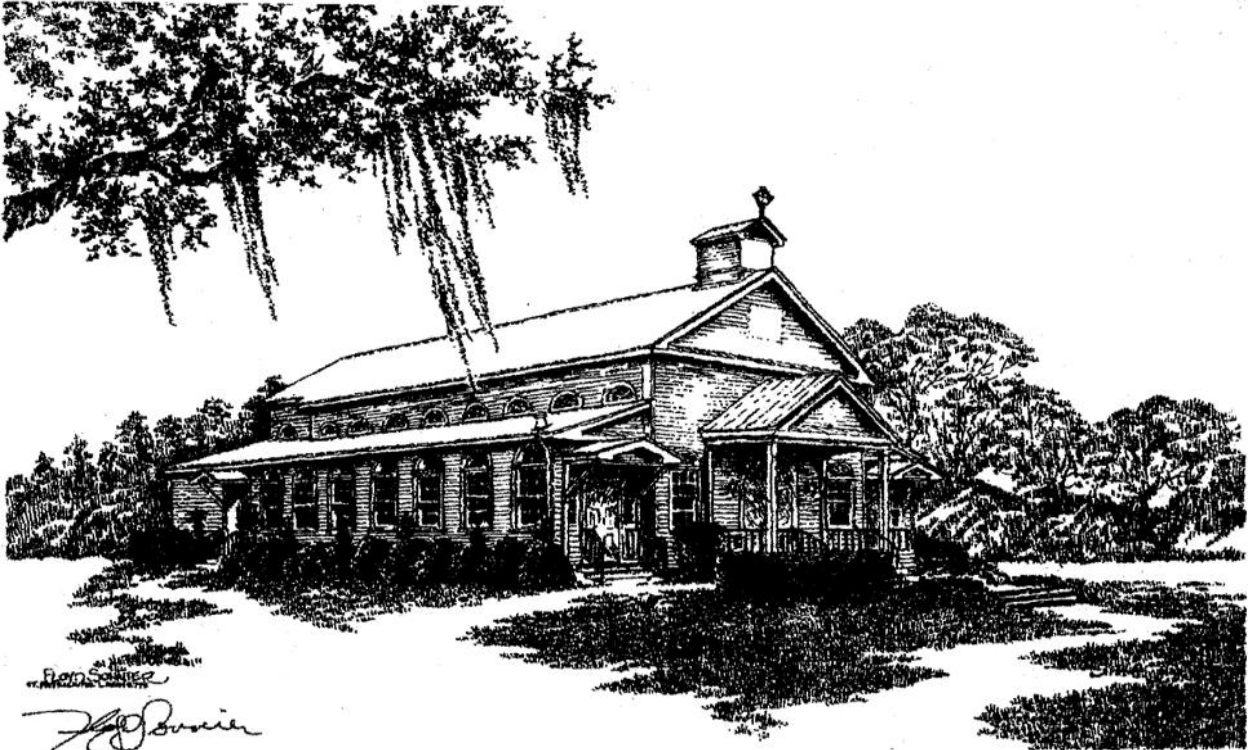


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 16, 2025 – Second 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 15

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Bradford family; Garber family; Oscar Phillips

Sunday, March 16

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Helen Vallot

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, March 17

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Tuesday, March 18

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

Ash Wednesday, March 19

7:30 a.m.: Provost family

Thursday, March 20

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, March 21

7:30 a.m.: Shirley Stinson



St Patrick's Day office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday, March 17, in observance of St Patrick's Day.

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.

Love and Responsibility

Learn more about St John Paul II's teaching, offered by the Theology of the Body Community of Acadiana. Thursdays in Lent, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at DesOrmeaux Foundation Learning Center (located adjacent to the Women's Center) 1321 Jefferson Street. Email questions to Becki Landry at beckilandry08.15@gmail.com. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4x3rwdjv> to register.

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 the 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.

Lenten Way of the Cross

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

Sacred Art Live! Louisiana

A free event held Monday, March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at St Thomas More High School, featuring sacred art and artists from Peru, Canada, Mexico, Ukraine, and the United States, including Ohio, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Louisiana. Registration is required. Go to sacredartlivelouisiana.org to register and for more information.

Good Friday Children's Way of the Cross

On Good Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m., Sr Mary Peter will host an outdoor Stations of the Cross at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The stations will be led by children. If you have a child who would like to participate, please email Sister at srmarypeter.shj@gmail.com. All are invited to attend the Stations that morning.

After Mass Sign Language lessons

Join us for a sign language class starting Sunday, March 23 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Taught by interpreter Nancy Nicholson, participants will learn how to sign the parts of the Mass. Thirty-minute lessons, ending by 11:45 a.m.. Participation is free, but donations are warmly welcomed. Any questions, contact Nancy at nancy@acadianatalent.com.

Let us pray for:

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

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.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

Prayer for the feast of St Patrick, March 17

O God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland, grant, through his merits and intercession, that those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all.

Financial Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024

As per diocesan regulations, St Patrick Parish hereby publishes a summary of its financial activity for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2024. A regular meeting of the Parish Finance Council, consisting of Michael Doumit, Geneva Phillips, Brenda DeMette, Todd Schoeffler, and Oren Spruill, was held on March 7, 2025, during which Fr Guillory presented a detailed report on Parish income and expenses. The report was reviewed and approved. The appropriate documents were then signed and filed with the competent diocesan authority. Here is a summary of that report:

Total income: \$632,534.69
Total expenses: \$335,322.48
Rectory construction: \$480,217.18
Income over expenses: (-\$183,004.70)

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$5,226
Ash Wed. (Catholic Charities).....\$8,227
Black & Indian Missions.....\$992

From the Pastor's Desk

On Ash Wednesday a collection was taken for Catholic Charities of Acadiana to support their work among the poor and needy of Acadiana. I thank all who contributed so generously to this work of charity, an expression of almsgiving inherent to the Christian way of life that is highlighted in a special way during Lent.

I will be away next week and weekend, returning on Wednesday, March 26. I'll be spending some time away with priest friends, to relax, share each other's company, and renew our energies for the rest of Lent. It's unusual for me to take vacation time during Lent, but this year's calendar constraints made it unavoidable.

In my place, you'll be seeing some of our regular substitutes: Fr Gil Dutel, Fr Jared Suire, Fr Kevin Bordelon, and Msgr Curtis Mallet. You'll also see Fr Matthew Barzare, who is covering at St Patrick's for the first time, I think. I count all these men among my priest friends, and I know you will welcome them warmly as they step in for me while I'm away.

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 during this holy Lent!

Monday of this week, March 17, is our parish feast day: St Patrick of Ireland, who lived in the 400s. Some scholars hold that Patrick died in 461, others at a later date, around 493. Patrick, who was born in Britain, was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave. Having escaped

and returned to Britain, he then went back to Ireland as a missionary and was later consecrated a bishop. It is a testament to Patrick's faith in Christ that he loved his enemies, even returning to those who had enslaved him in order to set them free from the darkness of unbelief and to announce to them the light of Christ, the gospel. May we learn to imitate this holy man, who is our parish patron.

St Patrick, pray for us!

Fr Guillory

