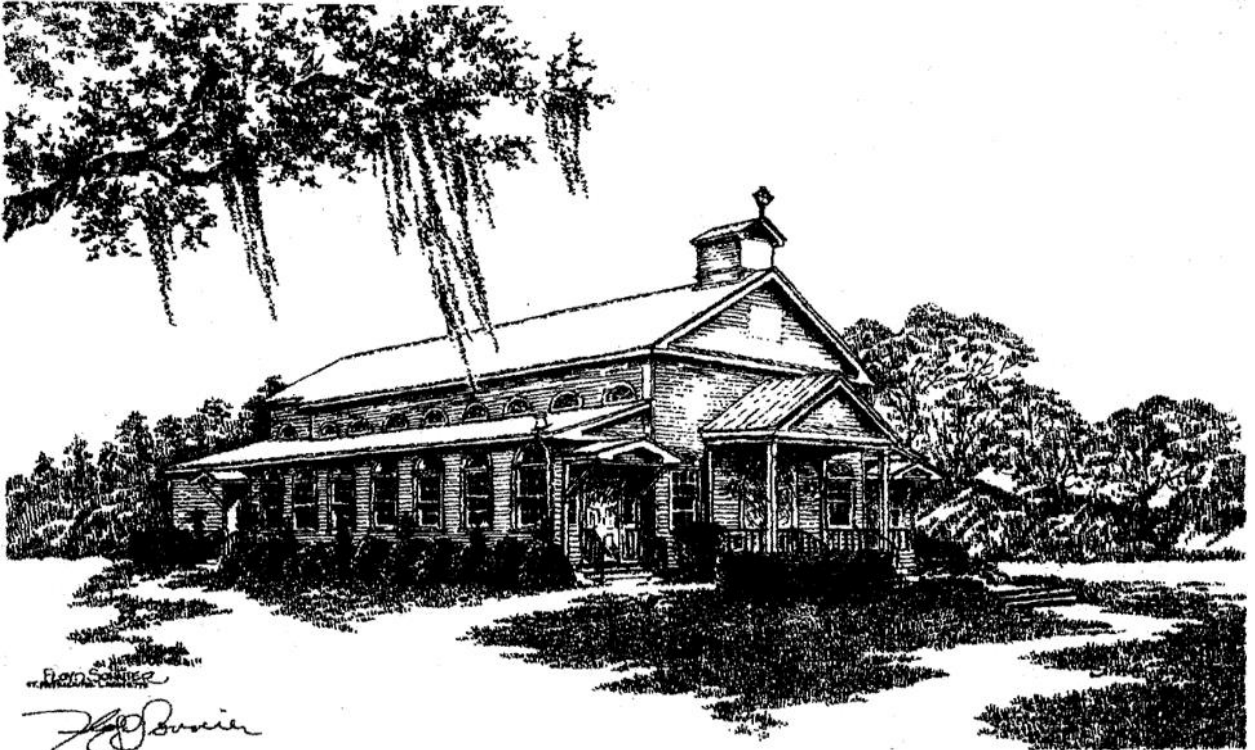


St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 3, 2024 – Thirty-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, November 2

4 p.m.: Brett Walker; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfe; John P Zagar; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Joy & Lee Guillory, Sr; Felix & Lola Spizale; Peter Hays; Todd Cameron; All souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 3

8:30 a.m.: Peter Hays

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, November 4

7:30 a.m.: Mary Mineo

Tuesday, November 5

7:30 a.m.: Joseph & Mary Margiotta

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, November 8

7:30 a.m.: All deceased Dominicans

*Altar flowers are donated in loving
memory of
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne*

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to will be held Monday, November 4, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick. 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.

Friendsgiving in Christ: fall social

Sunday, November 17 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please sign up for our annual fall social, held in the parish hall. There is no cost to attend. Every household is encouraged to bring a homemade dish to share – whether salad or vegetable, a casserole or a dessert. Canned and dried goods will be collected for distribution to those 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.

