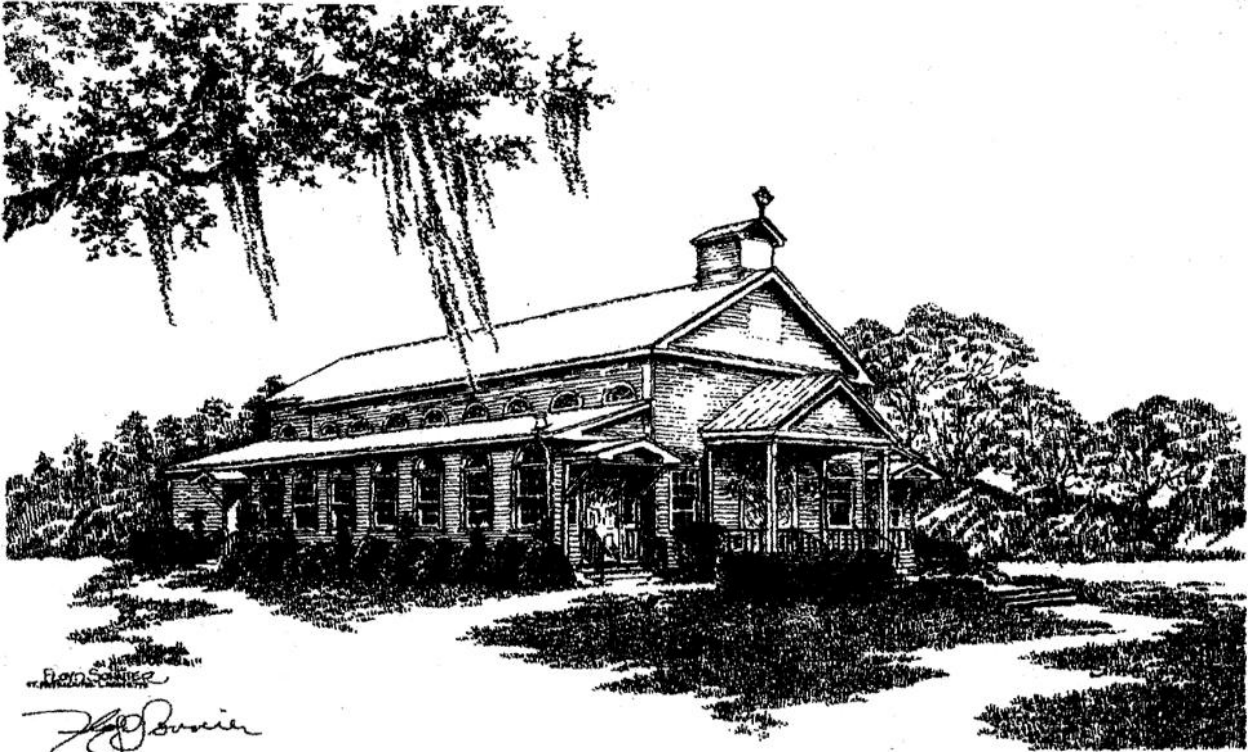


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 12, 2025 – Baptism of the Lord



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, January 11

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; David W Lemaire; George E Eaton

Sunday, January 12

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

Monday, January 13

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 a.m.:

Thursday, January 16

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, January 17

7:30 a.m.: Shirley Stinson

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.

Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass

To be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Opelousas. For couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Bishop Deshotel will be the celebrant. Deadline to register is January 26. Online registration at tinyurl.com/annMass.

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 House

Free grief support for children age 4-17 who have experienced or are about to experience the death of a sibling or primary caregiver. 160 S Beadle Rd, Lafayette. Visit healing-house.org for more information.

Sewing skills needed

Any parishioner with sewing skills who would like to collaborate on a small project for our parish is invited to contact Fr Guillory to discuss the details.

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.

United Christian Outreach, 422 Carmel Dr, is also in need of volunteers. Please contact parishioner Geneva Phillips at 337-280-2065 for more information.

Whatever you did for the least of these... ~ Matthew 25:40

Grand Coteau Retreats

Our Lady of the Oaks Jesuit Retreat House and St Charles College in Grand Coteau offer retreats for men, women, and couples, individually directed and preached retreats. These retreats, directed by Jesuit priests and thoroughly trained lay directors, are based on St Ignatius of Loyola's famous Spiritual Exercises. Mass, Reconciliation, Way of the Cross, and the Rosary are also featured during the retreat experience. For a calendar of all upcoming retreats, and to register, you may go online to gcretreats.org.

Retrouvaille weekend

Hope and renewal for struggling marriages. Contact Bill & Missie at 985-232-5963 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

Let us pray for:

Sharon Savoie, who celebrates her birthday on January 18.

Larry Lewis, who has retired after 54 years as a lawyer with Onebane Law Firm.

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 the Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

From a sermon by St Gregory Nazianzen, bishop (†390)

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God. Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

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| Solemnity of Mary, Jan 1..... | \$2,205 |
| Offerings..... | \$4,548 |
| Building fund..... | \$6,245 |

From the Pastor's Desk

The feast of the Lord's Baptism is the last of the Christmas festivities and marks the end of the Christmas season, which began on Christmas Day. So today is the last time for us to wish each other a Merry Christmas!

Here's what the Roman Missal indicates in a rubric (a liturgical note in red ink) at the end of the Mass for the Baptism of the Lord: "Ordinary Time lasts from the Monday after this Sunday to the Tuesday before Lent." So from Monday, January 13 through Tuesday, March 4 (Mardi Gras), we are again in Ordinary Time.

Before the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, this period was known as the season after Epiphany, and the Sundays were so counted ... the first, second, third, and so on Sunday after Epiphany. This helps us to understand why "King Cake Season" runs from Epiphany to Mardi Gras. Some people even theorize that the three Mardi Gras colors are representations of the three magi and their three gifts to the Christchild, who was symbolically hidden in the King Cake in the form of a fava bean, a small coin, or nowadays, a plastic infant.



As Christmastide comes to a close, it would be remiss of me not to mention the many St Patricians who helped to decorate (and un-decorate) our little church in this festive time: Monica Mullins, Geneva and Ken Phillips, Gloria Boudreaux, Tom and Carol Hebert, Denise Broussard, Andy and Susan Slovacek, Theresa Guidry, Sharon Savoie, Maggie Hernandez. It is risky putting together such a list from memory. If I have inadvertently left out the name of one of our decorators, I apologize in advance. I am truly appreciative of and grateful for all our many parish volunteers.

Since Easter is rather late this year (April 20), and Lent is not just around the corner, we have nearly two full months to prepare for Ash Wednesday (March 5) and to think about and plan for a prayerful and spiritually fruitful Lent.

Please keep your eye on and mark your calendars for Saturday, March 15, when we will have our annual St Patrick's Day parish breakfast. For sometime now we've used the Petroleum Club for breakfasts, but we're changing venues this year and will be gathering at the City Club. More details will follow in due course.

In Guillory