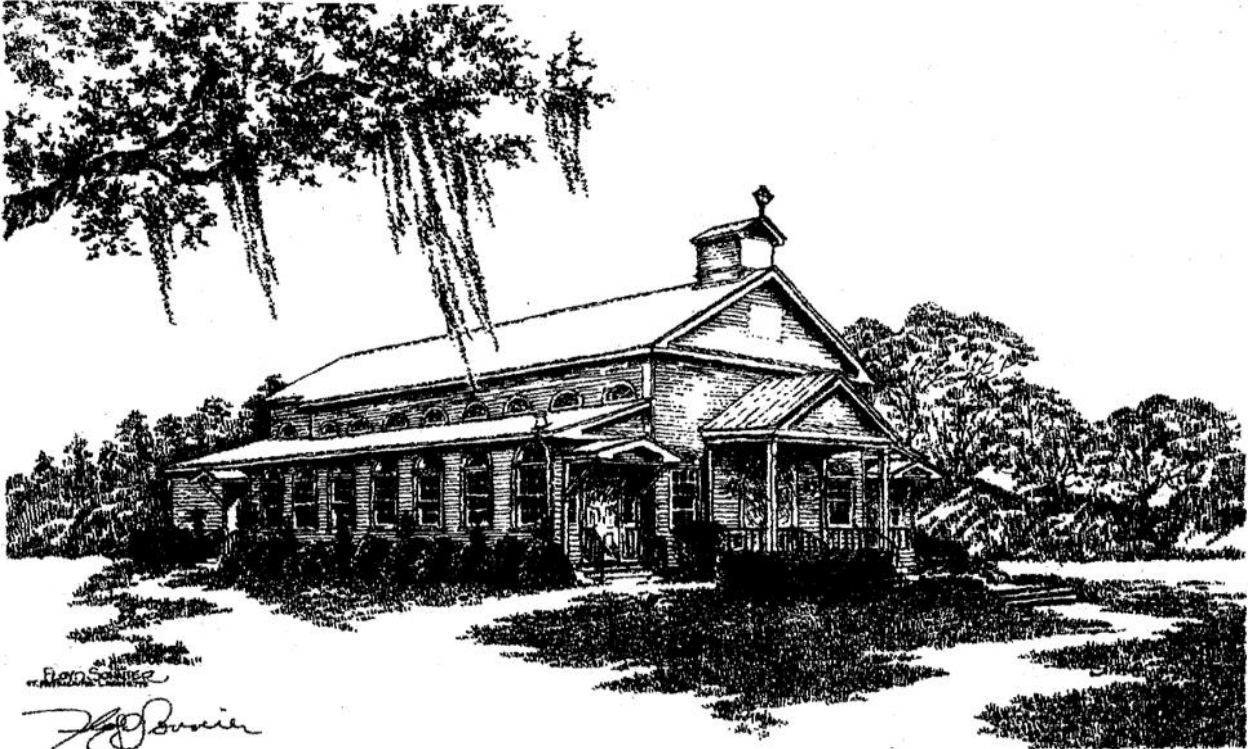


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 25, 2024 – Twenty-first 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 24

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Peter Hays; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable; Elnora Jordan

Sunday, August 25

8:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, August 26

7:30 a.m.: Wanda Bergeron

Tuesday, August 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

7:30 a.m.: Val Mayhall & Caroline Lege (*living*)

Thursday, August 22

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, August 23

7:30 a.m.: Deceased benefactors of the Order of Preachers

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.

I am Restored Mother's Retreat

Red Bird Ministries is holding a mother's retreat for mothers of child loss, pregnancy through adulthood. Held at Jesuit Spirituality Center, 313 East MLK Dr, Grand Coteau, LA 70541, September 13-15, 2024. Check-in at 4pm.

Permanent Diaconate Office

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Diocese of Lafayette is now accepting online pre-inquiry forms and pre-interviewing for men who feel a call to serve more. If you would like more information, please seek out the Pre-Inquiry form under the Permanent Diaconate Office on the diocesan website. Fill out the form and send electronically and you should be contacted by phone. Please contact Deacon Jim Kincel with any questions (337-735-9433).

