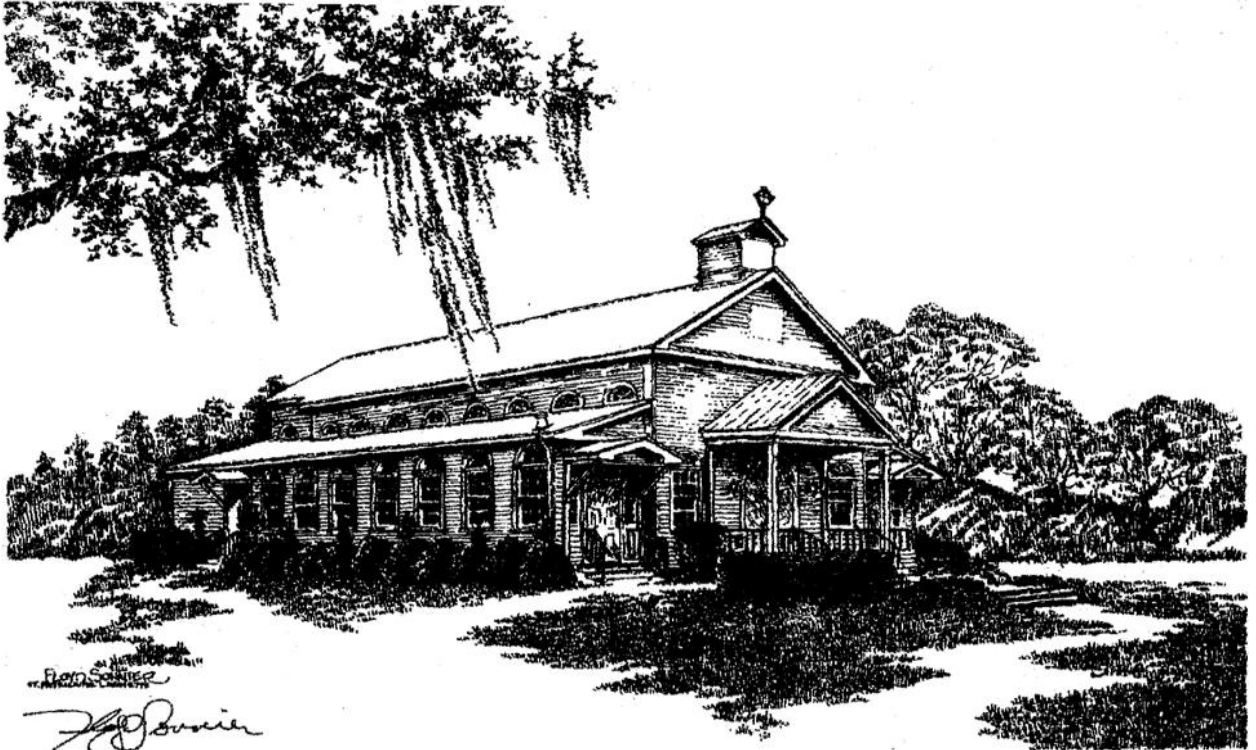


St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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, April 12

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Dayna Foreman

Sunday, April 13

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

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, April 14

7:30 a.m.: Reeves Gauthreaux

Tuesday, April 15

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 a.m.: Dickie Bell

Holy Thursday, April 17

No morning Mass

6 p.m.: Reeves Gauthreaux

Good Friday, April 18

No morning Mass

3 p.m.: Good Friday Service

Office closure

St Patrick's office will be closed on Monday, April 21 (Easter Monday).

Byzantine Catholic Outreach of Acadiana

Byzantine Catholics will gather at St Patrick Church on Sunday, April 13 and Sunday, May 11 at 5 p.m. to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. All Catholics are invited to attend these celebrations of the holy Eucharist and to experience the beauty and wonder of the Byzantine expression of the Catholic faith.

Bereavement/grief support

Hospice of Acadiana offers a weekly support group for those who are bereaved or have experienced the death of a loved one. Call 337-232-1234 for more information.

Good Friday Children's Way of the Cross

On Good Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m., Sister Mary Peter will host an outdoor Stations of the Cross at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The stations will be led by children. All are invited to attend.

Tenebrae Service

Cathedral of St John. Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m. Join in prayer with the Cathedral Men's Schola to chant the divine office.

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.

Sing His Glory

A celebration of Easter and the life and legacy of Francis Leblanc. Sunday, April 27, 3 p.m. at the UL Lafayette Student Union Bayou Bijou Theater. For more information, contact Stephanie Bernard at the Diocese's Office of Black Catholic Ministries: 337-261-5694.

Let us pray for:

Parishioner Mickey Jung, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Pauline Lalande, who turned 90 on April 8 and Rick Lalande, whose 95th birthday is April 15.

Monica Mullins whose birthday is April 15, and Shana Sampia, whose birthday is April 19.

Nolan and Theresa Guidry, who celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on April 18.

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.

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 Palm Sunday

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

From a sermon by St Augustine, bishop (†430)

The passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the hope of glory and a lesson in patience. It is a great thing that we are promised by the Lord, but far greater is what has already been done for us and which we now commemorate. Where were the sinners, what were they, when Christ died for them? When Christ has already given us the gift of his death, who is to doubt that he will give the holy ones the gift of his own life? Why does our human frailty hesitate to believe that mankind will one day live with God? The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us. Rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves. He loved us so much that, sinless himself, he suffered for us sinners the punishment we deserved for our sins. Brethren, let us then fearlessly acknowledge, and even openly proclaim, that Christ was crucified for us. Let us confess it, not in fear but in joy, not in shame but in glory.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$6,519
Building Fund.....	\$4,813
Online giving (March).....	\$6,567

*The Good Friday collection is taken for the
Commissariat of the Holy Land.*

From the Pastor's Desk

The Mass for Palm Sunday begins differently from most other Masses, with a procession from outside the church, symbolizing Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when the crowds greeted him with palm branches and shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!"

Each of the four gospels records Jesus's entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11; Mk 11:1-11; Lk 19:28-40; Jn 12:12-16), how the crowds went out to meet him with joy and wonder and how the whole city of Jerusalem was shaken by Jesus's arrival.

The crowds gathered around Jesus were hailing him as the king of Israel, as heir to the throne of David. The occupying Roman forces would have interpreted the crowd's words as a threat to their power. And the powerful react predictably when anyone dares question them, their authority, and how they use their power: smear campaigns, violence, oppression.

This was the murderous game of worldly power and ambition that the Lord Jesus willingly and knowingly walked into when he entered Jerusalem on the back of a colt.

The problem, though, was that neither the crowds of disciples who were laying down branches and cloaks in adoration of Jesus nor the Roman authorities who would persecute Jesus were correct in their understanding of who he was and what he was doing.

His kingdom, as he would explain before Pontius Pilate, is not of this world. His kingdom, the kingdom of heaven, is paradise itself. And Jesus had come among them not to lord it over them and make his authority felt, not to be served, but to serve, according to his example and his words: "I am among you as the one who serves."



Some twenty centuries ago, Jesus's would-be disciples, carried away by the political concerns of their own day and time, failed to recognize Jesus for who he was and what his kingship meant. That same temptation remains for Christians today when we mistake (and prefer) the things that belong to Caesar for the things that

belong to God.

As we begin Holy Week, may our loyalties always be aligned with the kingdom of God and his righteousness. In this way, we will remain true to the Lord, true to his way, and true to the kingdom of heaven.

Fr. Guillory