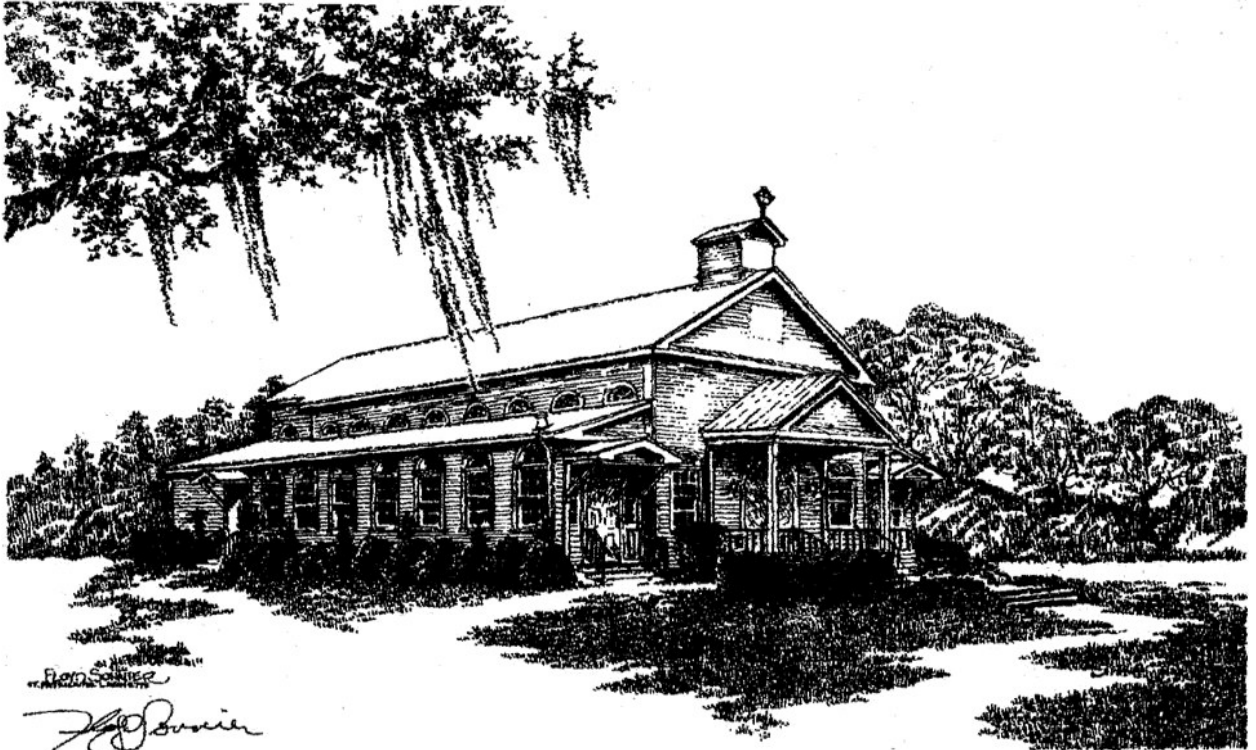


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*February 2, 2025 – The Presentation 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, February 1**

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

#### **Sunday, February 2**

**8:30 a.m.:** John P Zagar; Jeremy & Megan Dean

#### **Monday, February 3**

**7:30 a.m.:** Connor Provost

#### **Tuesday, February 4**

**7:30 a.m.:** Brett Walker

#### **Wednesday, February 5**

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

#### **Thursday, February 6**

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

#### **Friday, February 7**

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

### **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)

### **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.

### **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](http://gcretreats.org).

## 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:

Ken Phillips, who celebrates his birthday on February 3.

Kathy Arceneaux and David Roy, who are recovering from surgeries.

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

Rose Moss, who has entered hospice care.

Lorraine Rabalais, 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 Presentation of the Lord**  
Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure.

### From St Sophronius, bishop († 638)

In honor of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ. The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness. By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honor.

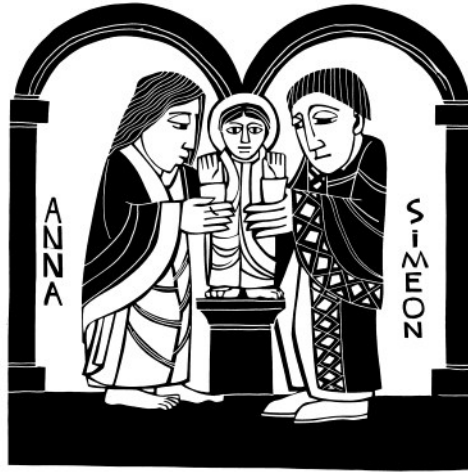
**Thank you for last week's stewardship**  
Offerings.....\$5,518  
Church in Latin America.....\$734

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Today's feast, the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, falls exactly forty days after Christmas. This follows the regulation laid out in Leviticus 12, which requires a forty-day period of purification plus a sin-offering upon the birth of a male child. Such periods of forty are quite common in the Scriptures (forty days and nights of rain; forty years in the desert; Jesus spending forty days in prayer and fasting; the forty days between Easter and the Ascension). The number forty is symbolic of the completion of time, often a time of hardship or trial that then leads to purification and freedom.

When it comes to today's feast day, the symbol of light is also strongly present. Christ, who is the light of God, began to shine first on Christmas, at his birth. That same light brought the magi to Bethlehem by the shining of a star. And today, the light of God enters the Temple of God in Jerusalem. Simeon testifies, indeed prophesies, about this when he holds the child Jesus in his arms and says of him that he is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Seeing things in this way helps us to understand the reasons why earlier liturgical calendars considered this day and feast the last day of the Christmas season.



In other news, the final report for the Bishop's Services Appeal for 2024 is in. And as usual, St Patrick's has by far exceeded it's goal! In 2024, St Patrick's was asked to contribute \$17,904 to the BSA. But St Patricians responded with an astonishing generosity, nearly tripling that amount: \$53,195 or 297% of the asked for goal. What's more, we went from 43 distinct contributors to 74. This is important for the future of the BSA, that many households contribute to support the work of the BSA in our diocese. To remind you, half of all monies given to the BSA go to the formation of priests, supporting vocations and seminary training. Other monies go to direct ministerial services, to help those in need and to support the spreading of the Gospel. No monies at all go to administrative costs and overhead. Thank you, my dear St Patricians, for your generosity and fidelity!

You heard me speak last weekend after getting over a chest cold, my voice weakened by laryngitis. Well, by Wednesday of this week, my voice had completely collapsed, which has happened to me only once before in my life. So it's very likely that there will be substitute priests celebrating Mass at St Patrick's this weekend. You may see me around, and though I am feeling fine, I simply have no voice. I am grateful to my brother priests, who stepped in at the last minute to celebrate Mass in my place for you!

*Fr Guillory*