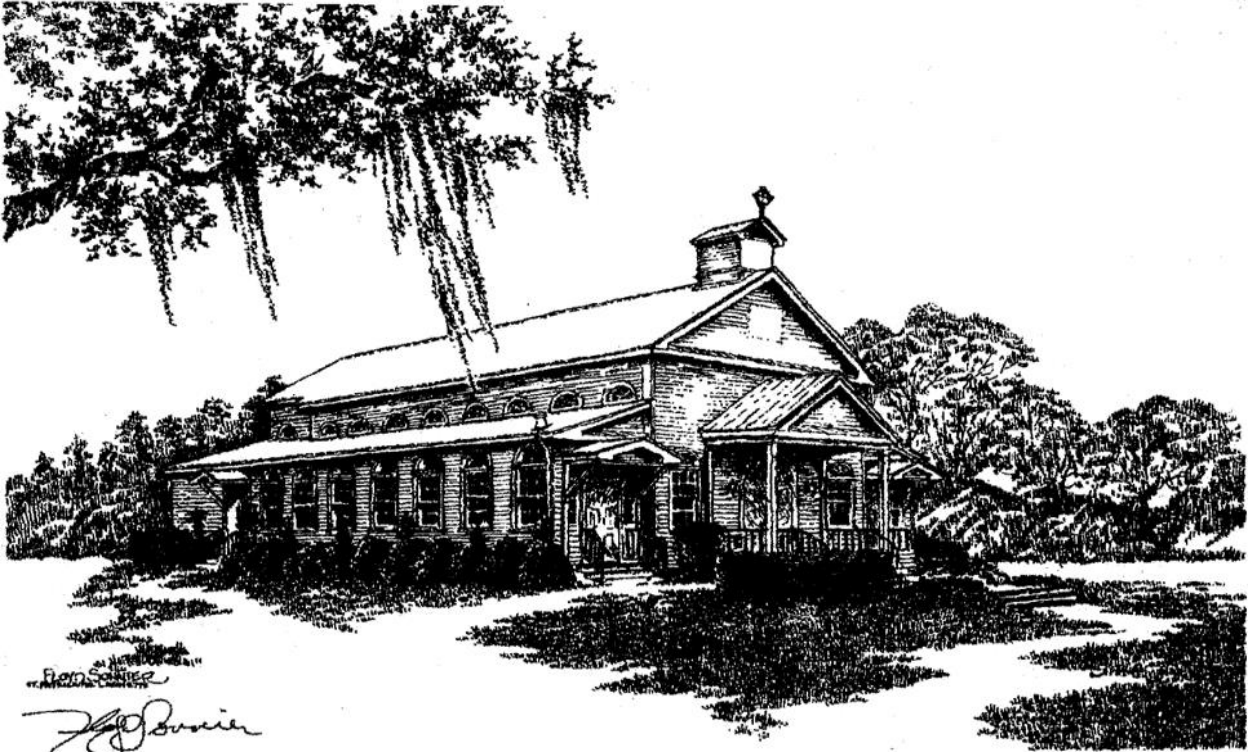


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 18, 2024 – Twentieth 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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# **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **August 18, 2024**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Saturday, August 17**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Peter Hays

#### **Sunday, August 18**

**8:30 a.m.:** Ashton Petitjean family

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

#### **Monday, August 19**

**7:30 a.m.:** Amy Breaud

#### **Tuesday, August 20**

**7:30 a.m.:** Jon & Elisa Schnur

#### **Wednesday, August 21**

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

#### **Thursday, August 22**

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

#### **Friday, August 23**

**7:30 a.m.:** Frank Garber

### **Makin' Groceries Mobile Market**

Shop the Makin' Groceries Mobile Market and get fresh produce and healthy foods at low prices, nutrition advice, recipes and more! Sponsored by Second Harvest Food Bank. Held Tuesday, September 2, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Ochsner Community Health Center, located at 1317 Jefferson St, Lafayette.

### **Memorial Mass Father Verbis LaFleur**

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the death of Servant of God, Lt Father Verbis LaFleur, a memorial Mass will be held at St Landry Catholic Church in Opelousas on Saturday, September 7. Rosary, 9:30 a.m. Mass, 10 a.m. For more information visit [frverbislafleur.com](http://frverbislafleur.com).

