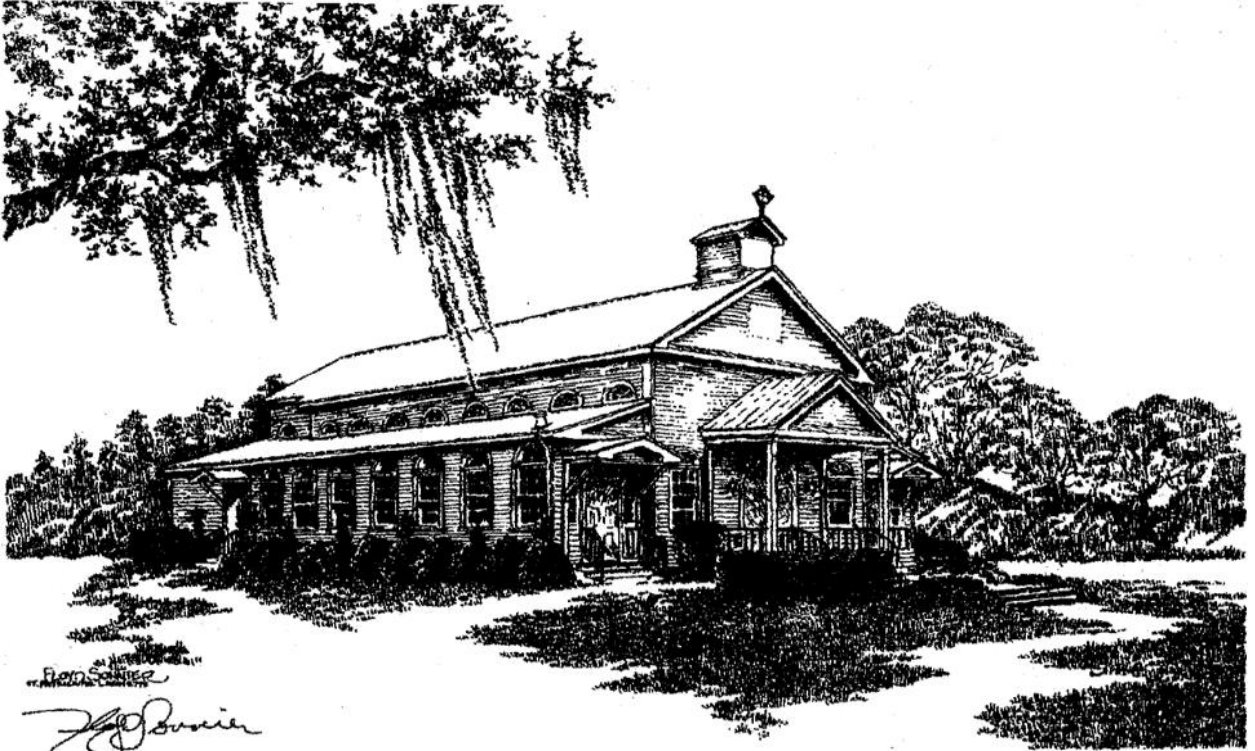


St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 29, 2024 – Twenty-sixth 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, September 28

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Cecil Lavergne; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable

Sunday, September 29

8:30 a.m.: Brett Walker; Peter Hays

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, September 30

7:30 a.m.: Elisa Cenni

Tuesday, October 1

7:30 a.m.: Michael Legnon

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, October 4

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

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

Annual “Blue Mass”

On Wednesday, October 2, Feast of the Guardian Angels, the Diocese of Lafayette will hold its annual “Blue Mass” at 12:05 p.m. in Cathedral Hall at Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.

Annual “White Coat Mass”

On October 15, at 6 p.m. the “White Coat Mass” will be celebrated at St Pius X Church. All medical professionals are asked to wear their white coats as a sign of unity and connection with the intention of this special Mass. Reception to follow.

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 or call 337-261-5607.

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, October 7, 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.

