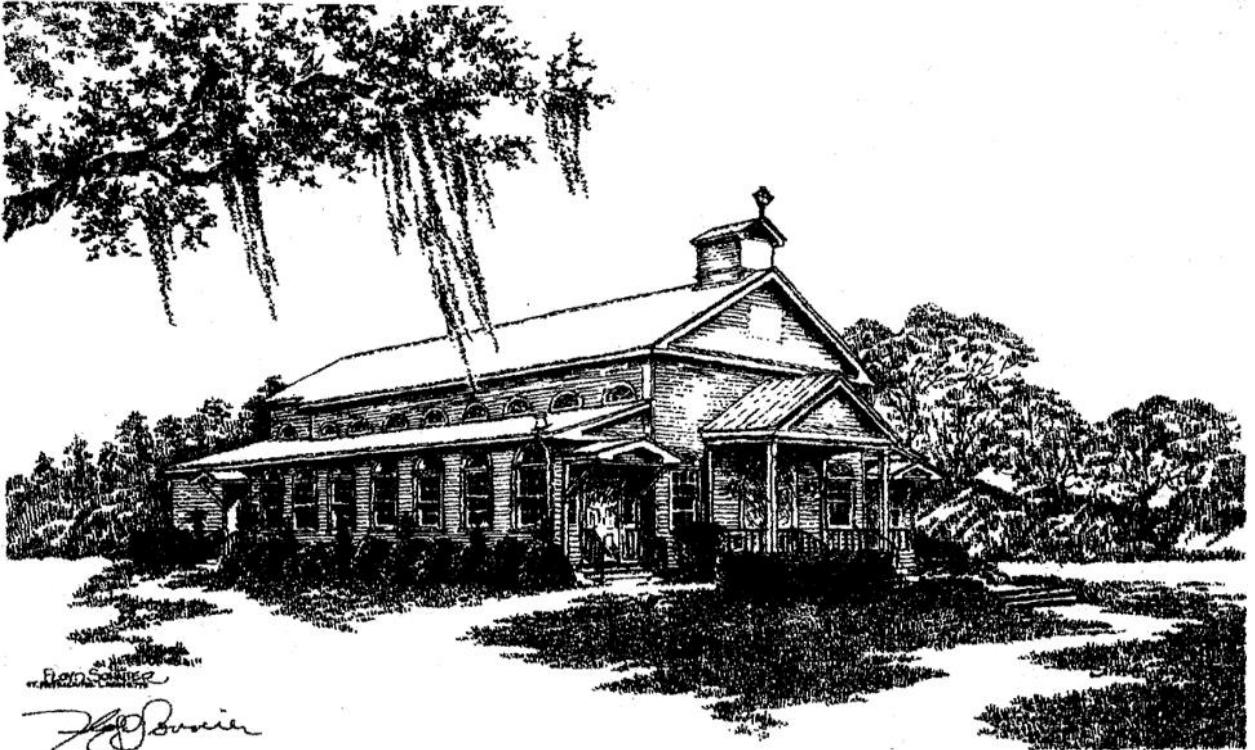


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 4, 2024 – Eighteenth 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, August 3**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Joy & Lee Guillory, Sr.; Felix & Lola Spizale; Students, Parents & Teachers

### **Sunday, August 4**

**8:30 a.m.:** Garber family

**10 a.m.:** For Parishioners

### **Monday, August 5**

**7:30 a.m.:** Louis Delahoussaye

### **Tuesday, August 6**

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

### **Wednesday, August 7**

**7:30 a.m.:** Mary Mineo

### **Thursday, August 8**

**7:30 a.m.:** Kreamer family

### **Friday, August 9**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ron Venable

**Altar flowers** Are donated in memory of Dr. Tommy Comeaux and Dorinne.

### **Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards**

Saturday, August 17, 2024. Visit [diolaf.org/bishopsdinner](http://diolaf.org/bishopsdinner) for more information or to purchase tickets.

### **Catholic Charities of Acadiana**

To donate to the homeless shelter, give online at [catholiccharitiesofacadiana.org](http://catholiccharitiesofacadiana.org) or by a check to PO Box 3177, Lafayette, 70502. Write "emergency sheltering" in the memo.

### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, August 5, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick. 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.

### **Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House**

Our Lady of the Oaks Jesuit Retreat House, located at 214 Church St in Grand Coteau, offers retreats for men, women, and couples. These retreats, directed by Jesuit priests and thoroughly trained lay directors, are based on St Ignatius of Loyola's famous Spiritual Exercises. Mass, Reconciliation, Way of the Cross, and the Rosary are also featured during the retreat experience. For a calendar of all upcoming retreats, and to register, you may go online to [ourladyoftheoaks.com](http://ourladyoftheoaks.com).

### **Online giving at St Patrick's**

If you would like to contribute to St Patrick's online, please visit our website ([stpat.org](http://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.

