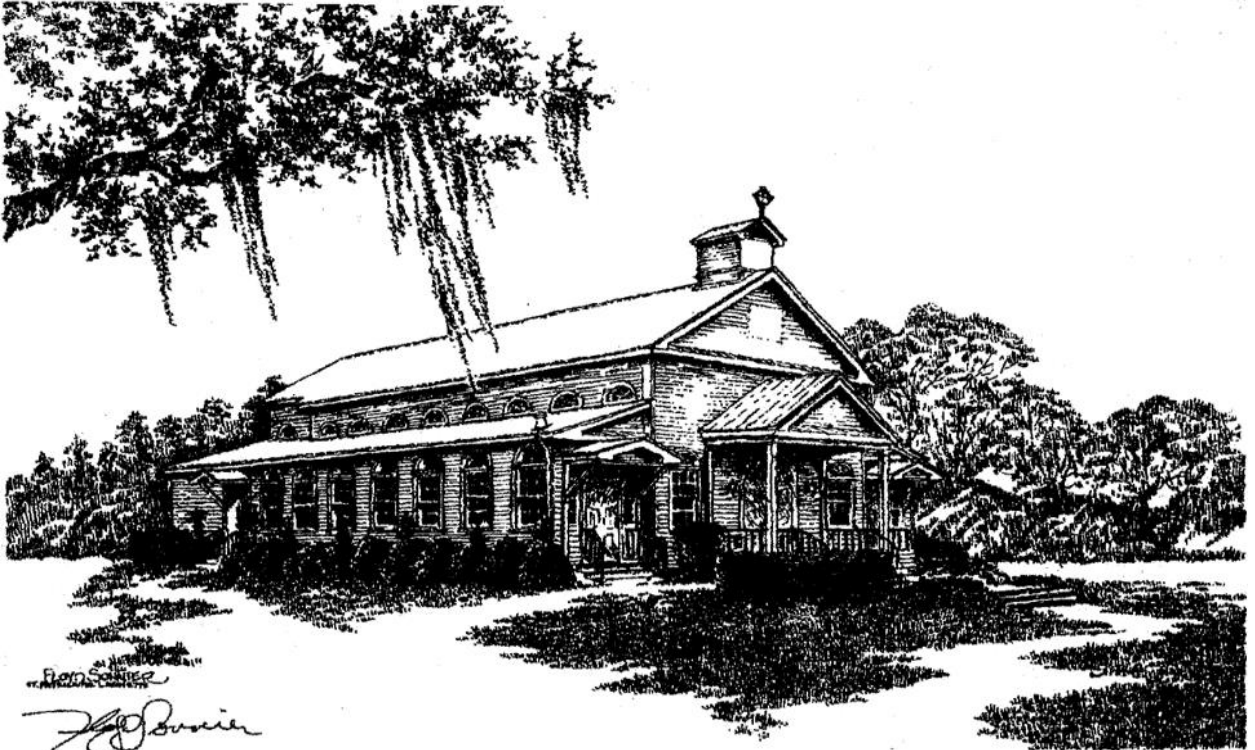


St. Patrick Catholic Church

June 30, 2024 – Thirteenth 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.

Fr Joshua Guillory
Pastor

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 29

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Oscar Phillips

Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m.: Fr Joshua Guillory

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, July 1

7:30 a.m.: Peyton Lege (*living*)

Tuesday, July 2

7:30 a.m.: Mary Mineo

Wednesday, July 3

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, July 4

7:30 a.m.: Ashton Petitjean family

Friday, July 5

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

Altar flowers

Are donated in memory of Dr. Tommy Comeaux and Dorinne.

Online giving at St Patrick's

If you would like to contribute to St Patrick's online, please visit our website (stpat.org) and click Give Online at the top, where you will be directed to Give 52. Fill out the information and select St Patrick Church from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your support of our parish and its mission.

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. Missionary Catherine Richard recently spoke at St Patrick's about the missions she leads to the Dioceses of Gallup (New Mexico) and Fairbanks (Alaska), as well as the local service days throughout Acadiana. To learn more about CMC or to support its missionary work by financial contributions, visit online at collegemissions.net.

