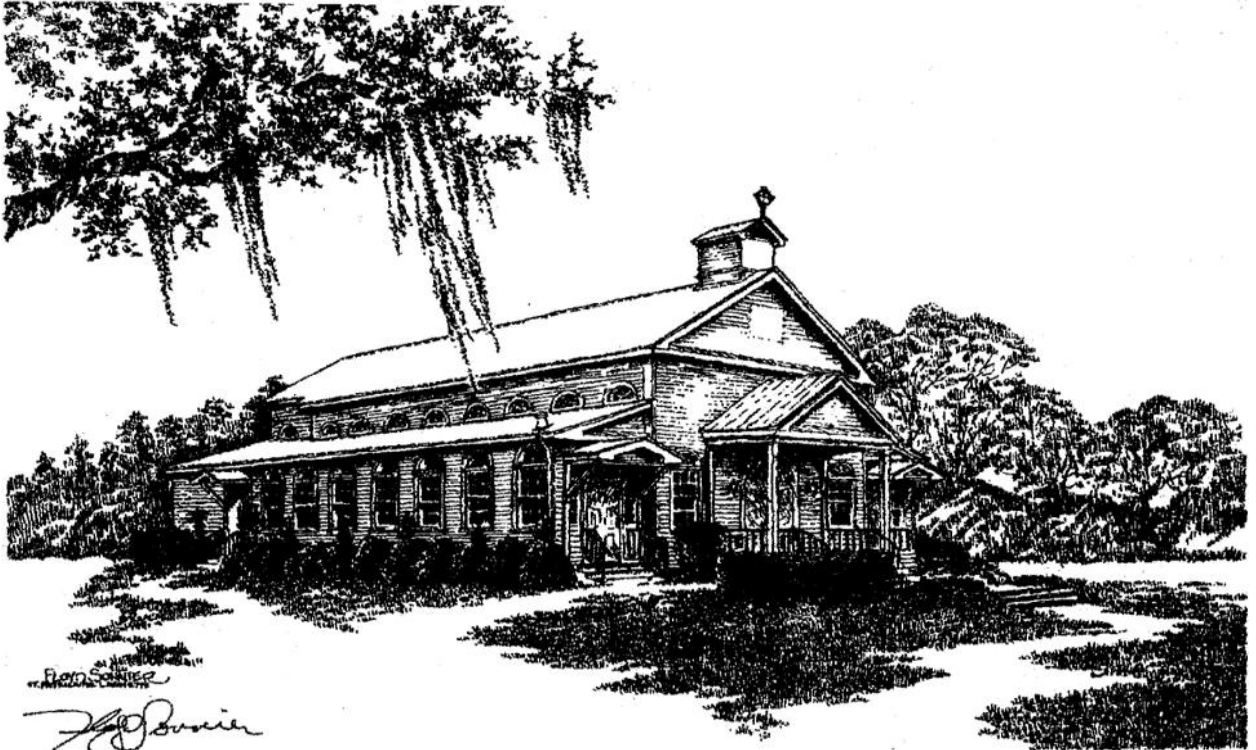


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 26, 2025 – Third 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 25

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; David W Lemaire; Alaina Bouvier *living*; Roy, Doris & Penny Lavergne

Sunday, January 26

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

Monday, January 27

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Tuesday, January 28

7:30 a.m.: Ronald Lege

Wednesday, January 29

7:30 a.m.:

Thursday, January 30

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, January 31

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.

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

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.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, February 3, 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.

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.

Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

On behalf of Pope Francis, Bishop Deshotel grants a plenary Jubilee indulgence to each person 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:

Ron Lege, who celebrates his birthday on January 27 and Dana Guidry, who celebrates her birthday on January 28.

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.

Collect for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

From *Dei Verbum*, On Divine Revelation, of the Second Vatican Council (1965)

In His gracious goodness, God has seen to it that what He had revealed for the salvation of all nations would abide perpetually in its full integrity and be handed on to all generations. Therefore, Christ the Lord, in whom the full revelation of the supreme God is brought to completion, commissioned the Apostles to preach to all people that Gospel which is the source of all saving truth and moral teaching and to impart to them heavenly gifts. This commission was faithfully fulfilled by the Apostles who, by their oral preaching, by example, and by observances handed on what they had received from the lips of Christ, from living with Him, and from what He did, or what they had learned through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The commission was fulfilled, too, by those Apostles and apostolic men who under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit committed the message of salvation to writing. In order to keep the Gospel forever whole and alive within the Church, the Apostles left bishops as their successors, "handing over" to them "the authority to teach in their own place."

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$4,168

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

From the Pastor's Desk

For the past five years, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time has been observed as “Word of God” Sunday. This designation was made by Pope Francis following the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which was held in 2016. Pope Francis was building upon the legacy of Pope Benedict, who in 2010 had issued an exhortation called *Verbum Domini*, reflecting on the Word of God in the life and mission of the Church. All this is part of the unfolding of the Second Vatican Council, which desired that everyday faithful Catholics should rediscover the Word of God, and celebrate, study, and share it.

There is a great hunger on the part of Catholics to know the Scriptures better, to understand them, and to be nourished by them. The number of books, studies, programs, and outlets dedicated to this has only grown in the past sixty years since the close of the Second Vatican Council. With the advent of new media forms, such as the internet, the Church has not been slow to tap into the impressive communication resources now made possible. How many Catholics have grown in knowledge and love of the Scriptures by such programs as *The Bible in a Year* podcast!

However we approach the Word of God, it is important that we do so attentively, devoutly, and reverently — whether we engage in *lectio divina* on our own in silent prayer, whether in small Scripture study groups like *Come, Lord Jesus!*, or whether making use of online resources, programs, and classes. The availability of

quality Catholic resources for the study of Scripture is truly astounding.

What, though, prevents Catholics from reading the Scriptures, when so many programs and resources are available, and when for the past sixty years popes, bishops, and priests have been encouraging Catholics to take up the Scriptures and read them (*tolle et lege*)?

One possibility is this: many Catholics view the Scriptures as primarily doctrinal texts, that contain and impart divinely revealed truths, texts that must be carefully deciphered and decoded by trained experts lest we fall into error and make a shipwreck of our faith.

While it is true that the Scriptures do contain doctrinal elements, it is not true that the scriptures must be read only *doctrinally*. They can, should, and must be read *devotionally*. In fact, this is how most Christians, even from the earliest days, read the Scriptures: as sources of prayer and inspiration. The Scriptures are not so much a theology textbook as they are a spiritual prayerbook.

Approached this way, one need not fear making a theological mistake or running afoul of the teachings (doctrines) of the Church. Rather, the Scriptures become a source of prayer, an encounter with the God who inspired them, yes, to teach us his truth, but also to open our minds and hearts to his goodness.

So my encouragement is this: open your Bibles and read the Word of God, attentively, devoutly, and reverently. God will speak to your hearts, and you will come to know him and his peace.

Fr. Guillory