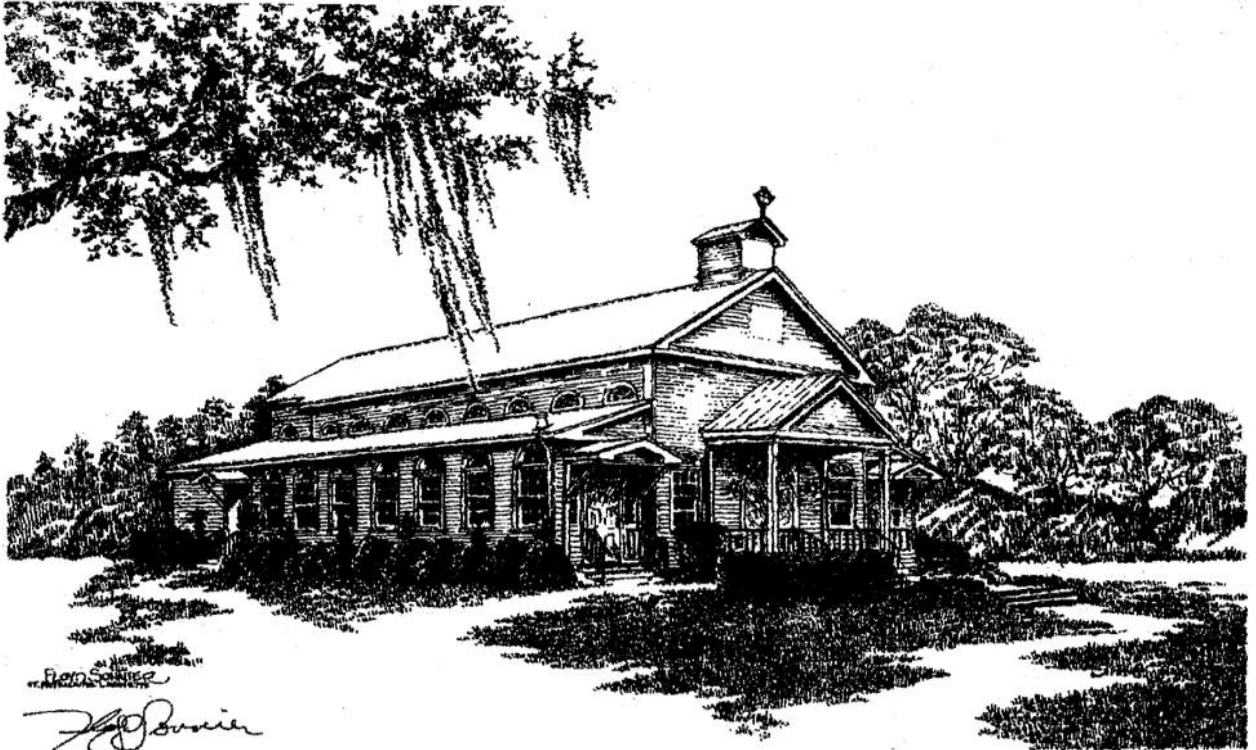


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 17, 2024 – Thirty-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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## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Saturday, November 16**

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

### **Sunday, November 17**

**8:30 a.m.:** All Dominican Members of St. Albert the Great Chapter

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

### **Monday, November 18**

**7:30 a.m.:** Peter Hays

### **Tuesday, November 19**

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

### **Wednesday, November 20**

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

### **Thursday, November 21**

**7:30 a.m.:** Warren & Kerry McGovern

### **Friday, November 22**

**7:30 a.m.:** Marlene Credeur family

### **Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 28**

Mass with music will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at St Patrick's. A collection will be taken to support United Christian Outreach on Carmel Dr., which provides food and clothing to residents of Lafayette who are in need.

### **Back to the Basics**

Office of Black Catholics presents Back to the Basics: Who You Are, Whose You Are & Where You Are Going. November 23, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Held at SLCC Campus, located at 320 Devalcourt Street in Lafayette. To register call Stephanie Bernard at 337-261-5964.

### **Aquinas Symposium: The Life and Legacy of St. Thomas Aquinas**

November 22 & 23 at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Student Center. For a full itinerary, and to register, go to [aquinaslafayette.org](http://aquinaslafayette.org).

### **Remembrance Mass**

For those that lost a loved one to Suicide. November 23, 10 a.m. at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Visit [diolaf.org/suicide-survivors](http://diolaf.org/suicide-survivors) or call 337-261-5653 to register the name of your loved one who died by suicide to be remembered during the Mass.

