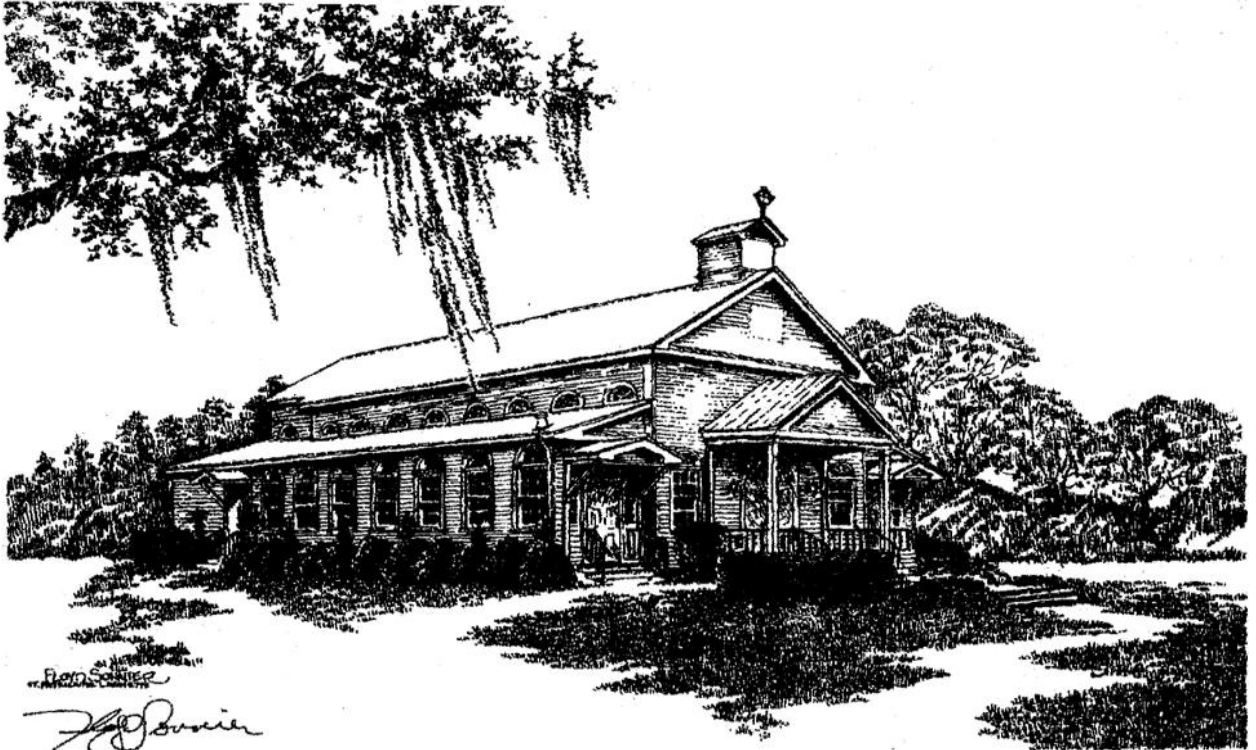


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 22, 2024 – Fourth 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 22, 2024**

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

#### **Saturday, December 21**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); David W Lemaire; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune; Van Mayhall (*living*)

#### **Sunday, December 22**

**8:30 a.m.:** Shirley Stinson

#### **Monday, December 23**

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

#### **Christmas Eve**

**4 p.m.:** Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye;  
David Wayne Lemaire

**6 p.m.:** Kreamer family; LaFleur family

#### **Wed, December 25, Christmas Day**

**8:30 a.m.:** Brett Walker; Ronald Lege family; Ashton Petitjean family; Peter Hayes; Jack Boudreaux; Ronnie Savoie; Todd Cameron; Shirley Stinson

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

#### **Thursday, December 26**

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

#### **Friday, December 27**

**7:30 a.m.:** Shirley Stinson

#### **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](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.

#### **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](http://diolaf.org/prolifefestival)

#### **Holiday office closure**

St Patrick's office will be closed Monday through Thursday of Christmas week as well as New Year's Eve/New Year's Day.

#### **No morning Mass on Christmas Eve**

There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Eve morning.

### **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 penance service**

On Monday, December 23, at St Pius Church, several priests are available for confessions from 4-7 p.m.

## 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:

Ken and Geneva Phillips, who celebrate their 52nd anniversary on December 23.

Andy Slovacek, who celebrates his birthday on December 26.

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.

Raymond Garry, 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

## 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.....\$4,681**

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

For the past several weeks we have been singing the Our Father, and it seems to me that each week our singing grows more confident as we become more comfortable singing together. Our individual voices naturally harmonize and become one in prayer as we pray to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

At Mass, immediately after the Our Father, the priest alone continues with a prayer, called the *embolism*, from a Greek word meaning, “an interpolation or insertion.” The embolism is a very ancient liturgical prayer, found in nearly all the ancient liturgical manuscripts for the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

As the embolism begins, it repeats the last line of the Our Father – “but deliver us from evil” – “Deliver us, Lord, we pray from evil...” The priest takes up, as it were, the prayer of the whole congregation, as he prays directly to the Lord for the intentions of the people of God, who are in a state of expectancy, waiting in hope for the coming of Christ.

While the Our Father contains seven “petitions” – 1) God’s name be holy; 2) God’s kingdom come; 3) God’s will be done; 4) we receive daily bread; 5) our trespasses be forgiven; 6) we be kept from temptation; and 7) delivered from evil – the embolism contains three “petitions,” that we be 1) delivered from every evil; 2) granted peace in our day; 3)

always free from sin and safe from distress. By the embolism prayer, the priest asks God that deliverance, peace, freedom and safety be granted to us, who are awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of Christ, who has taught us how to pray and whose words we have just faithfully recited, praying to the Father, our Father.

After the embolism the people conclude the prayer, ratifying what the priest has asked God in the embolism and giving the motivation that justifies such a prayer: “For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever.”



Liturgically, the Lord’s prayer takes this form: 1) the priest invites all to pray; 2) the priest and people together pray the Our Father; 3) the priest alone prays the embolism; 4) the people (alone) conclude the prayer. In this we see how the roles of the priest and people are complementary at Mass,

each attending to their own parts in the liturgy, sometimes speaking alone, sometimes together, but always prayerfully and with meaning.

Understanding the structure of our liturgical prayer can help us enter the meaning of the moment, so that what we do, we do with understanding and not by mere habit. In this way, we pray not only with our lips and voices, but also with our minds and hearts, as we lift them up to the Lord, to give thanks to the Lord our God, which is right and just.

*Fr Guillory*