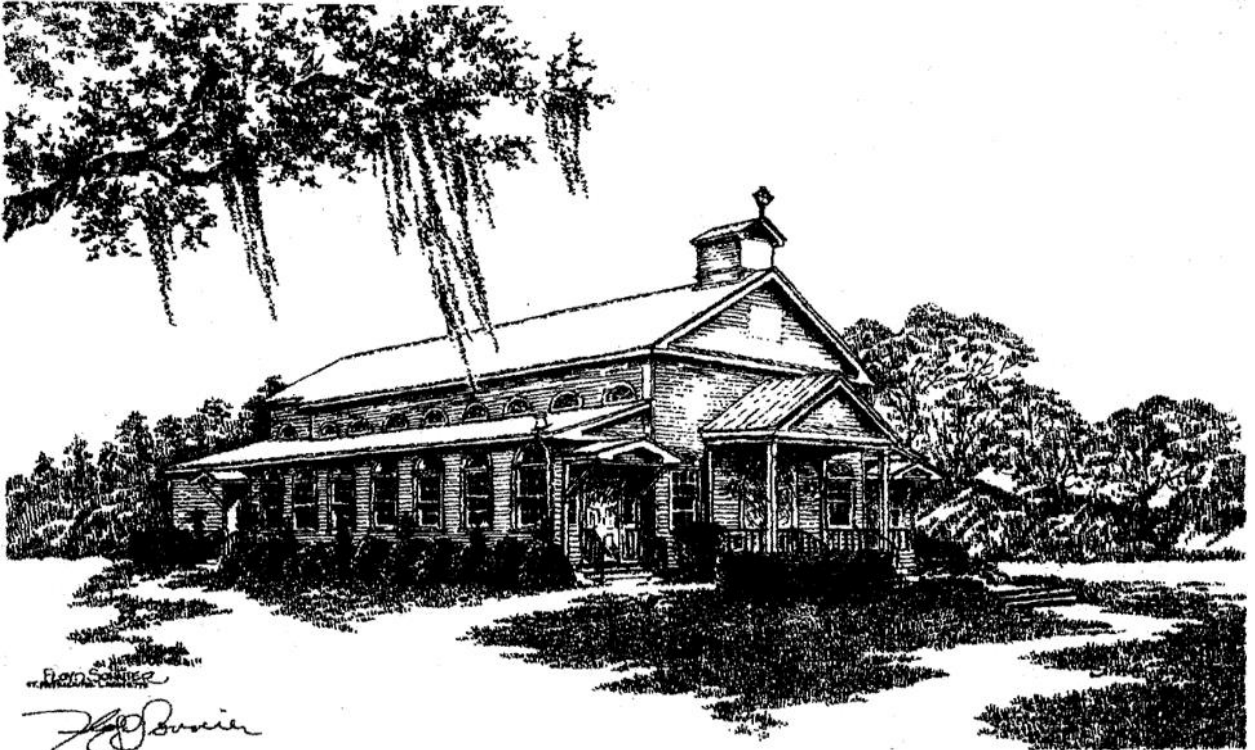


St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 1, 2024 – Twenty-second 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 31

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Charles Dugas

Sunday, September 1

8:30 a.m.: Peter Hays

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, September 2

7:30 a.m.: Ronald Lege family

Tuesday, September 3

7:30 a.m.: Ashton Petitjean family

Wednesday, September 4

7:30 a.m.: LeBlanc family

Thursday, September 5

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, September 6

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

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

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.

Parish Photo Directories

There are a number of extra parish photo directories. Any parishioner who would like one should contact the parish office.

Comunità Cenacolo

A Catholic community for addiction recovery. Visit hopereborn.org.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to will be held Monday, September 9, 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.

Women's Bible Study

A 22-week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 17 (8:30-9:15 a.m.) here in the office building conference room, using the book *Keeping in Balance* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, which can be purchased online at walkingwithpurpose.com or on Amazon. Contact Judi Dugas (337-247-5789), Stephanie Bacque (337-278-9303) or Penny Spizale (337-296-0346) for any and all questions, information, and registration.

