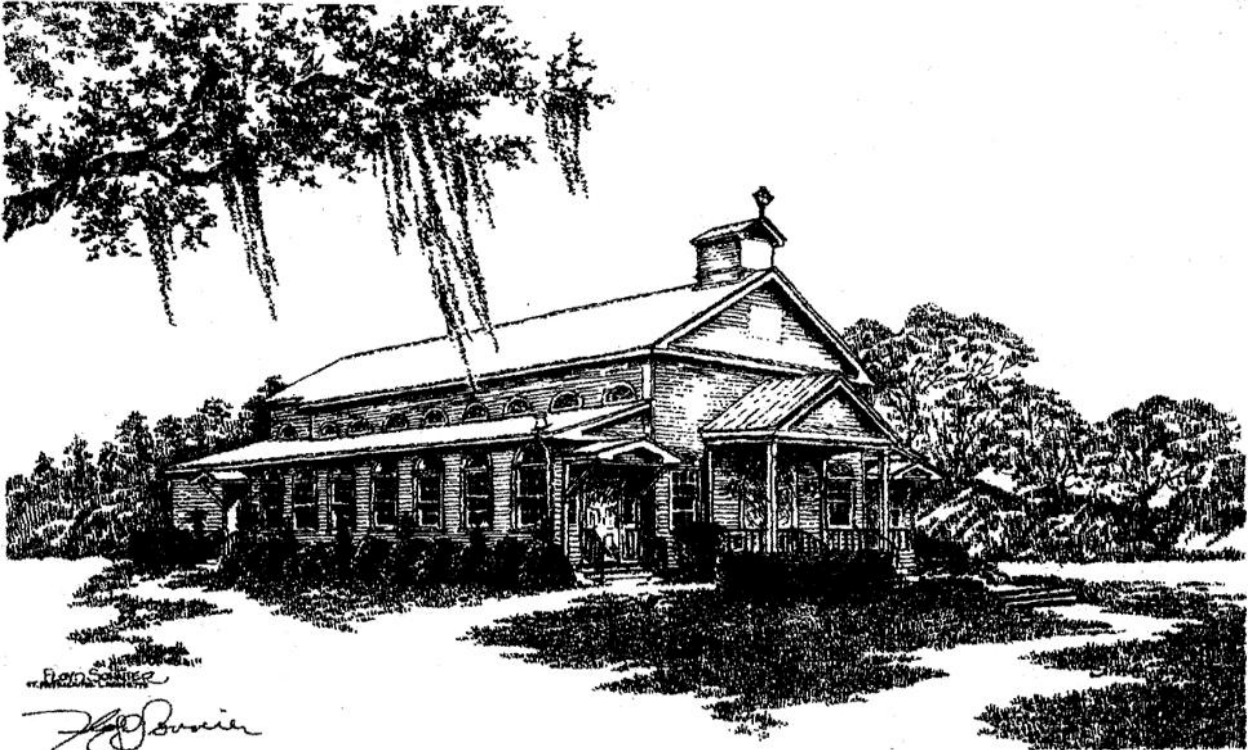


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 9, 2025 – First Sunday of Lent



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, March 8

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Huey Falgoust family; Chaisson family; Bradford family; Baker family

Sunday, March 9

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 .m.: For parishioners

Monday, March 10

7:30 a.m.: Jon & Elisa Schnur (*living*)

Tuesday, March 11

7:30 a.m.: Steven Bellard; Marliene Bellard; Kaylin Thevis

Ash Wednesday, March 12

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Thursday, March 13

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, March 14

7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Schnur (*living*)

Lenten Mission: Cathedral

March 9 through 11 at the 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.

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 Saturday, 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.

Women’s Lenten Morning of Reflection

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

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” to will be held Monday, March 10, 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.

Lenten Mission: St Anthony’s

Be Silent and Let God Speak to Your Heart: St Anthony’s Altar Society is hosting its Lenten retreat on March 15, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. A donation of \$15 is asked to cover the cost of all retreat materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Florence Henry at 337-230-2905 for more information.

Lenten Way of the Cross

Friday mornings during Lent, beginning at 7:05 a.m. in church.



Scams targeting parishioners

From time to time it has happened that a parishioner receives a message that appears to be from Fr Guillory, asking for some kind of help or financial assistance. These are scams. Father will never ask for financial assistance for the parish or for the poor (or for himself) in such a manner. Please disregard all such communications, and report them to Father or to the parish office.

Let us pray for:

Jack McElligott, who celebrates his birthday on March 13.

Fr Keith LaBove, former pastor of St Patrick's who died six years ago on March 9.

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

Jackie Bourgeois, who had gall bladder surgery on Ash Wednesday.

Joyce Stelly, 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.

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.

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

From a commentary on the psalms by St Augustine, bishop (†430)

Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial. No one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown except after victory, or strives except against an enemy or temptations. Christ made us, who are his body, one with him when he chose to be tempted by Satan. We heard in the gospel how the Lord Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil in the wilderness. Certainly Christ was tempted by the devil. In Christ you were tempted, for Christ received his flesh from your nature, but by his own power gained salvation for you; he suffered death in your nature, but by his own power gained glory for you; therefore, he suffered temptation in your nature, but by his own power gained victory for you. If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted, he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$4,923
Building Fund.....	\$4,116
Online giving (February).....	\$5,652

From the Pastor's Desk

Six year ago today, March 9, the former pastor of St Patrick's, Fr Keith LaBove, died at age 64, shortly after being diagnosed with cancer. Fr Keith was pastor here for nearly twelve years, from June 2007 to his death in March 2019. Please join me in praying for Fr Keith, in gratitude for his nearly forty years of priestly ministry, for his service in particular to St Patrick's, and for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

On our parish website (stpat.org), under "About Our Parish," you can find a list of all the former pastors of St Patrick's, beginning in 1952, when St Patrick's became an independent parish. For the first six years of its existence, from its construction in 1946 until 1952, St Patrick's was a mission chapel of St Genevieve.

Finally, our St Patrick's breakfast social is scheduled for next Saturday, March 15, beginning at 8 a.m., at City Club in River Ranch. Please sign up today if you plan to attend. There is no cost. This event is simply about time together in fellowship, to meet fellow St Patricians in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. I encourage you to get to know people you don't

already know. We may see each other at Mass, but we don't know each other. Our parish socials are just the right occasion to slow down and visit with familiar faces. We already have a lot in common: our Catholic faith, our love of St Patrick's!

Toward the end of the breakfast, there is a drawing for door prizes. If you'd like to, I encourage you to bring a small gift as a door prize. It is a way of contributing to the fun of the parish breakfast celebration.

In our weekly bulletin we make every effort to carry announcements about the different Lenten missions, days of reflection, and retreats hosted by various parishes and groups in the city of Lafayette. No matter where these Lenten events are being held, all Catholics are invited to attend them. In fact, this is a special feature of

Lenten devotions, that we can visit other parishes to share in and to contribute to our growth in holiness as the Church, as the people of God, who are making their pilgrim way to the kingdom of heaven.

Who knows what graces God has in store for us when we turn to him in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. And so let us pray for each other, fast for each other, and give generously to the poor for each other during this holy Lent!

Fr Guillory

