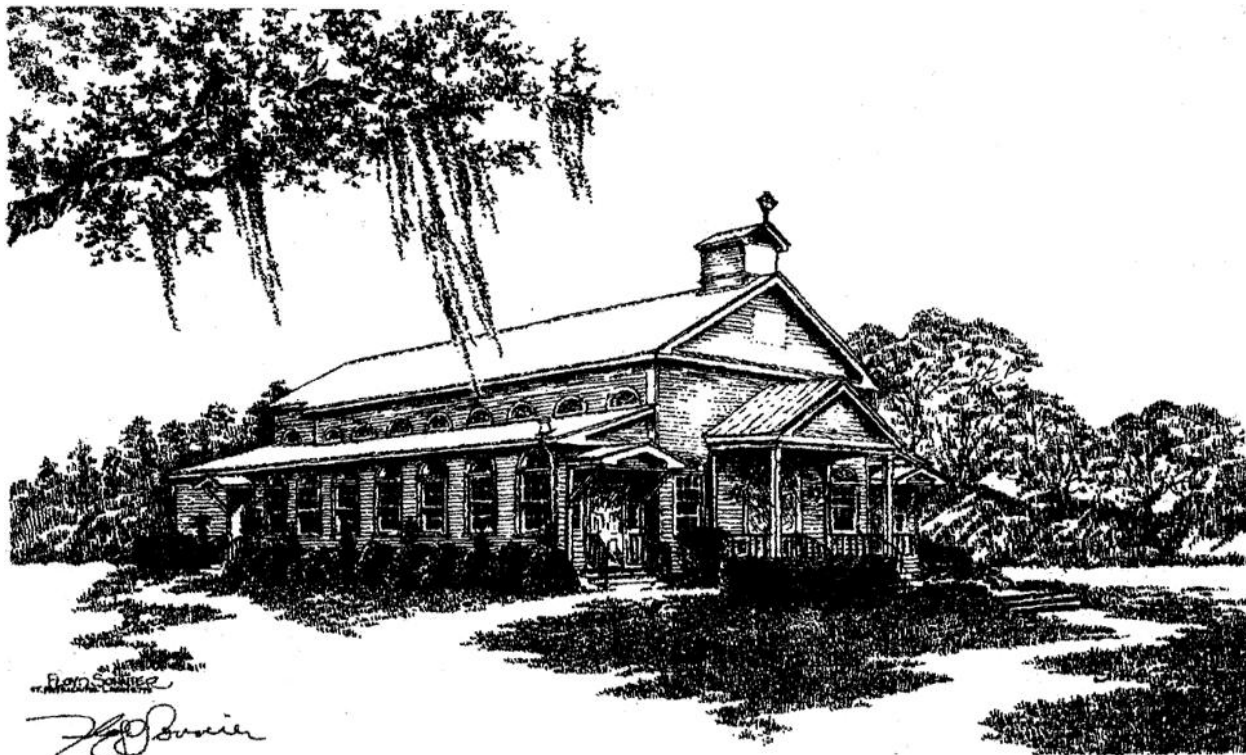


St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 13, 2025
Fifteenth 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 12

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes;
Nanette Bouvier *living*; Charles Brevell
living

Sunday, July 13

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Daniel, Gerald
& Ludden Bellard; Helen Vallot; Kathy
Snelson

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, July 14

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, July 15

7:30 a.m.: Jerry Romero

Wednesday, July 16

7:30 a.m.: Tom Black

Thursday, July 17

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, July 18

7:30 a.m.: Fr Raymond Ssebina

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 cjcpsbvocationdirectress@gmail.com or call 337-394-6550.

Louisiana Black Advocates for Life

LBAL is a committed prolife group working to promote a culture of life in Louisiana's black community. More details and information on LBAL can be found at lablackadvocates.com.

Lost and Found

Forgot something in church? Can't find those glasses, prayer books, gloves, hats, scarves, rosaries, etc.? Be sure to check the lost and found basket, located in the back of the church under the table. Personal items left behind are placed there for you to reclaim.