Parish office closure

St Patrick's office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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 or visit the website catholicinrecovery.com.

Strive (for Catholic Men)

A resource and community for men who wish to break away from pornography use. Visit strive21.com.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, July 1, 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.

Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC)

ICC offers free online adult Catholic education programs. Visit the Institute of Catholic Culture online for more information and to register at instituteofcatholicculture.org.

Bloom for Catholic Women

Bloom provides healing for women affected by their husband's pornography use/addiction. Therapeutic and spiritual online courses to heal the betrayal trauma. For more information visit online at bloomforcatholicwomen.com.

Let us pray for:

Michael Legnon, who died on June 26 following major surgery.

Doug Nicko, Sarah Brabant, Merrick Stelly, Linda Garber, and Dickie Bell for their health concerns.

Fr Joshua Guillory, who celebrates his 17th anniversary of ordination on June 30.

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

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday

God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

From a sermon by St Ephrem, deacon (†373)

Lord, shed upon our darkened souls the brilliant light of your wisdom so that we may be enlightened and serve you with renewed purity. Sunrise marks the hour for us to begin our toil, but in our souls, Lord, prepare a dwelling for the day that will never end. Grant that we may come to know the risen life and that nothing may distract us from the delights you offer. In your sacrament we daily embrace you and receive you into our bodies. Make us worthy to experience the resurrection for which we hope. We have had your treasure hidden within us ever since we received baptismal grace; it grows ever richer at your sacramental table. Teach us to find our joy in your favor! Lord, we have within us your memorial, received at your spiritual table. Let us possess it in its full reality when all things shall be made new. We glimpse the beauty that is laid up for us when we gaze upon the spiritual beauty that your immortal will now creates within our mortal selves. May your resurrection, Jesus, bring true greatness to our spiritual self and may your sacraments be the mirror wherein we may know that self.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$3,220

Next week's second collection is for St Patrick's building fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

June 30 marks a rather new and unique feast day of the saints in the Roman Catholic Church. It is the memorial of the first martyrs of the Holy Roman Church. This feast day was instituted in 1969 to gather together into one celebration the commemorations of dozens of relatively minor Roman martyrs.

But the feast of the “protomartyrs” of Rome is meant to draw special attention to the persecution of Christians under the direction of the Emperor Nero, a debased and depraved man. In the year AD 64, a fire broke out in Rome that destroyed about two-thirds of the city, perhaps due to Nero’s ordering the fire, which then burned out of control, to make room to enlarge his palace. In order to quell the rumors circulating against him, whether or not they were true, the already unpopular Nero scapegoated the small Christian community in Rome and began rounding them up, putting them to death in theatrically brutal ways.

Witness to this is the Roman historian Tacitus, who, though he looked down on Christianity as a “destructive superstition,” truly despised Nero, who, he asserts, “falsely accused and executed with the most exquisite punishment those people called Christians.” Around AD 118 Tacitus wrote: “those who admitted their faith were seized first, and then, with the information they provided, a vast multitude was convicted, not so much for the crime of burning the city, but for hatred of

the human race. Their deaths came about as if by bloodsport: they were covered with the skins of beasts and killed by hunting dogs, or were nailed to crosses, or set aflame and burned like nighttime lamps once the sun had gone down. Nero used his own gardens for this spectacle and put on a show in the circus, dressing like a charioteer and mixing with the commoners or driving about the race course. Even though the Christians were clearly guilty [of following a false superstition] and deserved being made an example of, people began to pity them, because they were made to suffer not for the public good but on account of one man’s cruelty.”

This was also the timeframe during which both St Peter and St Paul were put to death in Rome, Nero’s deadly savagery sweeping up the princes of the Apostles, who both ended their days, martyred, in the Eternal City.

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I count it a blessing that I was ordained a priest on June 30 and that my ordination gained for me the heavenly patronage of such a cloud of heroic witnesses to the faith. The protomartyrs of Rome suffered cruelly for their faith in Christ and gave the ultimate witness to their hope in Jesus as the resurrection and the life. As God’s grace and mercy kept them faithful in the face of loss, ridicule, and unimaginable physical suffering, may we remain faithful to the grace of God, which is never lacking to those who seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.

In Guillory