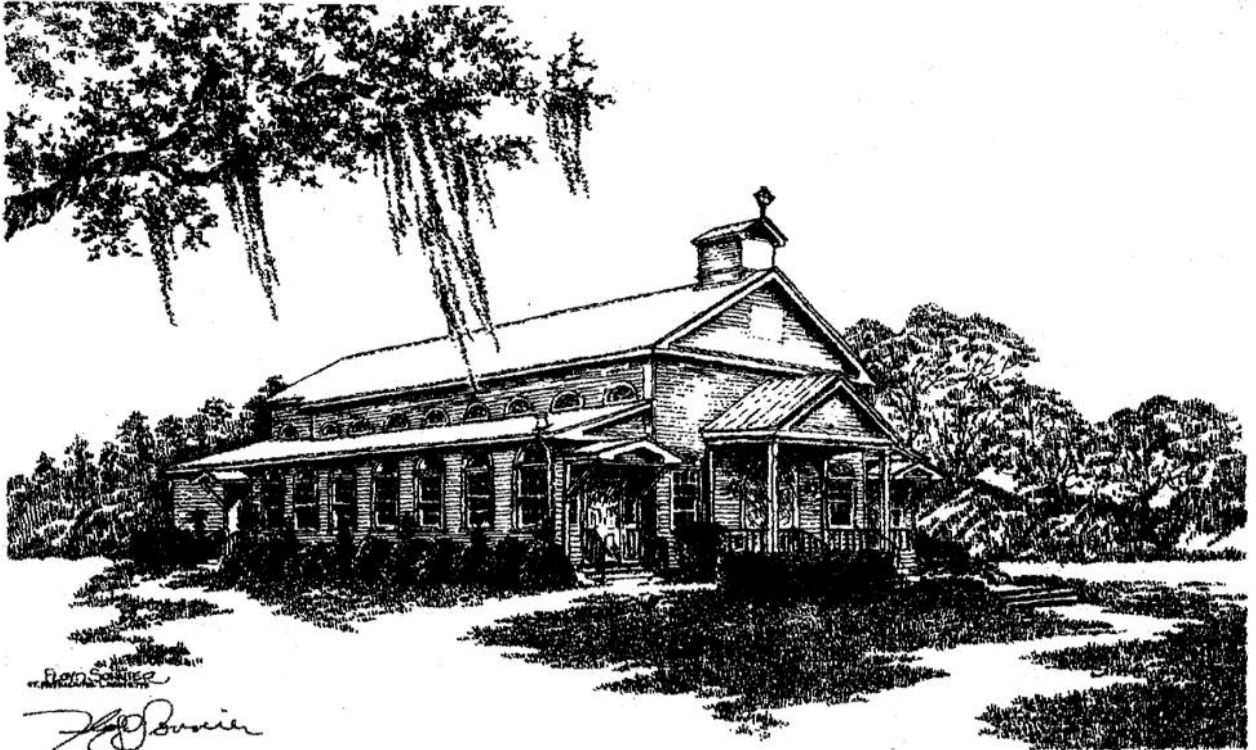


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 6, 2025 – Fifth 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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# **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

## **April 6, 2025**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Saturday, April 5**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes

#### **Sunday, April 6**

**8:30 a.m.:** John P Zagar; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Huey Falgoust family; Chaisson family

**10 a.m.:** For parishioners

#### **Monday, April 7**

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

#### **Tuesday, April 8**

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

#### **Wednesday, April 9**

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

#### **Thursday, April 10**

**7:30 a.m.:** Byron Gesser

#### **Friday, April 11**

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



### **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. Register online at [desormeauxfoundation.org](http://desormeauxfoundation.org). For questions, email Becki Landry at [beckilandry08.15@gmail.com](mailto:beckilandry08.15@gmail.com).

### **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 will follow from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **Mother/Daughter retreat**

This overnight non-silent retreat for mothers and their (18 year and older) daughters will be held Sunday, April 13 – Monday, April 14, at Grand Coteau Retreat Center. For more information, or to register, visit [gcretreats.org/special-retreats](http://gcretreats.org/special-retreats).

### **WCI marriage retreat**

A three-day retreat for spouses, July 18-20, at St Charles College in Grand Coteau sponsored by the Wojtyła Community and Institute. See [wojtylaci.com](http://wojtylaci.com) to register.

