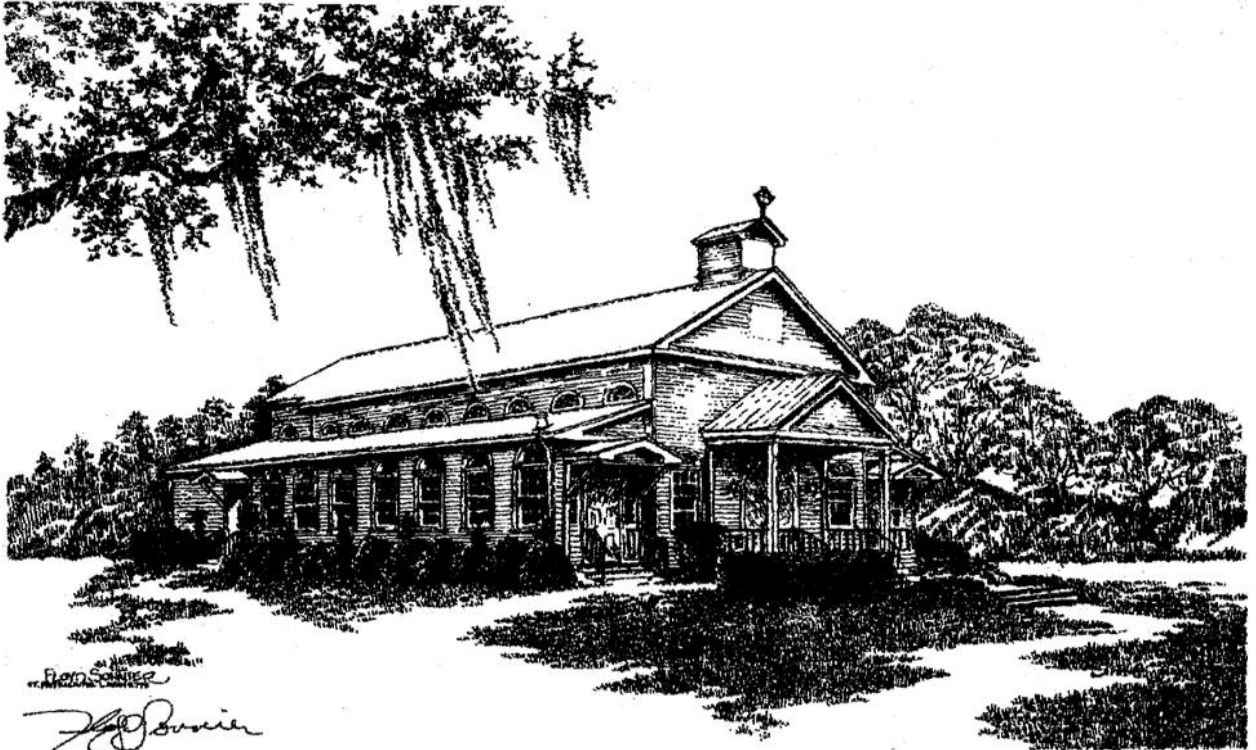


St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 28, 2024 – Fifth 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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 27

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Marguerite Montagnet

Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, April 29

7:30 a.m.: Ken Dugas

Tuesday, April 30

7:30 a.m.: Sheldon Blue

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, May 3

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

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.

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, May 6, 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.

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.

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 for useful information.

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.

Just Men Day Retreat

Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. St Pius Church. For separated, divorced, or remarried men. Sponsored at no cost by Women at the Well of Love Ministries. Includes conferences, confessions, Mass. Go to womenatthewelloflove.org for registration and 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.

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

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

Collect for the fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

From a sermon by St Peter Chrysologus, bishop († 450)

I appeal to you by the mercy of God. This appeal is made by Paul, or rather, it is made by God through Paul, because of God’s desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord. God appeals to us in his mercy to avoid having to punish us in his severity. Listen to the Lord’s appeal: “In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion. Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me, but only deepen your love for me. I do not cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no less to shed my blood. It is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.”

Thank you for last week’s stewardship Offerings.....\$4,242

Next week’s second collection is St Patrick’s building fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

If you grew up in the late 70s or 80s, or if you had children (or grandchildren) who grew up in those decades, you'll no doubt remember the *Hi, God* program for children, with music by Carey Landry. The *Hi, God* songs are musically and lyrically simple, meant for little ones, and we would often sing them with accompanying hand gestures and signs.

One of my favorite songs was "His banner over me is love." This song takes its title from a poetic and lyrical book of the Old Testament, the Song of Songs (2:4): "He brings me into his banquet hall; his banner over me is love."

Those simple lyrics still are with me even today, and this week's Gospel set me off singing this song that I learned in my childhood:

*I am his and he is mine, his banner over me is love. Jesus is the shepherd and we are the sheep... **Jesus is the vine and we are the branches...** The one way to peace is the power of the cross... He asks us all to join hands together... He calls us all to stand up and witness, his banner over me is love. His banner, over me, is love.*

Speaking of scripture, song, and signs, this past week, on Wednesday evening, our parish hosted local musician Laura Huval, who, working with some of our deaf parishioners (James Sahuc, Stephanie Turman, and Aimee Hebert) and their interpreter (Nancy Nicholson), gave a concert that featured scripture readings, songs, and sign language interpretation.

I'm sorry I missed the event, which was extremely well attended and loved by all who came for an evening of prayer and

song. Now obviously, most attendees were hearing, and yet, it seems that nearly everyone joined in *signing* with the songs. This, I think, is a testament to our little parish, where we are eager to "*join hands together*" in the service of God, through our worship, through our service, and through acts of charity and solidarity.

So thank you to all who came and supported this event. In a special way thank you to Laura, Nancy, James, Stephanie, and Aimee, among so many others, who bring a special presence to St Patrick's, not only in this event, but each Sunday when they join us in the celebration of Mass, where in the holy Eucharist we are truly placed under the banner of God's love.

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