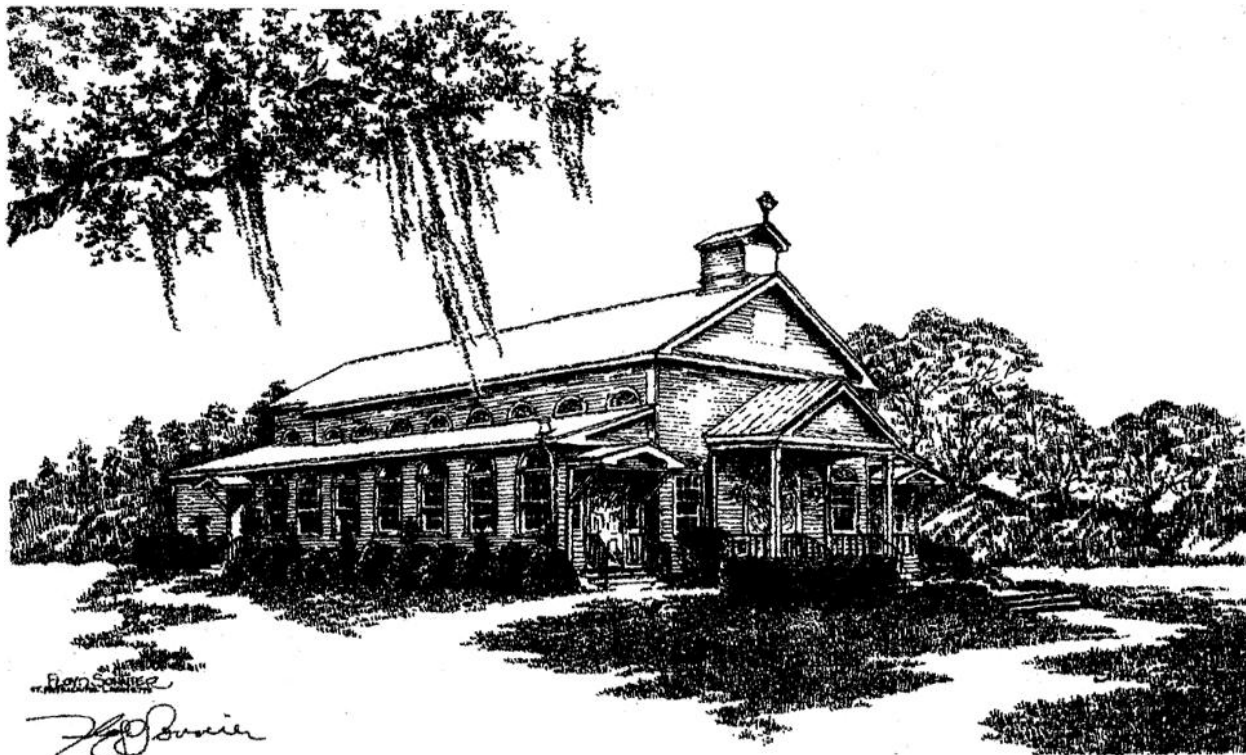


St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 6, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, July 5

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Mickey Jung; Mike Guilbeau; Charlie Castille; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Nanette Bouvier *living*; Charles Brevell *living*

Sunday, July 6

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Mildred, Malta & Wilbert Manuel

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, July 7

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, July 8

7:30 a.m.: Ruby Delahoussaye

Wednesday, July 9

7:30 a.m.: Shirley Stinson

Thursday, July 10

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, July 11

7:30 a.m.:

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 to register.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 2025 Novena, Pilgrims of Hope

July 8-16 every evening, beginning with adoration and confession at 5:15 p.m., followed by Novena Mass at 6 p.m. with Fr Michael Richard at Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace, 1250 Carmel Drive, Lafayette.

Come and See

Sister Servants of Jesus Crucified is hosting a Come & See weekend, July 18-21 at Community of Jesus Crucified in St. Martinville. Retreat is open to young women 19-34 years of age discerning religious life. Registration is required. For more information, and to register, email cjcpbsvocationdirectress@gmail.com or call 337-394-6550.

