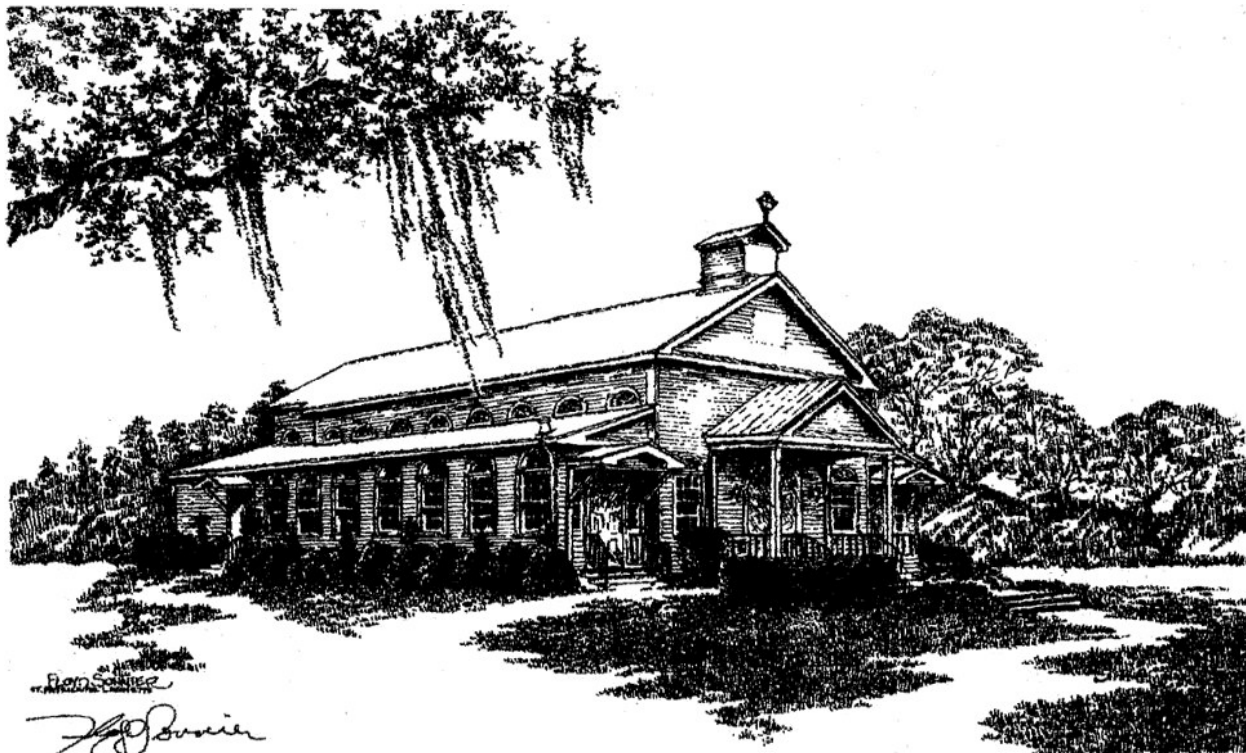


St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 7, 2025
Twenty-third 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, September 6

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Bouvier family (*living*); Pat Low (*living*); Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Jack Boudreaux; Mabel Dupuis; Brett Walker

Sunday, September 7

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Bobbie Touns

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, September 8

7:30 a.m.:

Tuesday, September 9

7:30 a.m.: Geri P Kreamer

Wednesday, September 10

7:30 a.m.: Shirley Stinson

Thursday, September 11

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, September 12

7:30 a.m.:

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.

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.gcretreats.org* or contact retreat captain Louise Stelly 337-540-7037.

Parish website

On our parish website, *stpat.org*, can be found both the current and past bulletins as well as the texts of some of Fr Guillory's recent homilies.

Memorial Mass Father Verbis LaFleur

Commemorating the 81st anniversary of the death of Servant of God, Lt Father Verbis LaFleur, a memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Ville Platte on Monday, September 8. Rosary, 6 p.m. Mass, 6:30 p.m. For more information visit *frverbislafleur.com*.

Permanent Diaconate Office

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Diocese of Lafayette is now accepting online pre-inquiry forms and pre-interviewing for men who feel a call to serve more. If you would like more information, please seek out the Pre-Inquiry form under the Permanent Diaconate Office on the diocesan website. Fill out the form and send electronically and you should be contacted by phone. Please contact Deacon Jim Kincel with any questions (337-735-9433).

Retrouvaille weekend

Hope and renewal for struggling marriages. Contact Bill & Missie at 985-232-5963 or visit *helpourmarriage.org*.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” to be held Monday, September 8, 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.

Adult faith formation opportunity

On Tuesday, September 9, Mr Jeffrey Cormier will present a talk on the existence of God, how to understand atheist arguments and how to refute them. The talk will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in the conference room of St Patrick’s parish office building.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.
~ Luke 14:27

Let us pray for:

Anna Walker, who celebrates her birthday on September 6.

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.*

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.

Collect for the Twenty-third Sunday

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on social justice, nn. 1938-1940

Sinful inequalities exist that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel: their equal dignity as persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace. The principle of *solidarity*, also articulated in terms of “friendship” or “social charity,” is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood. An error, “today abundantly widespread, is disregard for the law of human solidarity and charity, dictated and imposed both by our common origin and by the equality in rational nature of all men, whatever nation they belong to. This law is sealed by the sacrifice of redemption offered by Jesus Christ on the altar of the Cross to his heavenly Father, on behalf of sinful humanity.” Solidarity is manifested in the first place by the distribution of goods and remuneration for work. It also presupposes the effort for a more just social order where tensions are better able to be reduced and conflicts more readily settled by negotiation.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship
Offerings.....\$5,427

*Next week’s second collection is for
Catholic University of America*

Saint of the day for September 9

St Peter Claver

June 26, 1581 – September 8, 1654

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Saint Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled “supreme villainy” by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

Saint Peter Claver’s predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself “the slave of the Negroes forever.”

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained

animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God’s love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Saint Peter Claver’s apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