### **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.

### **Fight the New Drug**

Fight the New Drug (FTND) is a non-religious, education-focused organization that seeks to give visibility to the harm of pornography. Visit [fightthenewdrug.org](http://fightthenewdrug.org) for articles, videos, podcasts, and more.

### **Integrity Restored**

Integrity Restored is a Catholic organization that offers education and resources to combat pornography use. Visit them at [integrityrestored.com](http://integrityrestored.com).

### **Truth about Porn**

The website [truthaboutporn.org](http://truthaboutporn.org) contains articles of scientific research concerning pornography use, as well as some short informative videos by researchers who explain, in brief, their scientific findings.

### **Parish Photo Directories**

There are a number of extra parish photo directories. Any parishioner who would like one should contact the parish office. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Healing House

Free grief support for children age 4-17 who have experienced or are about to experience the death of a sibling or primary caregiver. 160 S Beadle Rd, Lafayette. Visit [healing-house.org](http://healing-house.org) for more information.

## 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](mailto:michaelsamson@bellsouth.net).

## 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](http://masstimes.org) for useful information.

### Let us pray for:

Fr Joshua Guillory, who celebrates his 48th birthday on August 19.

Dr Walter Comeaux (101), who has been admitted to the hospital.

Brenda Simon and Jan Judice, who are recovering in rehabilitation.

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

## Collect for the Twentieth Sunday

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

## From a treatise on Christian perfection by St Gregory of Nyssa, bishop (†394)

*He is our peace, for he has made both one.* Since we think of Christ as our peace, we may call ourselves true Christians only if our lives express Christ by our own peace. As the Apostle says: *He has put enmity to death.* We must never allow it to be rekindled in us in any way but must declare that it is absolutely dead. Gloriously has God slain enmity, in order to save us; may we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges. We must not awaken that enmity or call it back to life by our wickedness, for it is better left dead. No, since we possess Christ who is peace, we must put an end to this enmity and live as we believe he lived. He broke down the separating wall, uniting what was divided, bringing about peace by reconciling in his single person those who disagreed. In the same way, we must be reconciled not only with those who attack us from outside, but also with those who stir up dissension within; flesh then will no longer be opposed to the spirit, nor the spirit to the flesh. Once we subject the wisdom of the flesh to God's law, we shall be re-created as one single man at peace. Then, having become one instead of two, we shall have peace within ourselves.

**Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$5,197**

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

This Sunday and next we conclude reading from the sixth chapter of John's gospel, wherein Jesus speaks to his disciples about the bread of life. He teaches them that the manna that their ancestors ate in the desert and that the bread that he multiplied to feed the hungry thousands point to a greater reality: *"the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* All that God had done before to feed his people in their time of hunger and of need was a preparation for the "true food" and "true drink" that is the flesh and blood of Jesus, given for the life of the world.

When we approach the holy Eucharist, we are approaching the flesh and blood of the Lord Jesus. This is *what* the Eucharist is. Not mere bread, but Jesus's flesh and blood given for the life of the world. But the Lord also teaches us in John 6 *who* the Eucharist is: *"I am the bread of life."*

In another context, the writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us who and what we are approaching when we draw near to God: *"you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the*

*just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel"* (Heb 12:22-24).

The awesome reality of *who* the Eucharist is demands that we should approach the Body and the Blood with gratitude, *"in reverence and awe"* (Heb 20:28). So when we receive the Body and Blood, we must do so worthily, with real and true belief, or as St Paul puts it: *"A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself"* (1 Cor 11:28-29).

These scriptural passages are the basis for the Church's ages-old insistence and teaching that if we are aware of having committed some mortal sin, some grave sin,

we must first approach the Lord in the sacrament of confession and be reconciled to God before we make bold to receive the Eucharist. *Sancta sanctis!* Holy things for the holy ones. Or with a little more liberty in translating: God's holy gifts for God's holy people. God's gift of mercy cleanses, prepares, and reconciles us so that we may worthily and reverently taste and see the Lord's goodness in the gift of the holy Eucharist.

*In Guillory*



MY FLESH IS REAL FOOD  
AND MY BLOOD IS REAL DRINK