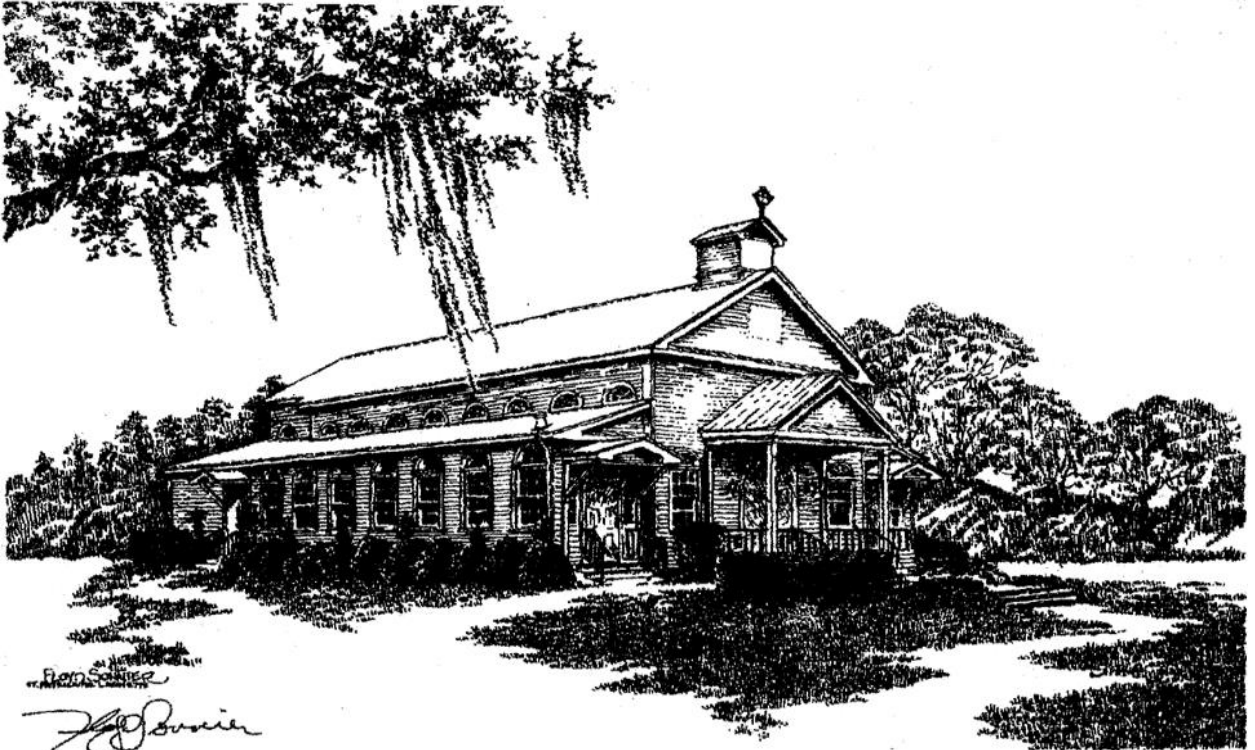


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 8, 2024 – Twenty-third 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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## **September 8, 2024**

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

#### **Saturday, September 7**

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

#### **Sunday, September 8**

**8:30 a.m.:** Peter Hays; Jeremy & Meg Dean; Chad LeBlanc; Robert Huges

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

#### **Monday, September 9**

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

#### **Tuesday, September 10**

**7:30 a.m.:** Joretta Chance

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

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

#### **Thursday, September 12**

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

#### **Friday, September 13**

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

### **Remember: A Conversation for Healing & Hope after Loss to Suicide**

Join a Zoom conference featuring Sr Kathryn Maney and Tom Korta on September 18, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. To register, go to [tinyurl.com/txwpmkxu](https://tinyurl.com/txwpmkxu).

### **Come to the Well**

A day of hope for those suffering the loss of a loved one. November 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Held at Immaculata Center in Lafayette. For information and to register, go to [diolaf.org/cttw](https://diolaf.org/cttw) or call 337-261-5607.

### **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](mailto:cirstpiusx@gmail.com) or visit the website [catholicinrecovery.com](https://catholicinrecovery.com).