## **Fête-Dieu du Mississippi**

The 10th annual boat procession on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary will begin at St Joseph Cathedral, in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 8 a.m. Following the Mass, there will be a eucharistic procession to the Mississippi River, where the 130-mile procession and blessing will commence. The two-day procession will conclude with a celebration in New Orleans at Jackson Square on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register visit [fetedieuduteche.org](http://fetedieuduteche.org) or email [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com). Companies wanting to register boats should email [frchampagne@yahoo.com](mailto:frchampagne@yahoo.com).

### **Let us pray for:**

Peter Hays (87), who died at home on July 31.

Todd Cameron, son of parishioner Robin Roy, for his health concerns.

Iris Lucille Ohlsen, born happy and healthy on July 29. Joey and Melinda Dufrene's first grandchild!

Kevin Phillips, who celebrated his 50th birthday on August 1 and Jerry Boudreaux, who turned 88 on August 3.

Sherard Brooks, brother-in-law of Ken Phillips, who died this past week.

Brenda Simon and Jan Judice, who are recovering in rehabilitation

Doug & Karen Nicko, Merrick Stelly, Gail Roetkerand, 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](mailto:office@stpat.org).*

## **Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday**

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

### **From a letter attributed to Barnabas (ca. AD 100)**

The Lord has given us these three basic doctrines: hope for eternal life, the beginning and end of our faith; justice, the beginning and end of righteousness; and love, which bears cheerful and joyous witness to the works of righteousness. Now the Lord has made the past and present known to us through his prophets, and he has given us the ability to taste the fruits of the future beforehand. Thus, when we see prophecies fulfilled in their appointed order, we ought to grow more fully and deeply in awe of him. Let me suggest a few things – not as a teacher, but as one of you – which should bring you joy in the present situation. When evil days are upon us and the worker of malice gains power, we must attend to our own souls and seek to know the ways of the Lord. In those times reverential fear and perseverance will sustain our faith, and we will find need of forbearance and self-restraint as well. Provided that we hold fast to these virtues and look to the Lord, then wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and insight will make joyous company with them.

**Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,110**

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

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Last weekend in my homily I spoke about reality checks and how each of us needs them and how they ground us, getting us out of our heads, our little imaginary bubbles of fear or resentment, anger or worry. We need to *touch grass* and reconnect with what is real, and this will allow us to recognize God at work all around us.

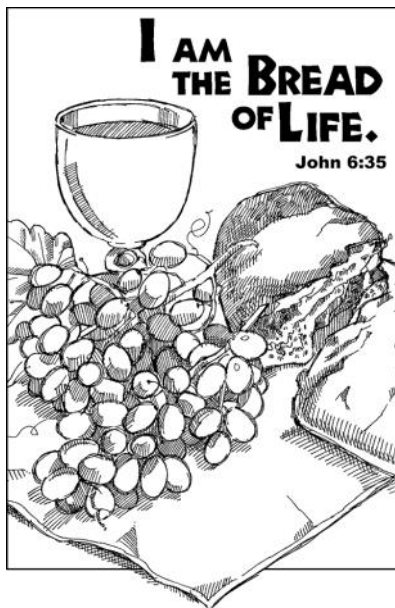
The Eucharist itself is a great reality check, when we celebrate it attentively, worthily, and devoutly. In our celebration of Mass, the Scriptures offer us plenty of fodder for reflection, challenging our preconceived notions and prejudices, breaking through our stubbornness or complacency, moving us toward repentance, *metanoia*.

When we pray before the holy Eucharist, like during exposition or adoration, the presence of Christ among us in the holy Eucharist works to bring about a transformation in us, so that we might be *“renewed in the spirit of our minds”* as St Paul urged in today's second reading (Eph 4:23).

And when we receive the Eucharist in holy communion, Christ himself becomes part of us, spiritually, but also physically, in our own bodies. Having tasted once (provided we have truly tasted) the *“food that endures for everlasting life,”* we learn

to hunger for what is real, and not for the illusions of this world.

Jesus alone can give us such food. The world cannot give it. Politicians cannot give it. Material wealth cannot buy it. Force cannot take it. As long as we are hungering for mere bread – and what bread symbolizes: status, security, satisfaction – we are at risk of losing touch with reality and of seeking the lower things in life. These lower things cannot satisfy. Of them we eat and never have our fill.



This is why Jesus tells the disciples: *“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”* We must go to him, seeking first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness. And all the rest will be given to us besides (Mt 6:33).

This we do this collectively at Mass. But we must also go to the Lord Jesus individually, in the quiet of our own prayer. For this, many people avail themselves of the many adoration chapels found throughout Lafayette, including our beautiful little chapel here at St Patrick's in our parish hall. There, before the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus waits for his people to seek him out and to receive from him *“the food that endures for everlasting life,”* the spiritual nourishment that the Eucharist alone can give.

*Fr Guillory*