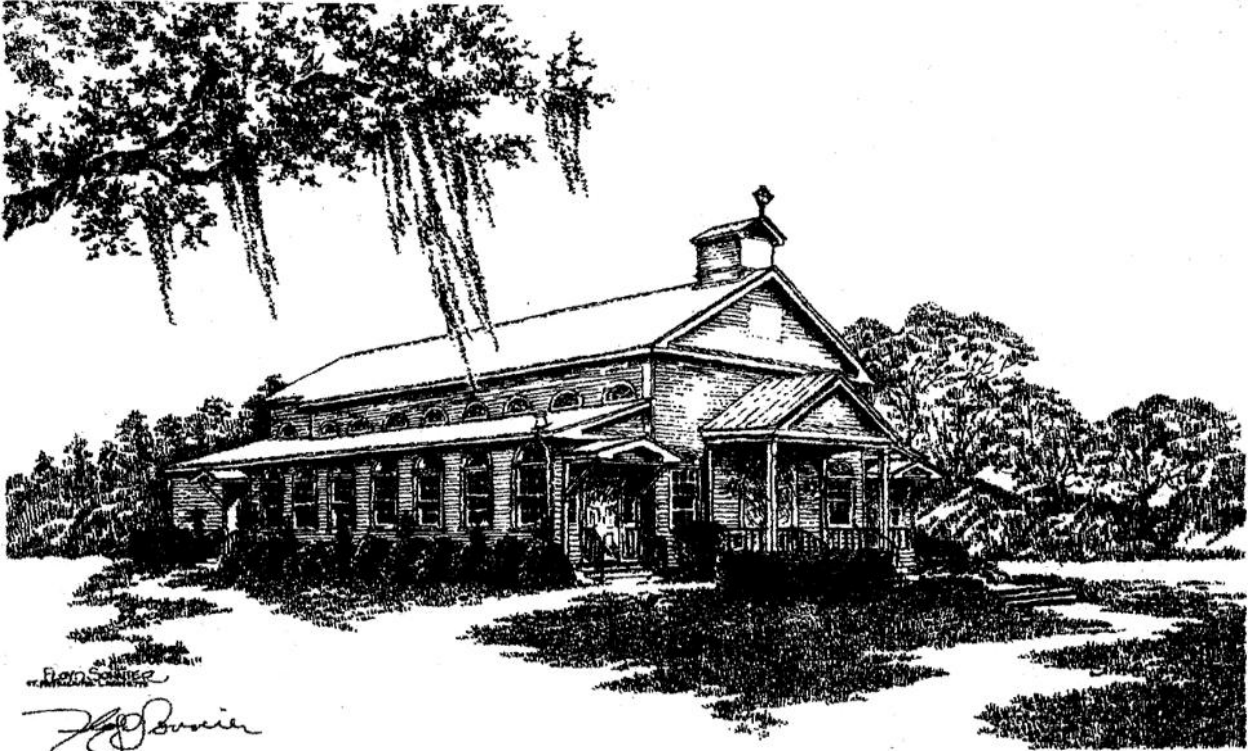


St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 29, 2024 – Feast of the Holy Family



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 28

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 29

8:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Monday, December 30

7:30 a.m.: Peter Hays

Tuesday, December 31

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

4 p.m.: Michael Legnon

Wednesday, January 1

9 a.m.: For Parishioners

Thursday, January 2

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, January 3

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.

Into the Heart

A Journey through the Theology of the Body (Level II) will be offered on Thursday evenings, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and February 6th, from 6—8 p.m. at the new DesOrmeaux Foundation Learning Center. To register, visit desormeauxfoundation.org/theology-of-the-body.

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

Holiday office closure

St Patrick's office will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

St Patrick

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve, December 31

4 pm.

New Year's Day, January 1

9 a.m.

Footsteps...

A support ministry for those who have a loved one with mental illness meets the 2nd Saturday monthly from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St Pius X, Leonpacher Hall. Email footsteps.lafayette@gmail.com, or call 225-241-1821 for more information.

CDA Scholarships

Catholic Daughters of America is accepting applications for 8th and 12th grade scholarships. For more information, contact Julia Lognion at jal1627@louisiana.edu. The scholarship application deadline is January 10.

Christmas Flowers

Christmas flowers have been donated in memory of: Connor West; Ronnie West; Chris Gambel; Sue Ann Voorhies.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to will be held Monday, January 6, 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.

Let us pray for:

Oren Spruill and Patricia Broussard, who celebrate birthdays on December 31.

Albert and Rita Ledoux, who celebrated their 63rd anniversary 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.

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.

Collect for Christmas Day

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

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. The 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.....\$4,866

Next week's second collection is for St Patrick's building and maintenance fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas to all! The feast day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph marks the first Sunday after Christmas. We are reminded that the Son of God was born into a human family, which was destined by God from the beginning to be the privileged place of love, the love between a man and woman that brings for new life. May all our families be strengthened and blessed on this holy day.

And since the Christmas season has only just begun, let us not be bashful in wishing others a Merry Christmas at least through New Years. This year, Christmas ends on January 12, when we celebrate the feast of the Lord's Baptism.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the kind and generous Christmas wishes you extended to me, as well as so many wonderful gifts of all kinds. I receive them all with gratitude and thanksgiving. Your kindness to me is truly humbling, and I am grateful.

Some of you may be wondering how the Christmas Masses went at St Patrick's.



The 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve was by far the most popular Mass. This is not unusual, since many people wish to gather with family and friends on Christmas Eve. The church was absolutely full, with a few people standing in the back, and a good 25 or so people in the choir loft. An estimated 200 people were in attendance. Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m. was the quietest and most intimate of the Masses. Just over 50

people were there. As for me, I find this Mass to be particularly reflective and prayerful.

On Christmas morning at 8:30 a.m., we saw about 70 or so people gather together, making this Mass similar in attendance to our daily Masses during the week. Finally, the 10 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning was well attended, with

just over 100 people who gathered for the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

At each Mass were regular St Patricians, some with out-of-town family members, as well as some occasional St Patricians, and a few first time visitors. It was good for us to be there – family and friends all – just to be together in prayer, gathered in love around the newborn King.

In Quillory