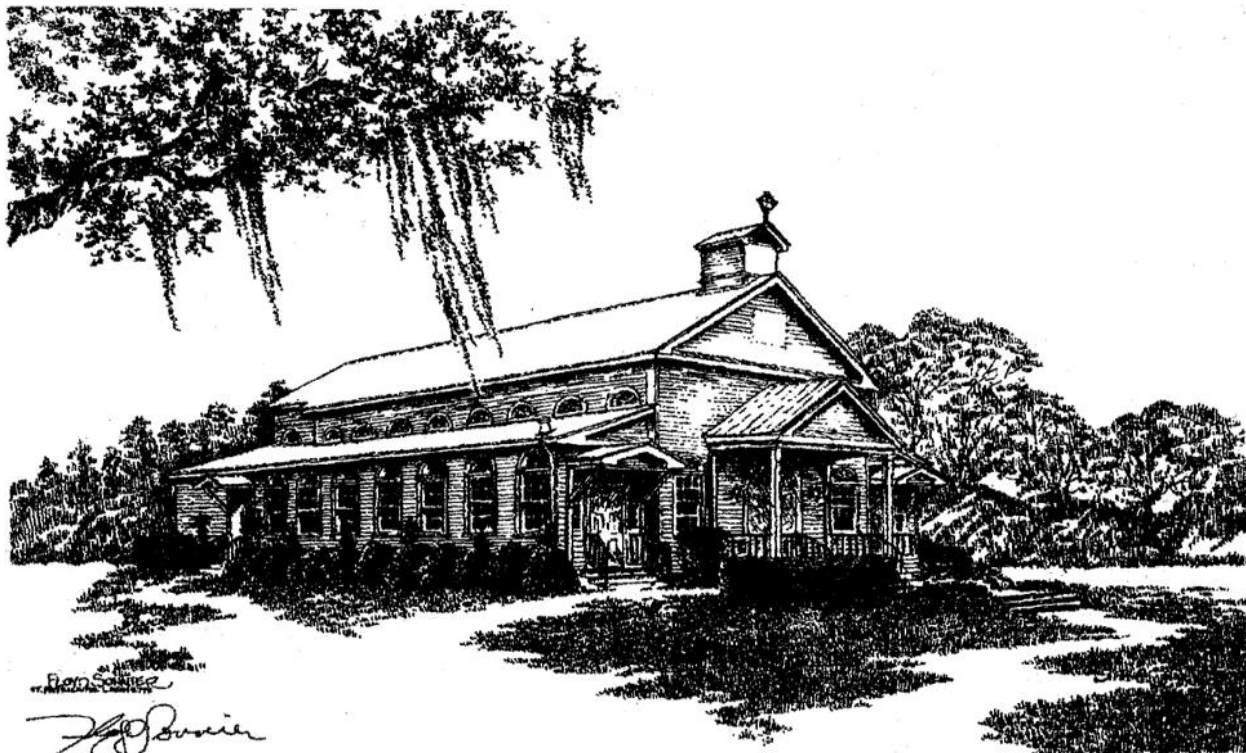


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 17, 2025
Twentieth 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, August 16

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Charlie Castille

Sunday, August 17

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, August 18

7:30 a.m.: Ashton Petitjean family

Tuesday, August 19

7:30 a.m.: Geri P. Kreamer

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 a.m.: Shirley Stinson

Thursday, August 21

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, August 22

7:30 a.m.:

Loving through Loss – A couples workshop for families grieving the death of a child

Red Bird Ministries, in partnership with St. Pius X in the Diocese of Lake Charles, LA, invites couples who have experienced the death of a child to a powerful day of healing, faith, and restoration. Counseling and spiritual guidance will be offered to couples who attend. Saturday, August 23, at St Pius X, 16816 Highway 171, Ragley, LA. Check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. The day will conclude with 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. For more information and to register visit www.redbird.love/couple-workshops/diocese-of-lake-charles.

Strive (for Catholic Men)

A resource and community for men who wish to break away from pornography use. Visit strive21.com.

Bloom for Catholic Women

Bloom provides healing for women affected by their husband's pornography use/addiction. Therapeutic and spiritual online courses to heal the betrayal trauma. For more information visit online at bloomforcatholicwomen.com.

St Patrick's Women's Bible Study

A 22-week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 9 (8:15-9:30 a.m.) here in the office building conference room, using the book *Touching the Divine* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, which can be purchased online at walkingwithpurpose.com or on Amazon. Contact Judi Dugas (337-247-5789), Stephanie Bacque (337-278-9303) or Penny Spizale (337-296-0346) for any and all questions, information, and registration.