I have pondered over my ways and returned to your will. ~ Psalm 119:59

Labor Day office closure

St Patrick's parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

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.

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.

Advocates for Immigrants in Detention

LAAID is volunteer organization helping immigrants released from detention by providing transportation, meals, and overnight hosting as they travel to their family/sponsor. See laaid.org for more information or call our parishioner, Patty Prather, at 337-278-6029.

Let us pray for:

Anna Walker, our parish secretary, who celebrates her birthday on September 6.

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.

***Pray for one another,
that you may be healed.
~James 5:16***

Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

From a sermon St Augustine, bishop (†430)

Greetings, sons and daughters. In the name of the Lord who loves us, peace be to you. Happy are we if we do the deeds of which we have heard and sung. Our hearing them means having them planted in us, while our doing them shows that the seed has borne fruit. By saying this, I wish to caution you, dearly beloved, not to enter the Church fruitlessly, satisfied with mere hearing of such mighty blessings and failing to do good works. For *we have been saved by his grace*, says the Apostle, *and not by our works, lest anyone may boast; for it is by his grace that we have been saved*. It is not as if a good life of some sort came first, and that thereupon God showed his love and esteem for it from on high, saying: "Let us come to the aid of these men and women and assist them quickly because they are living a good life." No, our life was displeasing to him. He will, therefore, condemn what we have done, but he will save what he himself has done in us. Yet, although our actions were such, God in his mercy did not abandon us. He sent his Son to redeem us, at the price of his blood poured out for us. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be worthy of that great grace.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,204

*Next week's second collection is for the
Catholic University of America.*

From the Pastor's Desk

It's already September, which means the hope of cooler temperatures and fresh air is not too far off. Thanks be to God! September brings Labor Day and the start of the school year (roughly). Work and study. Labor and learning.

With Labor Day, the “unofficial end of summer,” our nation pauses for a day of rest to honor the men and women who have worked so hard to develop and build our country. The achievements of the labor movement, which began in earnest in the late 1800s, were hard fought and hard won. We must not take for granted the drastically improved conditions under which all of us work today compared with how our forebears worked just over a century ago.

In the Christian worldview, work is seen as a gift from God, given to Adam and Eve in the act of creation, for them to be stewards of the world that God had made, cooperating with God in the work of creation. Work, though, which should ennoble, became toil and drudgery, which can debase, after the fall, a punishment for the sin of rebellion.

In our fallen world, Jesus took on all of human nature, redeeming everything, even work. He did not disdain being known as “the carpenter’s son,” as he learned Joseph’s trade and worked for a living. In Christ, work is restored to its rightful place, a cooperation with God in building up creation. For this reason, all who work with honesty and diligence must be seen as doing something holy.

Work is the way we humans sanctify ourselves and the world around us.

With the beginning of the school year, we are reminded that all of us are disciples, a word that means “learners.” At school, we learn from our teachers. Always, we learn from Christ, who is called “teacher” and “master.”

God, in bringing forth the fullness of creation, has constantly taught us through his law and the prophets. In today’s first reading, God speaks through Moses, who says: “Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe... Observe them carefully, for thus you will give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,” and this will give glory to God.

The Lord teaches, and we learn. And if we learn his lessons well (his law, his word, his way), then we give evidence to the world of God’s goodness, fidelity, and mercy. Doing so, we become holy, as God is holy, and we bring holiness into the world.

So September offers an occasion to reflect on work and on learning. We ourselves work, and others work on our behalf. We learn from each other, and we teach each other. These are sacred things, not merely secular ones: work, learning, teaching.

For all who work, may Labor Day be restful and enjoyable. For all who teach and learn, may the new school year bring growth in wisdom and knowledge. In all things, may God be glorified!

In Guillory