### **Couples retreat**

Al and Susan Cain will be leading a couples retreat, September 5-7 at St Charles College in Grand Coteau. [gcretreats.org](http://gcretreats.org) for more information.

### **Lenten Way of the Cross**

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

### **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 [smarypeter.shj@gmail.com](mailto:smarypeter.shj@gmail.com). All are invited to attend the Stations that morning.

## Annual “Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana” Raffle

As Acadiana’s only non-profit hospice, your purchase will provide patients with the care they need, regardless of the cost or their ability to pay. Hospice of Acadiana also offers several free of charge programs and services to the community at large, including grief counseling, loss and transition workshops, Camp Brave Hearts, the We Honor Veterans program, and much more. A \$20 ticket purchase gives a chance to win a car, a camper, or a trip for two. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please visit our website at [hospiceacadiana.com](http://hospiceacadiana.com). Hospice of Acadiana will be selling raffle tickets at St Patrick’s on the weekend of May 10-11.

## Women’s Day of Discernment

Women, ages 16-35 discerning or interested in discerning vocations to religious and consecrated life are invited to join us, on Saturday, April 26 at Diocese of Lafayette Immaculata Center. This is a free event sponsored by the Office of Vocations. To register go to [lafayettevocations.com/retreats](http://lafayettevocations.com/retreats).

### Let us pray for:

Vincent and Michelle Gil, who celebrate their first wedding anniversary on April 6.

Raymond Garry, who had surgery on March 28.

Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Kathy, Arceneaux, 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

## From a sermon by St Leo the Great, pope (†461)

Any time is the right time for works of charity, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ did away with our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings of works of mercy. In this way we shall give to those who have sinned against us what God in his goodness has already given to us. Let us now extend to the poor and those afflicted in different ways a more open-handed generosity, so that God may be thanked through many voices and the relief of the needy supported by our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor. Where he finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognizes the reflection of his own fatherly care. In these acts of giving do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. In all this activity there is present the hand of him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increases it by giving it away.

## Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....\$3,504  
Catholic Relief Services.....\$1,596

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

The fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of what is called Passiontide, which comprises the final two weeks of Lent. During this time, many churches follow the long-standing custom of covering various statues and ornaments in the church, hiding the beauty and adornment of the church so as to focus more intently on the mystery of the Passion of Jesus. The thought is that by denying ourselves something of the beauty of our churches, we can offer this deprivation penitentially, in the spirit of Lent.

Here at St Patrick's we have covered our statuary rather sporadically in the past. But for the first time this year, thanks to the dedication and hard work of two parishioners, Janell Venable and Maggie Thibeaux, we have uniform and fitted coverings for our statues and images. I am grateful for the time and effort that these two talented ladies so generously gave in service to our parish.

Since veiling the statuary is optional, there are no strict rules about what must be covered during Passiontide. Some churches will cover all the statues and crosses, while others, like St Patrick's,

cover only certain images, like those that do not have to do with the Passion itself. So we will continue to see the main crucifix over the altar as well as the stations of the cross, but all other images will be either covered or removed. That way, our focus and attention is drawn into the mystery of Jesus's redemptive suffering.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, technically known as "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." On Palm Sunday, the liturgical color of the day is red, which obviously symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed at his death on the cross. On Palm Sunday, the Church reads one of Passion narratives from Matthew, Mark, or Luke. This year, being Year C, we will read from Luke. Then on Good Friday, we will again read the Passion, but from the gospel of John.

### **St Patrick Holy Week Schedule**

**Monday-Wednesday**  
**April 14-16, 7:30 a.m.**

**Holy Thursday**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**April 17, 6 p.m.**  
*No morning Mass.*

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

**April 18, 3 p.m.**  
*No morning Mass.*

**Easter Vigil**  
**April 19, 8 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 20, 8:30 and 10 a.m.**

What a great sign of devotion and unity it would be for all parishioners to wear red next Sunday for the celebration of Palm Sunday! By wearing red, we would be uniting ourselves as a family of faith with Catholics all around the world in bearing witness to the suffering of Jesus, who gave his life as a ransom for many and by whose blood we have been redeemed.

*In Quillory*