Catholic Charities of Acadiana

To donate to the homeless shelter, give online at catholiccharitiesofacadiana.org or by a check to PO Box 3177, Lafayette, 70502. Write “emergency sheltering” in the memo.

Remember Me

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia/ Alzheimer’s. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Please email setonrememberme@gmail.com or call 337-235-1483 or for more information.

Redbird Ministries

Faith, grief, bereavement support for parents who are suffering the loss of a child. See www.redbird.love for more information, meetings, and events.

AI-Anon Meetings

AI-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:

All who are suffering from Hurricane Helene and for those who are involved in the recovery efforts.

Sharon Lewis, wife of parishioner Larry Lewis, who is having surgery for a broken elbow.

Jarrell Sparrow, whose birthday is on September 30, and Geraldine Broussard, who turned 83 on September 23.

Jeff and Cheryl Drozda, who celebrate 31 years of marriage on October 2.

Doug & Karen Nicko, Merrick Stelly, Gail Roetker, Brenda Simon, Jan Judice, Janelle Degeyter, 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-sixth Sunday

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

From a letter to the Philippians by St Polycarp, bishop and martyr (†155)

*Prepare yourselves for the struggle, serve the Lord in fear and truth. Put aside empty talk and popular errors; your faith must be in him who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him a share in his own glory and a seat at his right hand. To him everything was made subject in heaven and on earth. All things obey him, who will come as judge of the living and the dead. All who refuse to believe must answer to God for the blood of his Son. He who raised him from the dead will raise us too if we do his will and keep his commandments, loving what he loved, refraining from all wrongdoing, fraud, avarice, malice and slander. Always remember the words of the Lord, who taught: *Do not judge and you will not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will find mercy; the amount you measure out to others will be the amount measured out to you.**

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$2,401
Online offerings for August.....\$2,602

If you would like to contribute to St Patrick's online, please visit our website (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.

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

From the Pastor's Desk

October 2 is the feast day of the Holy Guardian Angels. The promise of a guardian angel for each person is based on the words of the Lord Jesus in the gospel of Matthew: *do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father* (18:10). Even in the Old Testament, angels are sent from God to guide and protect and to communicate the divine will to God's people.

What are angels, though? Angels are noncorporeal beings, meaning that they are pure spirits. Which means that they are invisible and have no material form and are neither male nor female. When angels interact with human beings, they take on a form so as to be visible to us. Sometimes these forms resemble naturally occurring phenomena, like fire, water, smoke, or clouds.

Other times angelic beings will take on human form and speak and interact with us in that way. Still other times, the Scriptures describe angelic beings in terrifying terms, creatures with eyes and wings and feet and hands all over. These are often encountered in prophetic visions and are meant to signify the power and awesome might of God and to inspire fear and reverence for the otherness of God and God's glory.

Even the least of the angels is a being whose power far excels any natural power known on earth. Which makes it a pity

that angels are so often depicted as chubby-cheeked babies or with graceful feminine features. There are reasons in art history for these depictions, but they are nowhere to be found in the Scriptural accounts of angels. These bubbly images detract from what is the glory of angelic beings, who reflect the sublime glory of their Creator, the Lord God of Hosts.

While everyone should acknowledge and cultivate a relationship with their guardian angel, the practice of trying to know the name or even of naming one's guardian angel is to be avoided. We read in a 2001

Vatican document that *the practice of assigning names to the Holy Angels should be discouraged, except in the cases of Gabriel, Raphael, and Michael whose names are contained in Holy Scripture.*



There are good reasons for this. First, in the Scriptures, the angels decline to give their names when asked. Second, biblically, to name a thing is to assert authority

over it, and we have no authority over the angels. Third, such practices can open us to the influence of the evil one and the fallen angels.

With these things in mind, I encourage everyone to reflect on the angels and their role in salvation history, to cultivate an authentic spiritual relationship with their guardian angel, and to join the angels in their song of praise and worship of the one true God, as together with them we acclaim: *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts!*

In Quillory