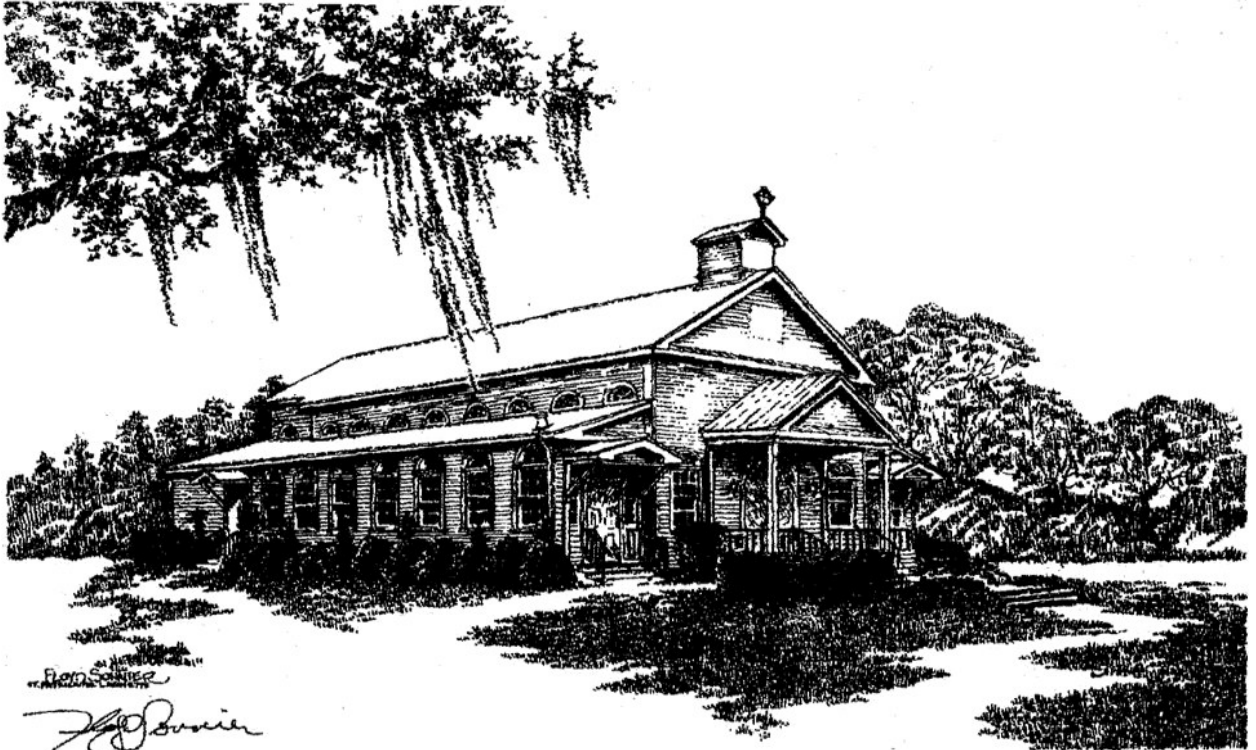


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 19, 2025 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 18**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; David W Lemaire; Ron Venable; Alaina Bouvier *living*; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye

#### **Sunday, January 19**

**8:30 a.m.:** John P Zagar

#### **Monday, January 20**

**7:30 a.m.:** Dickie Bell

#### **Tuesday, January 21**

**7:30 a.m.:** Annette Ebert

#### **Wednesday, January 22**

**7:30 a.m.:**

#### **Thursday, January 23**

**7:30 a.m.:** Kreamer family

#### **Friday, January 24**

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

#### **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](http://tinyurl.com/annMass).

#### **A Day of Reflection, Honoring the Bond Between Father and Son**

A meaningful day of activities that strengthen the father-son relationship. Saturday, February 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic School gymnasium. Sponsored by the Office of Black Catholics. RSVP to Rogers Griffin at [rgriffin@holyfamilycs.com](mailto:rgriffin@holyfamilycs.com)

#### **Lenten Day of Reflection, Finding Freedom in Christ: Healing Life's Hurts**

The Office of Catechetics is hosting its upcoming Lenten Day of Reflection on March 15, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring Mass with Bishop Deshotel and presenter Dr. Matthew Breuninger. For more information or to register go to [tinyurl.com/yk7pbwy8](http://tinyurl.com/yk7pbwy8)

