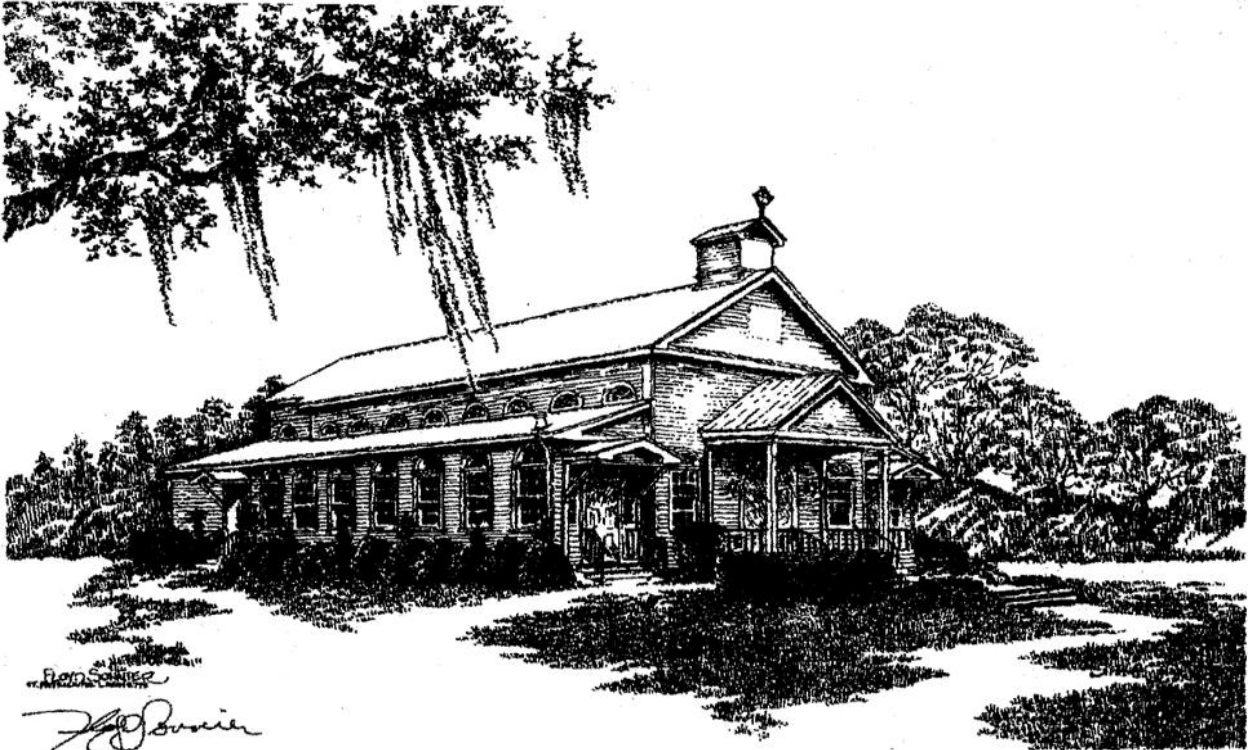


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 16, 2025 – Sixth 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, February 15

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Cecelia & Junius Ledet; Julia & Arthur Phillips; Oscar Phillips; Edward Thomas Sr; Christopher James; Sherard Brooks

Sunday, February 16

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

Monday, February 17

7:30 a.m.: Ann Guillotte

Tuesday, February 18

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, February 19

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Thursday, February 20

7:30 a.m.: Louis Delahoussaye

Friday, February 21

7:30 a.m.: Shirley Stinson

Lenten Day of Recollection

St Edmond Altar Society Lenten Day of Recollection will be on Thursday, March 6, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Retreat master will be Fr Kyle White. Tickets are \$15, and must be purchase in advance. Lunch is included. Deadline for ticket purchase is Friday, February 28. For tickets, please contact Judy Dixon at 337-739-9332 or the St Edmond Church office.

Tend Your Soul

Laura Huval Music Ministry presents a Lenten Morning of Reflection at St. Joseph Hall in Cecilia on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost to attend is \$30 and includes breakfast. Register online at laurahuval.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.

Cardinal Newman Lecture

Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus is being held at Our Lady of Wisdom, February 20 at 7p.m. hosted by Dr Brant Pitre.

Lenten Mission

March 9 through 11 at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Fr Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, host of *Rosary in a Year* Podcast. Mission begins at 6:15 p.m. following Mass.