Come and See

A free program designed for men ages 16+ who may be thinking about the priesthood. A weekend encounter of prayer and fellowship with seminarians. November 8-10 at St Joseph Seminary in Covington. For more information or registration, call the Office of Vocations at 337-261-5690 or visit the website lafayettevocations.com. The next Come and See weekend is scheduled for April 11-13, 2025.

Teurlings Catholic High - Open House

Parents and students considering Teurlings Catholic High School for the 2025-2026 school year are invited to attend an open house event on Tuesday, November 12. There will be two tours beginning at 4 & 5:30 p.m. in the TCHS gym. For questions or further information, please contact Tiffany Parks, Director of Admissions, at 337-235-5711, ext. 112, or tparks@tchs.net.

Bereavement/grief support

Hospice of Acadiana offers a weekly support group for those who are bereaved or have experienced the death of a loved one. Call 337-232-1234 for more information.

Let us pray for:

Those who have died in the past year – Marlene Credeur, Marguerite Montagnet, Dr Walter Comeaux, Dr Willie Bienvenue, Dickie Bell – and all who mourn their loss.

Amari and Kaylee Henry, daughters of Adelia and Cordero Henry, who make their first communion this Sunday.

Marcus Bruno, who celebrated his birthday on October 30.

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

Alice McFillen, Doug & Karen Nicko, 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.

Collect for the Thirty-first Sunday

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.

From *Lumen gentium*, the Constitution of the Church of the Second Vatican Council, n. 31 (1964)

The term *laity* is understood to mean all the faithful except those in holy orders and in the state of religious life. The lay faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God. They are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ, and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world. But the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world, that is, in each and in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. In this way they may make Christ known to others, especially by the testimony of a life resplendent in faith, hope and charity.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,212

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

~ 1 Peter 4:10

From the Pastor's Desk

In just a couple of days our nation will return to the election polls to cast votes in the presidential election. With the option of early voting, many millions of Americans have already voted. Voting is a solemn and sacred duty, and no one who is eligible to vote should refrain from doing so. The strength of a participatory democracy is directly dependent on the active engagement of citizens.

Sometimes, though, the candidates of the major political parties are unappealing. In this case, a conscientious voter may find him or herself voting more *against* one candidate than *for* another. The protest vote is another feature of electoral democracies. And a better one than not voting at all.

The conscientious voter may also consider voting for a third-party candidate. Historically, the United States has developed a two-party political system, while third parties have played a fascinating role in American political life. Of all the third parties, one that serious-minded Catholics should consider is the *American Solidarity Party*. I have no party affiliation whatsoever, and so I point this out merely as an opportunity for you to inform yourself on another possibility.

It seems unlikely to me that a mere two political parties can fairly represent the views and concerns in a country of 335 million people. It is no wonder that more and more people, including Catholics, prefer to register as independents or as having no party affiliation. They find the trends, positions, candidates, and

behaviors of the major parties to be out of touch with their concerns and priorities.

In the face of unappealing party platforms and unconvincing candidates for public office, concerned and conscientious citizens have the duty to act and even to discern carefully whether the occasion might be summoning them to some type of principled public service. This can happen by joining or forming smaller political parties and growing them at a local level. Or even by running for office.

The Catholic laity in particular have the duty and responsibility to bring the gospel and its values into the secular sphere, into the realm of politics and economics. It is there, in the workplace, in the marketplace, in our public institutions, that the Catholic laity find their vocation to sanctify the world and to create a more just and responsive social order.

While clergy and religious are the most visible part of the Church, we are very small in number compared to the lay faithful, who form the vast majority of the Church. It is you, the lay faithful, who are charged and commissioned by the grace of the baptism you have received, strengthened by the Holy Spirit in confirmation, to build up the kingdom of God in the midst of the world. The realm of politics and economics, the workplace and the marketplace – this is not the province of the clergy. We, the clergy, are for you, the lay faithful. And you are for the world.

Let us pray for peaceful elections and for the harmonious transfer of political power and office in our nation.

Fr. Guillory