#### **PULSE Immersion Pro-Life Retreat**

High School and College Students are invited to become a Pro-Life Leader at PULSE Immersion Day, a Saturday retreat taking place on March 22 at Acadiana Pregnancy Center and Clinic in Lafayette, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. To register or for more information, visit [prolifelouisiana.org/immersionretreats](http://prolifelouisiana.org/immersionretreats)

#### **Legion of Mary Rosary Crusade**

The Legion of Mary is looking for 100 million Rosaries to be prayed starting now and continuing all over the world. They are asking people to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, peace in the Church, and peace in the womb. Email [rshennum56@gmail.com](mailto:rshennum56@gmail.com) to commit.

#### **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.

*Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;  
make known among the peoples his deeds!*

*~Psalm 105:1*

## Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

On behalf of Pope Francis, Bishop Deshotel grants a Plenary Jubilee Indulgence to each individual who visits any one of the designated pilgrimage Churches within the Diocese: St. Landry in Opelousas, St. Peter in New Iberia, St. Mary Magdalen in Abbeville St. John Cathedral in Lafayette, the Chapel of the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette. You may call the Church offices to find out the times they will be open for pilgrims. People who visit these churches, receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance and pray the Apostle's Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father may gain a Plenary Indulgence for the remission of punishments due to sin. The indulgence may be applied for oneself, or for the poor souls in Purgatory.

### Let us pray for:

Ed and Shelley Roy, who celebrate their second anniversary on January 20.

Carol Hebert, who celebrated her birthday on January 15.

LC Cambre who is recovering from illness, and Kathy Arceneaux who is recovering from a major surgery.

David Roy, who had shoulder surgery on January 16.

Debora Sams, mother of Shana Sampia, who is recovering from a heart attack.

Rose Moss, Harold Schoeffler, 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

## From the Detailed Rule for Monks by St Basil the Great, bishop (†379)

Love of God is not something that we can be taught. We did not learn from someone else how to rejoice in light or want to live, or to love our parents or guardians. It is the same, perhaps even more so, with our love for God: it does not come by another's teaching. We have already received from God the ability to fulfill all his commands. We have then no reason to resent them, as if something beyond our capacity were being asked of us. We have no reason either to be angry, as if we had to pay back more than we had received. When we use this ability in a right and fitting way, we lead a life of virtue and holiness. But if we misuse it, we fall into sin. This is the definition of sin: the misuse of powers given us by God for doing good, a use contrary to God's commandments. On the other hand, the virtue that God asks of us is the use of the same powers based on a good conscience in accordance with God's command. Since this is so, we can say the same about love. Since we received a command to love God, we possess from the first moment of our existence and innate power and ability to love.

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,387  
December online offerings.....\$3,750

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

January 22 of each year is a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. January 22 was chosen as it marks the date in 1973 when the Supreme Court rendered its Roe v. Wade decision, which struck down state and federal laws that had banned or restricted abortion. Since then, untold millions of children perished as access to abortion was made available with almost no restrictions.

While the Supreme Court reversed the Roe decision in 2022, legal protections for unborn children were not automatically guaranteed. As was the case before Roe, each state can regulate, restrict, or ban abortion as it sees fit.

This legal reality reminds us that we cannot take for granted that the question of abortion in the United States has been asked and answered. Abortion remains available in many states, and in states like Louisiana, where it is all but banned, women will leave to seek out abortions where they are legal. While abortion numbers have

certainly fallen over time, there is still much work to be done. And that work, at least here at home in Louisiana, is not so much legal as it is personal. There is only so much that any society can accomplish by using the big tools of law, order, and punishment. What is needed at this point, is personal, rather than legal engagement.

The pro-life movement now has to become even more intensely personal, as we seek out those who are at risk of seeking an abortion and minister to them with humanity, with spiritual, emotional, and material support.

Love, acceptance, sympathy, understanding: these are the attitudes that must accompany pro-life work. And this work must now be done on the level of individuals. In many ways, this kind of pro-life work is much

harder, because it cannot rely on slogans or political campaigns, and because it will never end. There will always be lost sheep and little lambs who need to be sought out, and with love and kindness, brought back into the arms of life, where they belong. *Fr Guillory*