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

Couples retreat

Al and Susan Cain will be leading a couples retreat, September 5-7 at St Charles College in Grand Coteau. See gcretreats.org for more information.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to be held Monday, July 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.

Redbird Ministries

Faith, grief, bereavement support for parents who are suffering the loss of a child. See www.redbird.love for more information, meetings, and events.

Catholic in Recovery

Meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at St Peter Room of St Pius X Church. Also online meetings. For more information contact Marcelo at cirstpiusx@gmail.com or visit the website catholicinrecovery.com.

Courage International

Support for Catholic men and women who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to live chaste lives. For more information see *couragerc.org*. For the local Courage chapter, email courage@diolaf.org.

EnCourage

A ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, adult children, and other relatives and friends of persons who identify as LGBTQ+. For more information see *couragerc.org*. For the local EnCourage chapter, email courage@diolaf.org.

Let us pray for:

Kathleen Larson, who celebrates her birthday on July 8.

Fred and Linda Vallot, who celebrated their 39th anniversary on June 27. Fred celebrated his birthday the same day, and Linda celebrated hers on July 2.

Sandy Guilbeau, sister of parishioner Harry DeMette, who died on June 28.

Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Merrick Stelly, Monica Mullins, Gail Roetker, Charles Mire, Ed Roy, 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

Collect for 14th Sunday Ordinary Time

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on the Holy Spirit, n. 691-693

"Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. the Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children. The term "Spirit" translates the Hebrew word *ruah*, which, in its primary sense, means breath, air, wind. When he proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls him the "Paraclete," literally, "he who is called to one's side," *advocatus*. "Paraclete" is commonly translated by "consoler," and Jesus is the first consoler. The Lord also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth." Besides the proper name of "Holy Spirit," which is most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St Paul the titles: the Spirit of the promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God – and, in St Peter, the Spirit of glory.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$4,002
Peter's Pence.....	\$822

*Next week's second collection is for
Catholic Communications.*

*Honor the Lord with your wealth ... then
will your barns be filled with plenty.
~ Proverbs 3:9,10*

From the Pastor's Desk

I hope and pray that everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July on Friday, a celebration of our country's 249th year of independence. Next year's celebration of 250 years as a free and independent nation will rightly be marked by much patriotic fanfare and historical reflection.

One of the key features of American independence is that the new nation was founded to be a representative democracy, where the three powers of government – executive, legislative, the judicial – were set up to limit power and to prevent its concentration in any one of the branches of government. This is the system of checks and balances, where the word *check* means to stop or to block. And so each branch is meant, by design, to stop or block either of the other branches from exceeding its authority or from concentrating power to itself.

More than one non-partisan observer has noted that this system of checks and balance has been sorely tested as of late in American politics. Over the past couple of decades, and irrespective of the controlling political party, the Congress has become less effective and more compliant, the executive has become more assertive, and the judiciary has grown more partisan. There is imbalance in the system, and this is detrimental to political stability. The fault, though, is not in the system itself, but in a lack of civic

knowledge and virtue and a lack of confidence in the genius of the American political system.

Another feature of a democratic society, especially a representative democracy, is that sometimes the other side prevails. Sometimes my side will win, sometimes my side will lose. The refusal to acknowledge that “my side” lost or could lose a political election is but one step from calling into question democracy itself and paves the way for authoritarianism, an authoritarianism that bit by bit begins to strip away democratic institutions, practices, and protections.

On the individual level, extremely problematic is the inability even to imagine that other people think differently about political and societal questions. Once one's mindset has become so rigid that it cannot tolerate any dissenting position, the path to radicalism is not far behind. We cannot allow ourselves to view political

opponents as disloyal or unpatriotic simply because they dare to disagree with us. Disagreement, even in big and important matters, is not disloyalty.

On this Fourth of July weekend, Americans, and Catholic Americans in particular, must reject authoritarianism and radicalism and recommit themselves to the principles of the democratic republic that has allowed our country to prosper in peace for so long.

May God bless America!

Fr. Guillory