Women’s Lenten Morning of Reflection

St Pius X Women’s Guild will be hosting it’s Women’s Lenten Morning of Reflection on March 18. Doors will open at 9 a.m. with light refreshments in Leonpacher Hall. Guest speaker is Reverend Stephen Pellessier from Our Lady Queen of Saints. Confessions will be heard following the talk and Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
~ 1 Peter 2:24

RESCUE Acadiana

ABIDE Catholic Ministries presents RESCUE Acadiana, A one-day gospel revival where thousands of people come together for a powerful experience including worship, fellowship, and the call to mobilize for mission. Come experience the gospel message with Fr. John Riccardo, worship led by Damascus Worship, and beautiful hospitality. March 22, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Cajundome Convention Center. To purchase tickets visit tinyurl.com/3ms5pufj.

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.

Let us pray for:

Brenda DeMette, who celebrates her 75th birthday on February 17. Michael Doumit, who celebrates his birthday on February 21.

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

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

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 Sixth Sunday

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

Stewardship Moment

The responsible use of money and our worldly assets is part of our commitment to Christian discipleship. How we use our assets in this life, and the provisions that we make for our assets after our death, is something that every Christian should consider well and act upon. Estate planning, legacy giving, last will and testament: these are all terms used for making provisions for our assets after our death. Every faithful Catholic should carefully and prayerfully consider *how* — not whether — they will remember the Church in their estate planning. A legacy gift to a Catholic school, especially to small, struggling schools, to a Catholic charity that benefits the poor, or to a Catholic parish is a way of contributing to the mission of the Church, with generosity and faith, in hope for the future. You may wish to discuss options and possibilities with your financial/legal advisers and perhaps even your parish priest.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,257
Online giving (January).....\$5,085

Online giving at St Patrick's

If you would like to contribute to St Patrick's online, please visit our website (stpat.org) and click Give Online at the top, where you will be directed to Give 52. Fill out the information and select St Patrick Church from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your support of our parish and its mission.

From the Pastor's Desk

Reading is something I enjoy very much. As a child, I grew up on a country road about three miles outside the little town of Kaplan. If I wasn't playing outside with my brother or riding bikes with the other kids who lived nearby, I was probably at home reading. We had a set of encyclopedias – World Book, 1978 – that I devoured volume by volume. The Bible my godmother gave me for Christmas when I was nine or ten years old. Science books, fiction books, the Boy Scout Handbook (ninth edition), poetry. I read everything.

Trips to the town's public library were common enough throughout the school year, but intensified in the summer. In my family, we all read. My mother and I, though, were the most avid readers.

In college, I quickly changed my major from engineering to English and French, to study the language and literature of both. Fiction and poetry became my great loves. Once I entered the seminary, I read extensively in philosophy and theology and canon law.

To this day, reading remains important to me as I seek to learn about the world in which we live and how I might engage that world as a follower of Jesus, as a Catholic priest, as one who preaches the Gospel.

With that as a preface, I thought I'd share with you *some* (not all) of the books I've read recently. From my spiritual reading, *Encounters with Silence*, by Karl Rahner. This is a small book of mediations by one of the most eminent theologians of the

mid-twentieth century. It's not always easy reading, as Rahner engages in some deep philosophical and theological dialogues with God. But it is intimate and personal. You are reading Rahner's own prayer in his own words. A perhaps more accessible spiritual book, and one that I'm finishing just now, is John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. Comer is an evangelical pastor who writes engagingly about the spiritual challenges of our hurried and rushed American lifestyle. I really like the wisdom he offers in this book, maybe because I find myself preaching often on the topics and themes that he, too, addresses.

In light fiction, I have recently read a few novels by Michael Connelly, who writes about an LAPD detective named Harry Bosch. In more serious fiction, *The Desert of Love*, a 1925 novel by the French writer François Mauriac.

In theology, I've been reading a few different works on the theology of atonement. In nonfiction, I've read *Tyranny, Inc.* by Sohrab Ahmari, which is an exposé of how corporate power poses a threat to freedom.

And there are so many others. I mention this, not to impress, but to show that reading actual books (paper and ink) is still a real thing, and that it can lead to a greater life of the mind and of the soul. It is indispensable for a preacher of the Gospel. And this also gives you something of an idea of how your pastor makes use of some of his time. Any day and in every way, a book is better than a screen. *Tolle et lege!* Take up a book and read!

Fr. Guillory