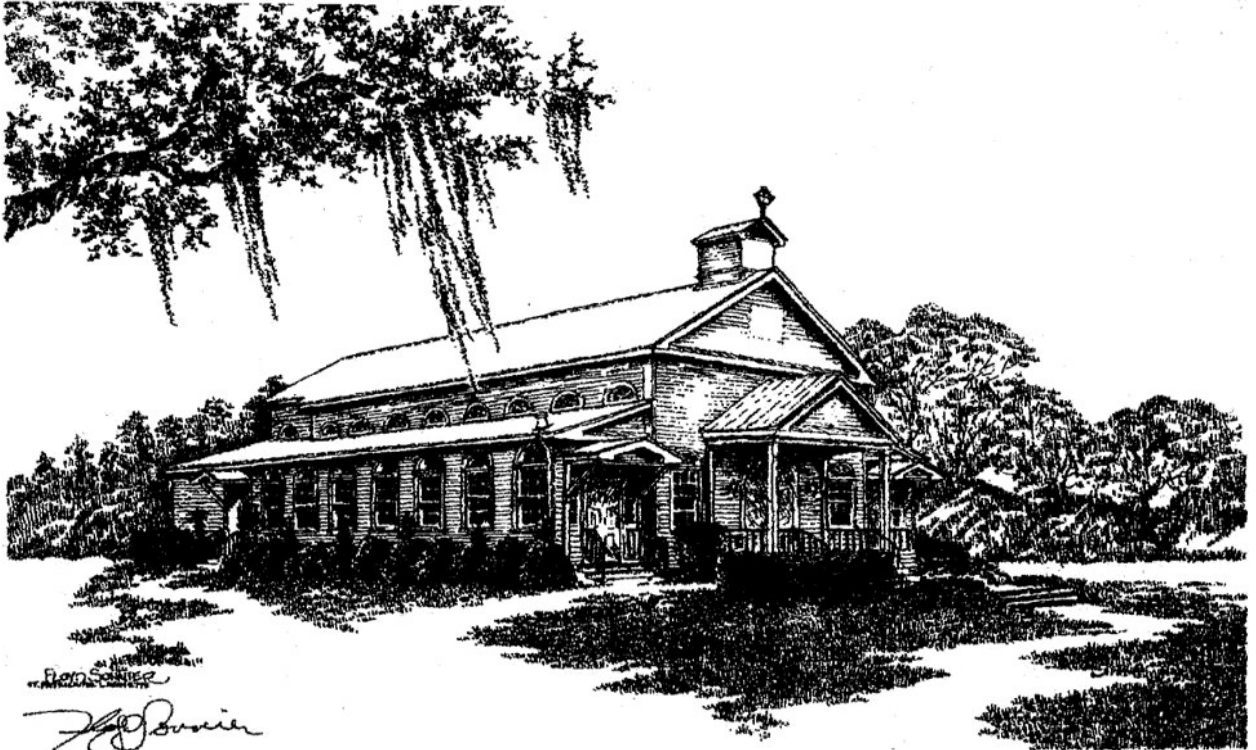


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 23, 2025 – Third 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 22

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alaina Bouvier (*living*); Billeaud family; Joan Hughes; Robert Martin; Tony Daly

Sunday, March 23

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 .m.: For parishioners

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

7:30 a.m.: Gerard Brown

Wednesday, March 26

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Thursday, March 27

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, March 28

7:30 a.m.: Irene Petitjean



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.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to will be held Monday, April 7, 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 Way of the Cross

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

Pro-Life Oratory Contest

Louisiana Right to Life is holding it's Pro-Life Oratory Contest on April 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Immaculata Center. The winner will have an opportunity to win cash prizes and represent the Diocese of Lafayette at the State and National Right to Life Oratory Contest. Visit diolaf.org/oratory for more information.

The Shroud of Turin: Mystery & History

Explore the mysteries of the Shroud of Turin, followed by "Behold" Adoration at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, April 7. Dr. Cheryl White's talk begins at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Adoration (Behold) will follow from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Come, Lord Jesus!

This weekly study/support group focuses on the upcoming Sunday readings in a small group setting. A group meets at St Patrick on Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m., in the office building conference room. For all interested in Scripture and deepening their faith in connection with the holy Eucharist. For more information please call Mike Samson at 337-257-7888 or email: michaelsamson@bellsouth.net.

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.

Grand Coteau Retreats

If you are looking for a 3, 5, or 8-day individual silent retreat, these are offered at Grand Coteau. See gcretreats.org for more information.

*~ Blessed are they
whose way is blameless (Ps 119:1)*

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 Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

Wear pink Sunday

Next Sunday, the fourth of Lent, is called *Laetare Sunday*, on which it is customary for the celebrant to wear a rose-colored vestment. Parishioners are encouraged to align themselves liturgically with Fr Guillory and the Church on that day and to wear some pink article of clothing as we gather to celebrate the holy Eucharist.

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.....\$4,350

*Next week's second collection is for
Catholic Relief Services.*

From the Pastor's Desk

Our St Patrick's Day breakfast social last Saturday was a wonderful success, with about 140 people in attendance! I want to acknowledge and thank all the donors and volunteers who worked so diligently and generously make that morning special. To each of you, I am truly grateful for sharing your time and talent in service of our parish!

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Next Saturday, March 29, Louisiana voters are asked to weigh in on four proposed amendments to the Louisiana constitution. Louisiana has the most amended constitution of any state, and this brings with it a whole host of problems, challenges, and difficulties. Louisiana voters are asked to vote on constitutional amendments – the effects of which are often difficult to understand – in almost every election year and even in some off-years, like this year. This has led to voter apathy and pitifully low voter turn-out.

Nevertheless, those who have the right to vote also have a *duty to vote*. This is a *moral obligation* of being a citizen, and it is expressed in the Catechism of Catholic Church, n. 2240: “co-responsibility for the common good [makes] it morally obligatory ... to exercise the right to vote.”

To inform yourself about the proposed constitutional amendments, look to voter guides prepared by various groups. The independent and non-partisan Public Affairs Research Council explains what each amendment would do, but offers no endorsements (parlouisiana.org). Other groups – like the Power Coalition for Equity and Justice (powercoalition.org) or the Louisiana Association of Business and

Industry (labi.org) or the Council for a Better Louisiana (cabl.org) – give both explanations and recommendations on how to vote. Local and state newspapers often carry coverage and analysis of these issues.

The responsible and wise voter will consult guides such as these, consider well their explanations and positions, and then decide on how to vote in an informed and thoughtful manner. Not voting, whether through negligence or willfully, is a betrayal our duty as citizens. Voter apathy and low voter turn-out can become a tool used by those with special political, economic, or cultural interests to enact unwanted minority agendas on an unsuspecting majority, since only the highly motivated (often with personal interests) show up to vote.

Consider that on December 7 of last year, four amendments to the Louisiana constitution were passed by only 11.25% of all registered voters in the State! In 2023, Jeff Landry was elected governor by roughly 19% of all registered voters. Sure, he won 52% of the vote, but only about 36% of voters actually showed up to vote.

I have no quarrel with the outcome of these elections, but rather with voters' failure to meet their moral and civic duty to vote. My further quarrel is with a political system that at times seems to exploit voter apathy, counting on it so that policies that benefit the few are enacted at the expense of the many.

The take away is this. Be a good citizen. Be a good Catholic. Inform yourself and vote.

Fr Guillory