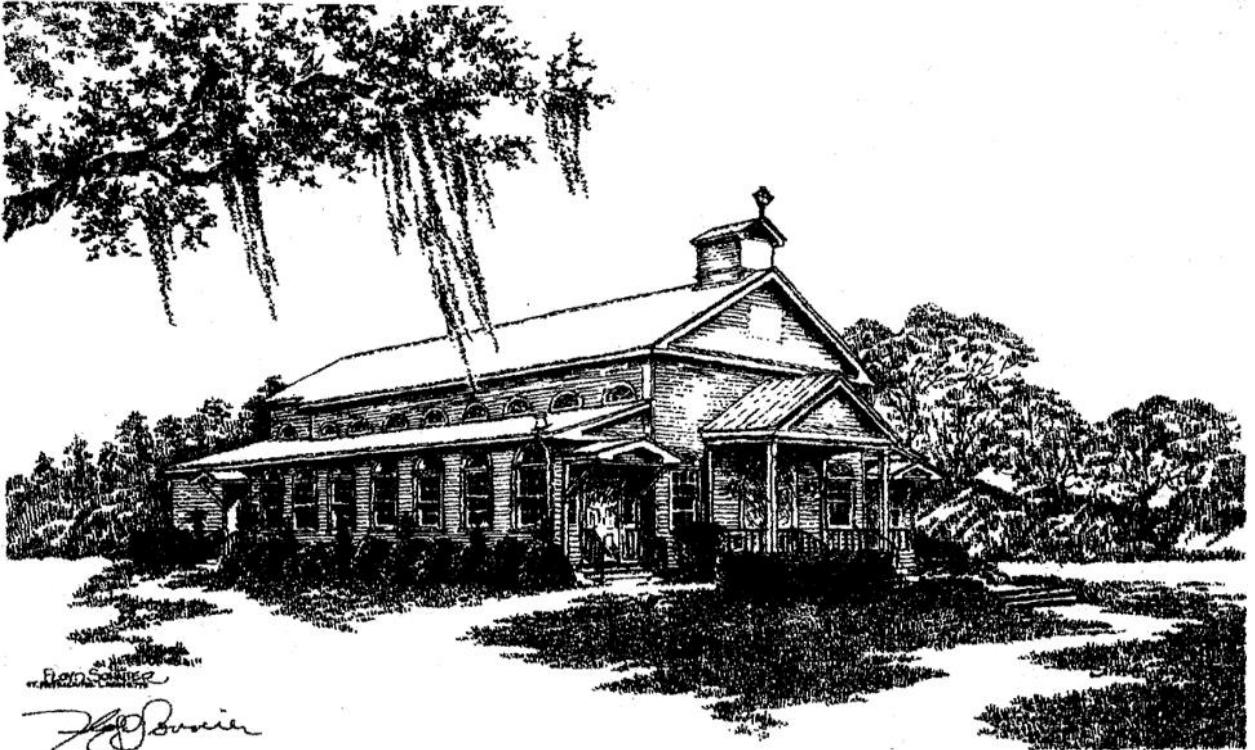


St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 7, 2024 – Fourteenth 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, July 6

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Adrian Boudreux; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Joy & Lee J Guillory, Sr; Felix & Lola Spizale

Sunday, July 7

8:30 a.m.:

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, July 8

7:30 a.m.: Joretta Chance

Tuesday, July 9

7:30 a.m.: Ruby Delahoussaye

Wednesday, July 10

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

Thursday, July 11

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

Friday, July 5

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

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.

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.

La Right to Life pro-life summit

Third annual Pro-Life Summit will be held in Baton Rouge. Adults: July 20; Students: July 15-20. Visit info@prolifelouisiana.org for summit schedule, speakers, and to register.

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.

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).

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

~ Psalm 119:37

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.

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.

Strive (for Catholic Men)

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

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:

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

Gail Roetker, who is being treated for cancer.

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

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

From an instruction by St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop (†386)

By acknowledging your sins strip away your former self, seduced as it is by destructive desires, and put on the new self, renewed in the likeness of its Creator. If anyone here present is thinking of putting God's grace to the test, he is deceiving himself, and he does not understand the nature of things. You are but a man; there is one who searches out men's thoughts and hearts. You must keep your soul innocent and free from deceit. The present is a time for the acknowledgment of sins. Acknowledge what you have done, in word or deed, by night or day. Acknowledge your sins at a time of God's favor, and on the day of salvation you will receive the treasures of heaven. Wash yourself clean, so that you may hold a richer store of grace. Sins are forgiven equally for all, but communion in the Holy Spirit is given in the measure of each one's faith. If you have done little work, you will receive little; if you have achieved a great deal, great will be your reward. The race you are running is for your own advantage; look after your own interests. If you have a grudge against anyone, forgive him. You are drawing near to receive forgiveness for you own sins; you must yourself forgive those who have sinned against you.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,263
Peter's Pence.....\$1,135

From the Pastor's Desk

This past Thursday our country celebrated its national holiday, Independence Day, which commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, some two hundred forty-eight years ago. To think that in only two years, America will celebrate two hundred fifty years, our *semiquincentennial* (or perhaps *sestercentennial*) celebration. Keep your eyes open for these words, as you will no doubt be hearing more about them in the coming years.

Love of one's own country (or region or state or parish or hometown) is a virtue. In Catholic thought, the virtue of patriotism falls under the virtue of piety. By the virtue of piety, we give due honor and respect to those who have authority over us, who have raised us, cared for us, nurtured us, taught us: our parents and families first of all; then our teachers, coaches, pastors, etc. Patriotism is love of the *patria*, the homeland, or very literally, the fatherland. In a very real sense, we owe a debt to our homeland, however we may conceive that – our hometown, parish, state, and country. It is our experience of the *patria* that has a role in how we are shaped and formed into the people we now are, both individually, but most especially collectively.

Love for one's homeland is a beautiful thing. And we must work to avoid two extremes: 1) an uncritical praise that turns a blind eye to the faults and failings of one's country and leads to nationalism; and 2) a hypercritical attitude that fails to

see the goodness and noble aspirations of one's country and leads to hatred of one's country, sometimes called *oikophobia*.

The true patriot, that is, the person who embodies genuine love for their homeland, has neither a starry-eyed nor a jaundiced vision of the homeland. Such a person sees their country's strengths and weaknesses, acknowledges its achievements and its failings, works for its promotion and its improvement.

This is something that I've always appreciated about the song *America the Beautiful*. In the second and third verses of that song are lines that sound like a prayer for America by a writer who loves America and knows well what this country's strengths are as well as her weaknesses: "America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!" And then: "America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!"

These are noble, truly patriotic sentiments, and we do well to embrace them as we honor our country and seek to make some fitting return for all that our homeland has given to us. At the very least, we must pray for our country and for her leaders, as we often do here at St Patrick's, when we remember in prayer at Mass our mayor, our governor, our president, and all elected and civic leaders. May God shed his grace on our country, and crown America's good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

In Guillory