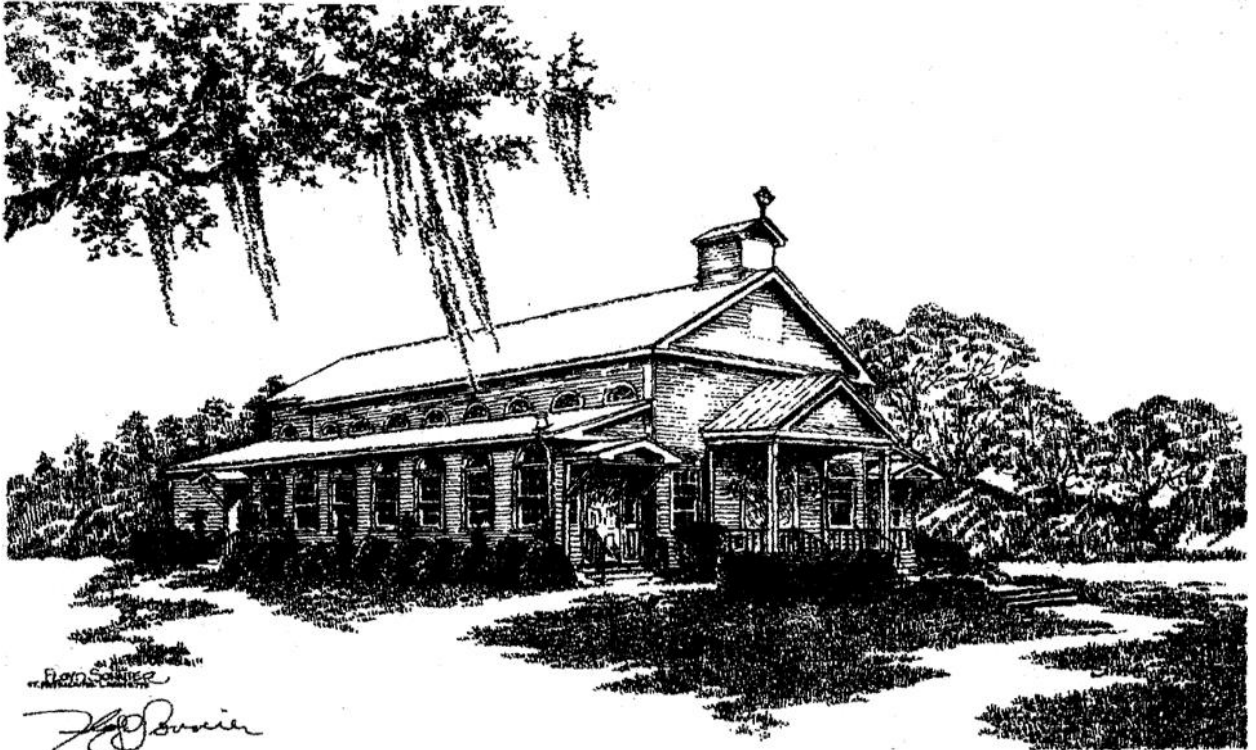


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent*



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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## **December 1, 2024**

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

#### **Saturday, November 30**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Allen & Charlene Begnaud

#### **Sunday, December 1**

**8:30 a.m.:** Peter Hays

#### **Monday, December 2**

**7:30 a.m.:** Todd Cameron

#### **Tuesday, December 3**

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

#### **Wednesday, December 4**

**7:30 a.m.:** Mimi McElligott

#### **Thursday, December 5**

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

#### **Friday, December 6**

**7:30 a.m.:** Marlen Comeaux; Marliene Bellard; Valarie Hernandez

*Altar flowers are donated in loving memory of*

*Dr Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne*

#### **Healing through the Holidays:**

A Guide for the Grieving Heart. Monday, December 2, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph in Milton.

#### **Surviving the Holidays**

Separated, Divorced or Remarried. A workshop for men and women 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. for more information, see [redbird.love/dadsretreat](http://redbird.love/dadsretreat).

#### **Running Revs vs Slamming Sems**

Priests vs Seminarians basketball game is being held at St Thomas More High School on December 30. Tip off is 6:30 p.m. Middle School 3-pt shootout begins at 6 p.m. Adult tickets \$5, Kids \$2.

#### **Devotion to the Holy Face**

A talk on how to practice the devotion is being presented by Fr. Lawrence Carney at Our Lady of Fatima on December 5, 5:30 to 7 p.m. beginning with Mass

#### **A Greater Love, The Spiritual Life Beyond the Beginning**

Friday, December 13 thru Sunday, December 15 at St Charles College with Fr Jeremiah Myriam Shryock, CFR. Tan opportunity to deepen your relationship and intimacy with God. To register, visit [gcretreats.org](http://gcretreats.org).

#### **Child Smile Project**

Put a holiday smile on the face of a child in need. Visit [diolaf.org/smile](http://diolaf.org/smile) or call 337-261-5545 for more information on how and what to donate. Sponsored by the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace.

*And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one!  
The Lord is with you."*

*~Luke 1:28*

## Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, December 2, 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.

## 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.

## Healing Hearts

A Catholic support group for *women* whose relationships have been affected by the pornography/sexual addiction of a spouse or loved one. Strict confidentiality is observed by all. Call 337-441-2517 for more information.

### Let us pray for:

Tamara Reeves and Jack Franks, who were married at St Patrick's on November 29.

Fr Keith Garvin, pastor of St Joseph Church in Zwolle, for his health concerns.

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

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 first Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

## From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 522-524

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming. St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah," John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom. When the Church celebrates the Advent liturgy each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for, by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.

**Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,367**

*Next week's second collection is for Retirement Fund for the Religious.*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Well, happy new year! Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins the new liturgical year. This is a reminder that time is a mystery, and that we often operate in more than one concept of time.

The calendar year, also called the solar year, is governed by the earth's rotation around the sun. The lunar year – which we really don't use much any more, except for calculating the date of Easter – is derived from the moon's rotation around the earth. Then there are fiscal years, and academic years, and so on.

When we reckon time, we most often speak of what the Greeks would call *chronos* or chronological time. *Chronos* is the quantitative measurement of time, which accounts for the amount of time between two events. It is sequential, measuring the temporal "distance" between things that happen.

But the Greeks had another concept of time, called *Kairos*. *Kairos* is the qualitative measurement of time, accounting for the "right time." It is not so much a sequential measurement as it is a feeling of fullness, rightness, readiness. Like harvest time. "It's time," we might say. Time to go, time to fight, time to play, time to party, time to say goodbye, etc.



Perhaps the most well known and poignant expressions of *kairos* come from the Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3: *There is an appointed time for everything ... a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to seek and a time to lose, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time of war and a time of peace.*

None of these "times" measure the "space" between two events. Rather, they indicate the rightness, the readiness of what is about to happen. When the moment is right – a pregnant moment, as the expression goes – then it is fitting that certain things should come to pass.

St Paul, in his letter to the Galatians (4:4), spoke about the "fullness of time" that led God to send his Son to be born of a woman. But here, curiously, he uses the term *chronos*. In his letter to the Ephesians (1:10), St Paul speaks about the mystery of God's will to sum all things up in Christ, in heaven and on earth. This, Paul writes, is God's plan "for the fullness of times," using the term *kairos*.

As Advent begins, then, we begin to count the days (*chronos*), awaiting the fullness of time when all will be ready, and time itself will be pregnant, and we will again rejoice because it is a maiden's time (*kairos*) to give birth.