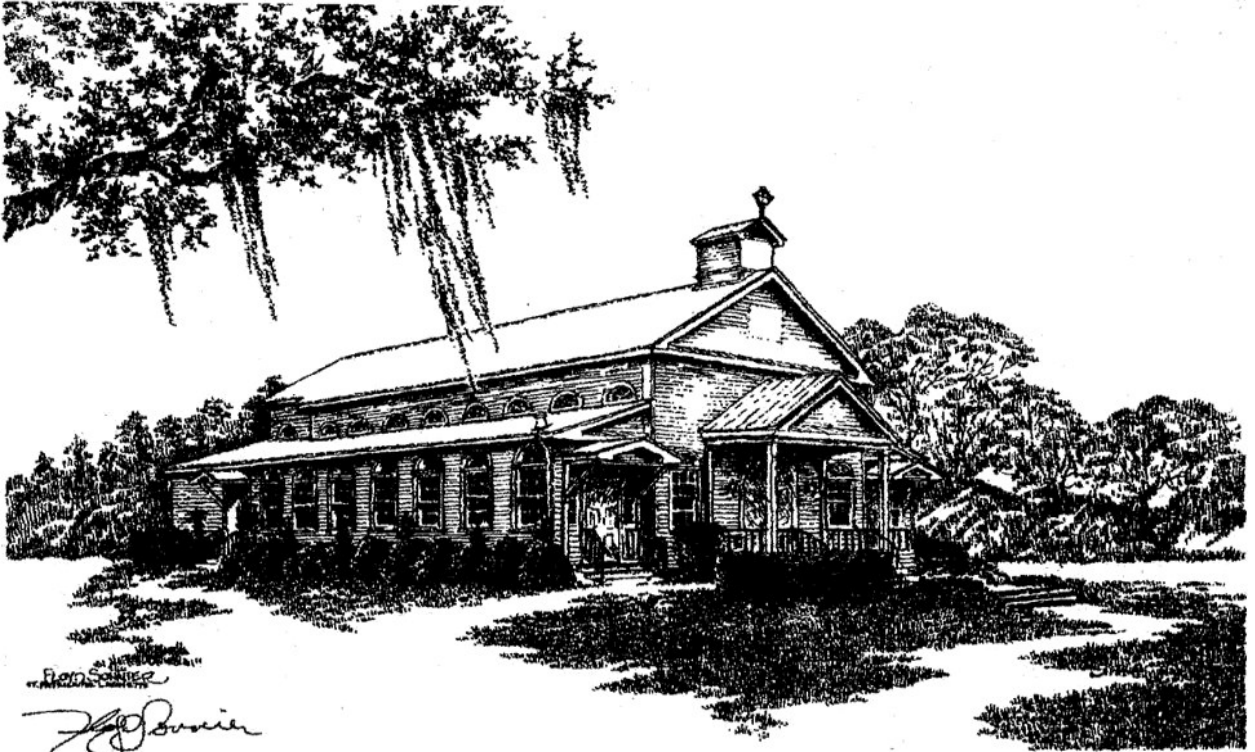


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 8, 2024 – Second 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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 7

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Bart, Jules, & Isola LeJeune; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Joy & Lee J Guillory, Sr; Felix & Lola Spizale

Sunday, December 8

8:30 a.m.: Jeremy & Meg Dean

Monday, December 9

7:30 a.m.: For Parishioners

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, December 12

7:30 a.m.: Peter Hays

Friday, December 13

7:30 a.m.: Todd Cameron

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.

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.

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.

Child Smile Project

Put a holiday smile on the face of a child in need. Visit 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.

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.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

~Luke 1:46-47

St Patrick

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve, December 31

4 pm.

New Year's Day, January 1

9 a.m.

Advent Mission

Diocese of Lafayette Young Adult Mission hosted by the Cathedral. "Waiting with the Father" is being hosted by Rob Stamper with ECHO Community. Thursday, December 19, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner at Cathedral Hall. Talk, Adoration, Music, and Confessions in the Cathedral.

A Quiet Morning with Mary & Elizabeth

Saturday, December 14 at St. Mary Church, Founders Hall. The day begins at 8 a.m. with Mass, followed by light breakfast, presentation, prayer and adoration. Presented by Robin Hebert. Visit wearethelightproject.org/events-1 for more information and to register.

Let us pray for:

John Patrick Toomey, who was baptized here on November 30.

Natalie Connor, who was received into the Catholic Church on December 8.

Lucy Drozda (17) and Clarisse Dugas (91) whose birthdays were on December 1.

Mickey Sibley, who celebrates her birthday on December 11, and Janell Venable whose birthday is December 13.

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

Merrick Stelly, Gail Roetker, Rose Moss, 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.

Thanksgiving Day (for UCO).....\$1,205

Collect for the second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 717-720

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." John was "filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb"... John is "Elijah (who) must come." The fire of the Spirit dwells in him and makes him the forerunner of the coming Lord. In John, the precursor, the Holy Spirit completes the work of "[making] ready a people prepared for the Lord." John the Baptist is "more than a prophet." In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light." In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God... Behold, the Lamb of God." Finally, with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of "the divine likeness," prefiguring what he would achieve with and in Christ. John's baptism was for repentance; baptism in water and the Spirit will be a new birth.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4584

Building fund.....\$5889

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday, our parish rejoices that our cantor for the past couple of years, Natalie Connor, is received into the Catholic Church and enters full communion with us, professing her faith in Christ as set forth in the Creed and receiving the sacraments of confirmation and the holy Eucharist. Surrounded by her husband, Gabriel, and their daughter, Molly, her parents and other family members, Natalie's spiritual journey into the Catholic Church is an occasion of joy, for her, for her family, for our parish. She is the latest fruit of the prayer that the Lord Jesus himself made: *"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me"* (Jn 17:20-21).

I remind you that December 8 is a holy day of obligation. Since it falls on a Sunday this year, that obligation is transferred to Monday, December 9, when the Church will celebrate the Immaculate Conception. Mass at St Patrick's will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m.

The day before Thanksgiving, I received a call from Kim Boudreaux, the director of Catholic Charities of Acadiana. Kim asked if I could find room to hold the cremated remains of eleven people at St

Patrick's, until arrangements could be finalized for their burial, which Catholic Charities is seeing to. I was deeply moved by this request and immediately accepted, mindful that one of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead. I told Kim that St Patrick's would be honored to perform this act of fraternal charity, and even more so to pray for these our brothers and sisters. The reasons for which these people's bodies were not claimed can only be heartbreaking – poverty, estrangement, loneliness, loss, abandonment, suffering.



For most of us, who are surrounded by people who love us, by people whom we love, it is nearly unimaginable that anyone could die and there be no one know of it, no one to care, no one to cry, no one to say good bye. It is unimaginably sad.

Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. I ask each person reading this to pray for these people, for the repose of their souls, and to ask the Lord to fill them with the love, comfort, and joy that they did not know in this life. May their names be found written in the book of life, and may our prayers bring them comfort. They are:

Mary Brooks; Paul Norman Crites; Linda Datri; Henry Hurley; Shirley Kenner; Sidney Kingman; Joann Kopczynski; Geraldine LaSalle; Armando Mijangos; Kenta Miller; Gaylor Anne Walker.

May they rest in peace.

Fr Guillory