*They who hope in the Lord will renew their strength,
they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not
grow weary, walk and not grow faint. ~Isaiah 40:31*

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to you, loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with you Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

~ Bishop Maurice Schexnayder,
second Bishop of Lafayette

Studium to Studio

Each week, the Lafayette chapter of Lay Dominicans records a 30-minute program on various topics of interest to a Catholic audience, hosted by St Patrick parishioners Jeff and Cheryl Drozda. All the episodes (so far, over 100 of them) can be found on the YouTube channel “Studium to Studio.” Episodes are aired on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on Christ our King Radio, 90.5 AM, KLFT.

Let us pray for:

- Wes Williams, nephew of parishioner Michael Doumit, who was diagnosed with ALS.
- Rolanda Fay Sinegal (48), niece of parishioner Raymond Garry, who died on July 5.
- Marianne Bienvenu (92), mother of Fr Paul Bienvenu, who died on July 1.
- Gerry McGovern, who celebrates her 96th birthday on July 13. Gail Roetker who celebrates her birthday on July 14.
- 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 the Fifteenth Sunday

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on the symbols of the Holy Spirit, n. 694, 696

The symbolism of water signifies the Holy Spirit’s action in Baptism, since after the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the efficacious sacramental sign of new birth. Just as the gestation of our first birth took place in water, so the water of Baptism truly signifies that our birth into the divine life is given to us in the Holy Spirit. As “by one Spirit we were all baptized,” so we are also “made to drink of one Spirit.” Thus the Spirit is also personally the living water welling up from Christ crucified as its source and welling up in us to eternal life. While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit’s actions. Jesus will say of the Spirit: “I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!” In the form of tongues “as of fire,” the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit’s actions. “Do not quench the Spirit.”

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....	\$5,652
Building fund.....	\$4,980
Online offerings for June.....	

From the Pastor's Desk

The story of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages from the gospels, one of Jesus's best known images, even among people who have little contact with the Christian faith or the religious practice of Christianity.

There are Good Samaritan laws, as they are called, which shield from liability people of good will who seek to help others in emergency situations before trained emergency personnel can arrive. Good Samaritan laws may also mandate that passersby intervene to help those in emergency situations, at the very least by attempting to call for help. Such laws sanction and punish indifference to the emergency needs and sufferings of others.

Inspired by the teachings of Jesus, most places where Christianity has had some influence enshrine in their laws the obligation to render aid. Because Jesus is teacher and master, he educates not only his disciples, but all humanity, not only about divine things, but also about human realities. And so rendering aid to those in emergency need is not an obligation of Christians alone, but an obligation that arises out of human nature itself. And so it is fitting that the lessons of the Good Samaritan become a civic duty. Those who are in a position to render aid *must* do so – it is a responsibility the neglect of which a rightly ordered society rightly punishes.

When disasters or emergency situations befall our neighbors – fires, floods, storms, hurricanes, accidents, health crises – we cannot be indifferent and pass by, ignoring

their plights simply because we are “busy” or in a hurry. And it does not matter who our neighbors are. We cannot parse the meaning of the word neighbor, restrict and reduce its application, and so attempt to exempt ourselves from the obligation to render aid. My neighbor is the person who is before me, irrespective of sex, gender identity, age, religion, creed, language, skin color, ethnicity, country of origin, language, immigration status, political persuasion, socio-economic status, or any other bogus distinction that can be made. The human person in need before me: this is my neighbor, who has a right, before God, to my help and assistance. No ifs, ands, or buts. No

hemming and hawing. No evasions, excuses, or pretexts for inaction. I cannot not notice or pretend not to notice. This is my human duty, my civic duty, my Christian duty.

Twenty years ago in 2005, when Hurricane Katrina devastated the greater New Orleans area and crippled its disaster-response capabilities, a group calling themselves

the Cajun Navy responded admirably and honorably to their neighbors in need, saving hundreds of lives, when survival depended on the kindness and decency of strangers who refused to look the other way. This was the gospel of the Good Samaritan put into concrete action in our own day and time. The tragedy of human suffering obliterated every division thrown up by the devil to divide and conquer us, and in that moment, the better angels of our common humanity prevailed. Yes, yes, and a thousand times, yes! Let fear be cast out and let the love of God and neighbor win the day! The hope of heaven demands no less.

Fr Guillory