What Are My Gifts, God? Discovering His Mission For Me

Join us for this silent preached Women's Retreat (Ages 23+) September 5 through 7 at Our Lady of the Bayous Retreat Center, Abbeville, where you'll encounter God and pray with the gifts He has given you. We will spend the weekend discovering God's mission for you. For cost and registration information email janiefrankeretreats@gmail.com.

Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC)

ICC offers free online adult Catholic education programs. Visit the Institute of Catholic Culture online for more information and to register at instituteofcatholicculture.org.

Our Lady of the Oaks Women's Preached Retreat

Join the generational Acadiana tradition of making a three-day Ignatian Preached Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau, October 9 through 12. For more information or to register visit www.gcpretreats.org or contact Retreat Captain Louise Stelly 337-540-7037.

The Forge, Fr. Chester P Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference

The 22nd annual Fr. Chester P Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference will be held September 4 through 7 at the Hilton Riverside Hotel located in New Orleans. The conference will focus on developing spiritual and life enhancement skills that will help men, young and old, live more effective lives. Conference attendees will be able to partake in workshops, health fair, praise and worship sessions, as well as fellowship with other Black Catholic Men of Faith. For more information go to bowmanfrancis.org.

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. ~Psalm 31:3-4

Let us pray for:

Fr Joshua Guillory, who celebrates his 49th birthday on August 19.

Karen Nicko, Robert Benoit, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Merrick Stelly, Monica Mullins, Gail Roetker, Charles Mire, Ed Roy, Bryan Lege, 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.*

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on social justice, nn. 1928-1930

Society ensures social justice when it provides the conditions that allow associations or individuals to obtain what is their due, according to their nature and their vocation. Social justice is linked to the common good and the exercise of authority. Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of man. The person represents the ultimate end of society, which is ordered to him. Respect for the human person entails respect for the rights that flow from his dignity as a creature. These rights are prior to society and must be recognized by it. They are the basis of the moral legitimacy of every authority: by flouting them, or refusing to recognize them in its positive legislation, a society undermines its own moral legitimacy. If it does not respect them, authority can rely only on force or violence to obtain obedience from its subjects. It is the Church's role to remind men of good will of these rights and to distinguish them from unwarranted or false claims.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,092

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

By now, almost all schools, public and private, have seen the return of teachers and students, while our local university begins at the end of the coming week.

The beginning of the new school year is often marked by either excitement or apprehension on the part of the students – depending on how they view school – and relief (!) on the part of most parents, as it gets the kids out of the house and back into a more predictable routine.

For some people, fewer in number, I think, the schedule and routine of the academic year can feel stifling and limiting. But for most people, I hope, the limits and constraints of routine and schedule allow for greater freedom, purpose, and ultimately achievement. The school setting provides an environment wherein peers can work toward the same goals, whether they are pursuing academic goals, athletic achievement, or service to their school and greater community.

While the form of schooling has changed over the millennia, its basic elements have not and are attested from ancient times. First of all, there is a master or teacher around whom would-be students, sometimes called disciples or followers, gather. Lessons are imparted, and the students are expected not only to learn what the master teaches, but to put those teachings into concrete action. What was once in the master (some kind of knowledge or skill) passes into the student, who, having “mastered” the material, is then in a position to use and apply it creatively. In this way, knowledge and skill are increased and handed down

to the next generation of students, who in turn will become masters.

Students are meant to bond with one another and with their teachers in the common pursuit of knowledge, skill, and wisdom. This should lead to excellence and virtue, what the ancient Greeks called *arete*. Those filled with *arete* became the *aristoi*, who excel in all the virtues and so become models for all. (This is the origin of the word *aristocrat*, one who governs on account of his or her virtue and excellence. What a pity that the word now has such a negative and pejorative connotation.)

Jesus, Master and Teacher, prepared his disciples for excellence by his word and works and told them that one day, if they remained faithful and true, they would do greater things than even he. *“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father”* (Jn 14:12). And how is this possible? *“The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you”* (Jn 14:26). The Son speaks only what the Father has commanded him to say (Jn 12:49), and the Holy Spirit reminds the disciples of all that the Son said. Truly, the Trinity itself is our teacher, who points us to the things above (Col 3:1-2).

In the words of St Paul, the great teacher of the way of the Lord Jesus: *“whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things”* (Phil 4:8).

Fr Guillory