### **Surviving the Holidays**

Separated, Divorced or Remarried. A workshop for women and men navigating the holidays in a new way post separation. December 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Diocese of Lafayette. To register, visit [womenatthewelloflove.org/survivingtheholidays](http://womenatthewelloflove.org/survivingtheholidays).

### **Follow Me, A grieving Dad's Retreat**

All men who have experienced any form of child loss are invited. December 13-15, Camp 928, Butte LaRose. Go to [redbird.love/dadsretreat](http://redbird.love/dadsretreat) for more information.

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. ~ Matthew 25:40*



## 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.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities of Acadiana needs volunteers. Here is how you can help:

**St. Joseph Diner:** sign up to serve during the most needed shifts: breakfast and dinner.

**Food Net Bank:** emergency food bags need to be filled; often they have no one to help.

Check the online calendar and sign up where there are vacancies (*catholiccharitiesacadiana.org*). For questions contact Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or [sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org](mailto:sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org).

**United Christian Outreach**, 422 Carmel Dr, is also in need of volunteers. Please contact parishioner Geneva Phillips at 337-280-2065 for more information.

## Let us pray for:

Robin Roy, who celebrates her 79th birthday on November 18.

Joyce Stelly, who celebrates her 94th birthday on November 20.

Harold Schoeffler, father of Todd Schoeffler, who is recovering from a stroke.

Alice McFillen, Merrick Stelly, Gail Roetker, and Brenda Simon 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 Thirty-third Sunday

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

## From a second-century homily

We should repent of our sins while we are still on earth. When a potter is making a vessel and it becomes misshapen or breaks in his hands, he shapes it again; but once placed in the oven, it is beyond repair. Now the clay in the craftsman's hands is an image of ourselves, and it teaches us that, while still in this world, we must wholeheartedly repent of sins committed in the body and make it possible for the Lord to save us while there is time. When we have left this world, we shall no longer be able to repent and confess our sins. We must do the will of the Father, keep our bodies pure, and observe the commandments of the Lord, for this is the way to obtain eternal life. The Lord says in the gospel: *If you have not been observant in small matters, who will entrust you with anything important? For I tell you that the man who is faithful in the smallest things is faithful in the greatest things as well.* In other words, in order to obtain eternal life, we must remain pure and keep the seal of our baptism undefiled.

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,455

October online offerings.....\$2,477

*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*

As Thanksgiving comes around this year, it falls on the latest possible day, November 28. This circumstance gives us ample time and opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the many things for which we must be thankful. It also gives us a chance to exercise the virtue of gratitude.

Gratitude is connected to the virtue of justice, perfecting and guaranteeing it in a sense. Justice means giving to others what belongs to them. Those who do good to us – our benefactors – have a rightful claim on our thanks. Our thanks “belongs” to them. This is how we “repay” them for the good they have shown us. So gratitude is an obligation, but it is a gentle one.

A key aspect of repaying a favor is to receive it graciously. A second key aspect is a certain promptness in expressing our gratitude. We do not want to delay our expression of gratitude to the point where it may seem that we are ungrateful, either by failing to acknowledge the favor received or by failing to express our appreciation for it.

Lack of gratitude is an unworthy trait in anyone who is aiming to be virtuous and to live in a virtuous manner. Jesus himself did not fail to thank his Father, even on the eve of his passion, when he took bread and wine, gave thanks to God for the gifts of food and drink, and shared

the gifts with his disciples, gift now become his own body and blood.

When we say grace before we eat (and after we eat), we are showing ourselves aware and grateful that what we are about to eat (or have just eaten) comes to us from God's bounty. One spiritual writer puts it this way: food is the love of God made edible. And when someone shows you love, how can gratitude not follow?

This is especially so for the love that God has shown us: “for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).



Now when we receive the gift of the holy Eucharist, should we not spend some time in thanksgiving to God for this gift, for the body and blood of Jesus, given to us as a foretaste of life everlasting?

I want to encourage all of us to make a personal thanksgiving to God each time we receive holy communion. Whether we do this upon returning to our pews, in silence, while others receive, whether we stay after Mass for a few moments in prayerful thanksgiving, or whether we do this later, at home, let us not fail to express our gratitude to God for the sublime gift he has given us. “How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?” asks Psalm 116. At the very least, I can say thank you, and mean it, with gratitude and in sincerity of heart.

*Fr Guillory*