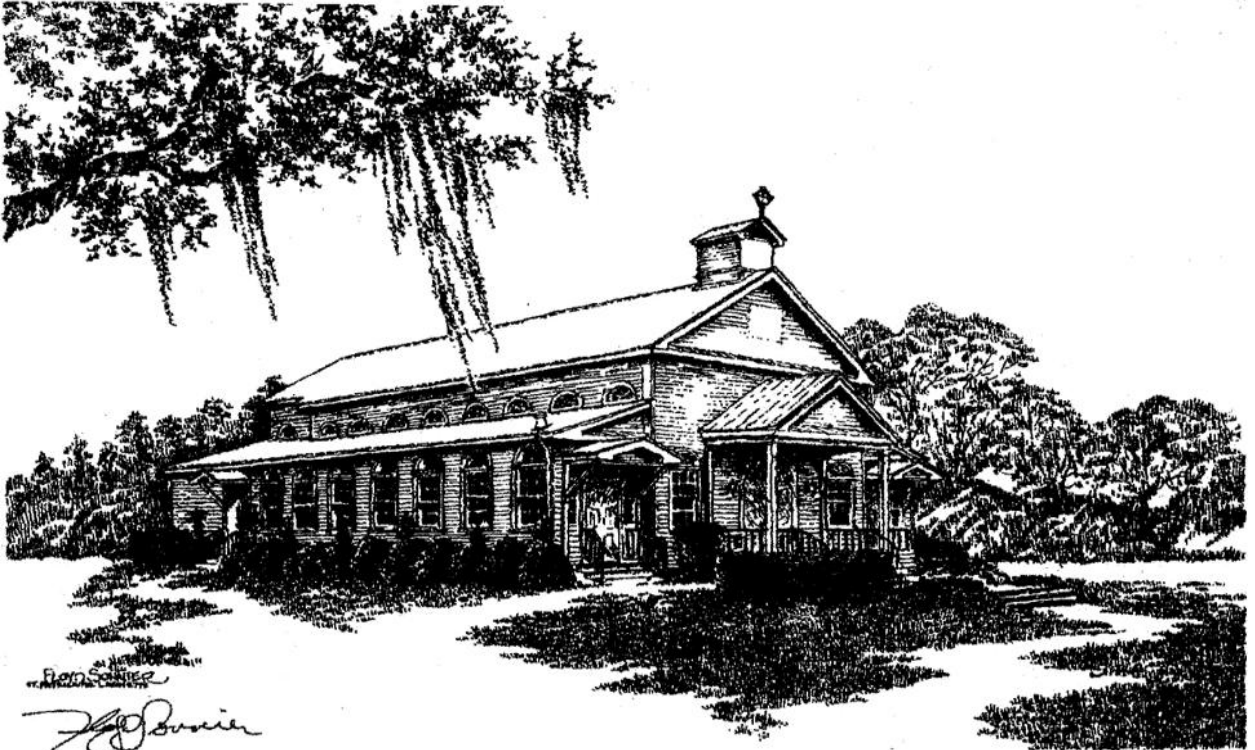


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 15, 2024 – Third 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 14

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); David W Lemaire

Sunday, December 15

8:30 a.m.: Helen Vallot

Monday, December 16

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 a.m.: Peter Hays

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

7:30 a.m.: Marlene Credeur family

I will not set before my eyes whatever is base.

~ Psalm 101:3

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.

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.

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.

Festival de la Vie

A public pro-life celebration. Saturday, January 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parc International. For more information or to volunteer, go to diolaf.org/prolifefestival.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-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).

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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.

Lost and Found

Forgot something in church? Can't find those glasses, prayer books, gloves, hats, scarves, rosaries, etc.? Be sure to check the lost and found basket, located in the back of the church under the table. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim.

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing ministry offering understanding, forgiveness, healing, and wholeness through the grief and pain of abortion. Private sessions with trained facilitators. Call 337-261-5598. Offered at no charge through the Bishop's Services Appeal.

Let us pray for:

Briggs Berthelot, who turned 11 on December 11.

Rose Moss, who is recovering from surgery at Pelican Pointe.

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

Patrick Sands, for his end-of-life health concerns.

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.

November online offerings.....\$2,556

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.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Stewardship Moment

The end of the calendar year means that many people are looking to make end-of-year financial contributions to the charities and churches that they support. This can be done in many ways. For those in their 70s and older, direct gifts drawn on individual retirement accounts (IRAs) are one possibility that offers some unique advantages.

For instance, if you are 70½ or older, you can give any amount up to \$105,000 from your IRA directly to St Patrick's, which is a registered non-profit (federal tax ID number 72-053-3609). You will not pay income taxes on the transfer. If you are required to take minimum distributions, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your obligation. Your deadline: Your IRA administrator must remove the funds from your account by December 31 for your donation to qualify this year. If you have check-writing features on your IRA, your check must clear your account by December 31 to count toward your required minimum distribution for the calendar year.

Be sure to consult your financial advisers, who can help you decide how to support your preferred charities in the most tax advantageous ways.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,150
Retirement for Religious.....\$1,025
Immaculate Conception.....\$1,040

From the Pastor's Desk

The Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete is the Latin word for the command to rejoice. This is taken from the entrance antiphon of today's Mass, which is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians: *Rejoice in the Lord always; I say again, rejoice! Indeed the Lord is near* (4:4-5).

The opening prayer of this Mass, called the collect (found inside the bulletin) also mentions joy and rejoicing, as do the first reading from the prophet Zephaniah – *Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!* – and the above-cited second reading from Philippians. Today's responsorial psalm, which is actually taken from the prophet Isaiah, also expresses joy at the Lord's presence in our midst.

The Catholic Church expresses her joy at the nearness of Christmas Day – when the Savior will be born into our world, who is *light from light, true God from true God* – also by (optionally) changing the color of the vestments worn for Mass. The color rose, being a lighter shade of violet, can be used to express our growing Advent joy as Christmas draws near. This is also why the third candle of the Advent wreath is the color rose.

As the end of the calendar year draws near, and in the spirit of giving and gratitude that marks this season, I want to acknowledge and thank all our parishioners who support St Patrick's. That support comes in so many ways.

First, there is the support of presence. Just being here is a great gift. People from all walks of life are drawn to the intimate setting of our little church and the friendly welcome they receive from St Patricians. There is no doubt that our little parish has been growing, and this is a reason for gratitude and for rejoicing!

Second there is the support of service. Many St Patricians serve our church in various ministries and through our outreach services. This you do out of love for the Lord in whose

name we faithfully gather to celebrate his presence among us in the scriptures and in the breaking of the bread.

Finally, there is financial support, which you St Patricians give so generously for the renewal of our parish facilities and programs and as a sign of our Christian commitment to service, especially to the poor.

For all these supports, I am gratefully, thankfully, yours!

Fr Guillory