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.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

~Hebrews 13:16

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).

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.

Let us pray for:

Louis Anthony Bull, son of Charles and Kate Bull, who will be baptized on August 25.

Edmund and Clarisse Dugas, who celebrate their 72nd anniversary on August 25. Cordero and Adelia Henry, who celebrate their first anniversary on August 26.

Nolan Guidry who turns 81 on August 29, and Jeff Drozda who turns 54 on August 30.

Dr Walter Comeaux (101), who died on August 18, and whose funeral was celebrated on August 23.

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.

Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

From a homily on Matthew by St John Chrysostom, bishop (†407)

When he says: *You are the salt of the earth*, he is indicating that all mankind had lost its savor and had been corrupted by sin. Therefore, he requires of his apostles those virtues which are especially useful and even necessary if they are to bear the burdens of many. Do not think, he says, that you are destined for easy struggles or unimportant tasks. Have you noticed how, bit by bit, Christ shows them to be superior to the prophets? He says they are to be teachers not simply for Palestine but for the whole world. Do not be surprised, then, he says, that I address you apart from the others and involve you in such a dangerous enterprise. Consider the numerous and extensive cities, peoples and nations I will be sending you to govern. For this reason I would have you make others prudent, as well as being prudent yourselves. For unless you can do that, you will not be able to sustain even yourselves. If others lose their savor, then your ministry will help them regain it. But if you yourselves suffer that loss, you will drag others down with you. Therefore, the greater the undertakings put into your hands, the more zealous you must be.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,298
Assumption of BVM.....\$398

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Last Monday, August 19, was my 48th birthday. I want to thank each and every one of you who wished me a happy birthday, offered me some word of encouragement, or gave me a gift. I am truly grateful, not only for your generosity and good will, but mostly for the honor of being able to serve you as your pastor. Being at St Patrick's among you has been one of the great graces of my priesthood so far, and I am thankful to God for his gift of life, of the priesthood and of St Patrick's.

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Another rectory update. We are agonizingly close to finishing the rectory. There are some details still to be worked out and our general contractor, Thomson Brothers, is working diligently to finish the project. I have to say that it has been a pleasure to work with folks at Thomson Brothers, who have, to a person, shown themselves to be competent, professional, and courteous, going over and above in all aspects of this project.

I was so pleased by your reactions upon visiting the rectory in the "open houses" we had over the past couple of weeks. One of our long-time parishioners commented to me, "Father, this is what our parish has needed for a long time." I am heartened by that sentiment. This is about our parish, St Patrick's. As we update and upgrade all our buildings, we have a growing sense of pride and mission. We are not concerned about buildings as such, but about how these buildings can serve our mission to live the Gospel more fully and faithfully, to bring our parish community together in worship, prayer, service, and fellowship, and to

invite others to come to know Jesus through the bonds of faith and love that bind us together as members of St Patrick Catholic Church. So yes, the completion of our parish rectory, and what it represents, is just what our parish needs.

My work on the rectory, though, is not over. Now I turn my attention to furnishing and filling the rectory. Once I am able to move in, the rectory will be a bit bare for a while as we make furniture and décor selections bit by bit. I don't excel at this, but I am blessed to have a lot of good help to find right items that will serve the rectory well for many years to come.

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In church, it may have escaped your notice that we have a new paschal candle stand and a new sanctuary lamp stand. Well, the truth is that neither of them are new. Both were in storage here for many years, and I've had them restored over the past couple of months. First was the paschal candle stand, made of brass. This was ready for Easter, when it made it's appearance with the new Easter candle. The sanctuary lamp stand is made of solid bronze, and I introduced it in early August. Both are beautiful pieces that had been laid aside, who knows why or for how long. But now that they have been repaired and refinished, I think they are worthy items, rightly restored to a place of prominence in our little church. I don't mind telling you who did the work: *Zito's Plating and Polishing Works* in New Orleans, a small family business of fine craftsmen specializing in restoring metal pieces, from ashtrays to chandeliers. Zito's does excellent work, and I am glad to recommend them to anyone who needs metal work restoration.

Fr Guillory