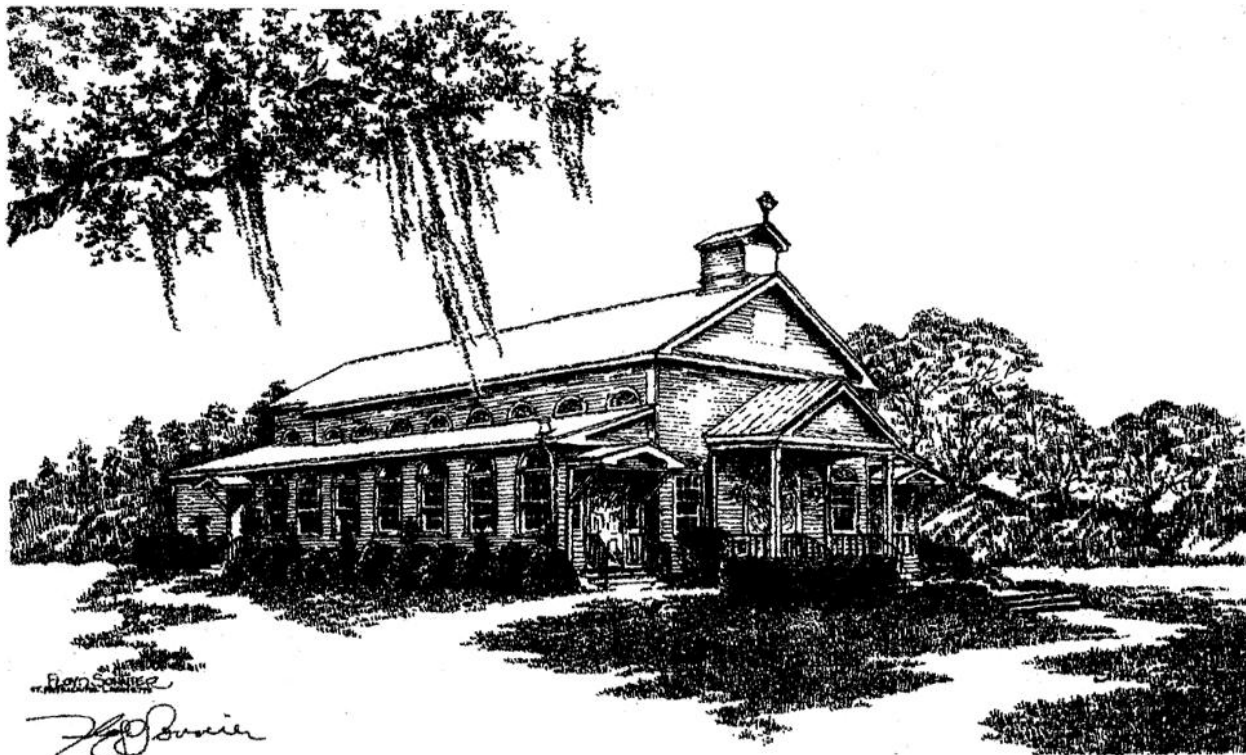


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*June 1, 2025 – Ascension of the Lord*



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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# **Ascension of the Lord**

## **June 1, 2025**

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

#### **Saturday, May 31**

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

#### **Sunday, June 1**

**8:30 a.m.:** John P Zagar; Dayna Foreman; Byran & Cally Lege; Jeremy & Megan Dean

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

#### **Monday, June 2**

**7:30 a.m.:** Reagan Broussard; David Beasley; Ludden Bellard

#### **Tuesday, June 3**

**7:30 a.m.:** Ronald & Vida Lege

#### **Wednesday, June 4**

**7:30 a.m.:** Carmen Blanchard; Chaisson family

#### **Thursday, June 5**

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

#### **Friday, June 6**

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

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.  
~John 14:18*

#### **Lifeguards-Pulse Leadership Institute**

High school and college students join us June 3-7, 2025 for an inspirational week long pro-life retreat where you will be educated and empowered to be the NOW generation of pro-life leaders! Go to [prolifelouisiana.org/pli](http://prolifelouisiana.org/pli) to register.

#### **Introduction to Theology of the Body**

Theology of the Body Community of Acadiana is offering this level I class on Thursday evenings June 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new DesOrmeaux Foundation Learning Center, 1321 Jefferson Street. For course material resources and to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/3r9s574f>.

#### **Diocese of Lafayette, Quo Vadis Days**

Community of Jesus Crucified is hosting Quo Vadis 2025, June 10-12, in St Martinville. A time of recollection to reflect on where you are going in your own life. We will explore that question through prayer, fraternity, recreation and talks on discernment. For more information call (337) 261-5690.

#### **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.

#### **Fight the New Drug**

Fight the New Drug (FTND) is a non-religious, education-focused organization that seeks to give visibility to the harm of pornography. Visit [fightthenewdrug.org](http://fightthenewdrug.org) for articles, videos, podcasts, and more.

#### **Integrity Restored**

Integrity Restored is a Catholic organization that offers education and resources to combat pornography use. Visit them at [integrityrestored.com](http://integrityrestored.com).

#### **Truth about Porn**

The website [truthaboutporn.org](http://truthaboutporn.org) contains articles of scientific research concerning pornography use, as well as some short informative videos by researchers who explain, in brief, their scientific findings.

## Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, June 2, 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.

## Holy Family Catholic School

Holy Family Catholic School is now accepting applications for 3 and 4 year olds. For more information call (337) 235-0267.

### Let us pray for:

Ken Dugas and Lucie McElligott, who celebrate birthdays on June 2.

Ron and Vida Lege, who celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on June 3.

Harry and Brenda DeMette, who celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on June 5.

Traci Bruno, 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).*

## Online giving at St Patrick's

If you would like to contribute to St Patrick's online, please visit our website ([stpat.org](http://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 Ascension of the Lord

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven.

## From the Catechism, on the Ascension, nn. 659, 663-664

Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final appearance ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. By *the Father's right hand* we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified. Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfilment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed" (7:14). After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$3,724

## From a sermon on the Ascension of the Lord by St Leo the Great, Pope (†461)

At Easter, beloved brethren, it was the Lord's resurrection which was the cause of our joy. Our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. It is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from men's sight of everything that is rightly felt to command their reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold.

For such is the power of great minds, such is the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye, they fix their desires on what is beyond sight. Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible.

And so our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a teaching whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord's ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit. It would remain unshaken by fetters and imprisonment, exile and hunger, fire and ravening beasts, and the most refined tortures ever devised by brutal

persecutors. Throughout the world women no less than men, tender girls as well as boys, have given their life's blood in the struggle for this faith. It is a faith that has driven out devils, healed the sick and raised the dead.

Even the blessed apostles, though they had been strengthened by so many miracles and instructed by so much teaching, took fright at the cruel suffering of the Lord's passion and could not accept his resurrection without hesitation. Yet they made such progress through his ascension that they now found joy in what had terrified them before. They were able to fix their minds on Christ's divinity as he sat at the right hand of his Father, since what was presented to their bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven.

The truth is that the Son of Man was revealed as Son of God in a more perfect and transcendent way once he had entered into his Father's glory.

He now began to be indescribably more present in his divinity to those from whom he was further removed in his humanity. A more mature faith enabled their minds to stretch upward to the Son in his equality with the Father. It no longer needed contact with Christ's tangible body, in which as man he is inferior to the Father. For while his glorified body retained the same nature, the faith of those who believed in him was now summoned to heights where, as the Father's equal, the only-begotten Son is reached not by physical handling but by spiritual discernment.