### **Parish Photo Directories**

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

### **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 (8:15-9:30 a.m.) here in the office building conference room, using the book *Keeping in Balance* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, which can be purchased on online at [walkingwithpurpose.com](https://walkingwithpurpose.com) or on Amazon. You may contact any one of the following: Judi Dugas at 337-247-5789 Stephanie Bacque at 337-278-9303 or Penny Spizale at 337-296-0346 for any and all questions, information, and registration.

## Grand Coteau Retreats

If you are looking for a 3, 5, or 8-day individual silent retreat, these are offered at Grand Coteau. See [gcretreats.org](http://gcretreats.org) for more 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](http://instituteofcatholicculture.org).

## Scams targeting parishioners

From time to time it happens that a parishioner receives a text or an email that *appears* to be from Fr Guillory, asking for some kind of help or financial assistance. These are scams. Father will *never* ask for financial assistance for the parish or for the poor (or for himself) in such a manner. Please disregard such messages, and report it to Father or to the parish office.

### Let us pray for:

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

Dr Willie Bienvenu, father of Fr Paul Bienvenu, former pastor of St Patrick, who died on August 31.

Janell Degeyter, daughter of Joyce Stelly, who had hip surgery this past week.

Doug & Karen Nicko, Merrick Stelly, Gail Roetker, Brenda Simon, Jan Judice, 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).*

**Pray for one another,  
that you may be healed.**

**~James 5:16**

## Collect for the Twenty-second Sunday

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

## From an instruction by St Columban, abbot (†615)

The fountain of life, the fountain of love, calls us to him and says: Whoever thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Understand well what you drink. Jeremiah would tell us: they abandoned me, the fountain of living water, says the Lord. The Lord himself, our God Jesus Christ, is the fountain of life, and accordingly he invites us to himself as to a fountain, that we may drink. Whoever loves him, drinks him. He drinks who is filled with the Word of God. He drinks who loves him fully and really desires him. He drinks who is on fire with the love of wisdom. Consider the source of the fountain: bread comes down to us from the same place, since the same one is the bread and the fountain, the only-begotten Son, our God, Christ the Lord, for whom we should always hunger. We may even eat him out of love for him, and devour him out of desire, longing for him eagerly. Let us drink from him, as from a fountain, with an abundance of love. May we drink him with the fullness of desire, and may we take pleasure in his sweetness and savor.

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,556  
Building.....\$4,179

Online offerings for July.....\$2,103

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.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

In the Catholic calendar of the celebration of feast days for the saints, September 8 is reserved for the birth of the Virgin Mary. Now, the Scriptures are silent on Mary's birth, but an early Christian writing from mid to late 100s, called the *protoevangelium of James*, describes the early life of Mary and her parents, Joachim and Anne. The historical reliability of this ancient document is questioned, but at the very least it attests to the very development of Christian devotion and piety concerning Mary.

This particular Marian feast day began in the East, in Syria and Palestine, where the Church year began in September. And so, Mary's birth came to be commemorated in early September. It was this date, September 8, that helped determine, nineteen centuries later, the date for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.

On December 8, the Church celebrates and contemplates God's unique action of preserving Mary from all stain of sin at the moment that she was conceived, in the normal human fashion, in the womb of her mother, St Anne. Then, nine months later, the Church celebrates the birth of Mary on September 8.

As Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, received her as a gift from God, so one day Mary, with her husband, Joseph, would receive Jesus, a gift of the Most High, not only for them, but for the whole world.

Isn't it remarkable that the drama of human salvation takes its origins in the human family? What God created from the beginning, man and woman, for the propagation of the human race, he then uses to enter human history, subjecting himself, Ruler and Creator, to the laws of the created order he himself brought into being.

With the birth of Mary, we are given another opportunity to contemplate the human family from a divine perspective. The marriage of a man and woman is the safest and most secure environment for the rearing of children. Strong and healthy marriages bring about strong and healthy societies. It is no wonder then, even from the beginning, that marriage would be attacked by the evil one, who would do anything to harm the union of those whom God has joined together.

Mary's birthday, then, is the perfect occasion for us to have recourse to her, who was daughter, wife and mother, for the graces that we need to lead happy, holy, and healthy family lives.

### **The Memorare**

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

*Fr Guillory*