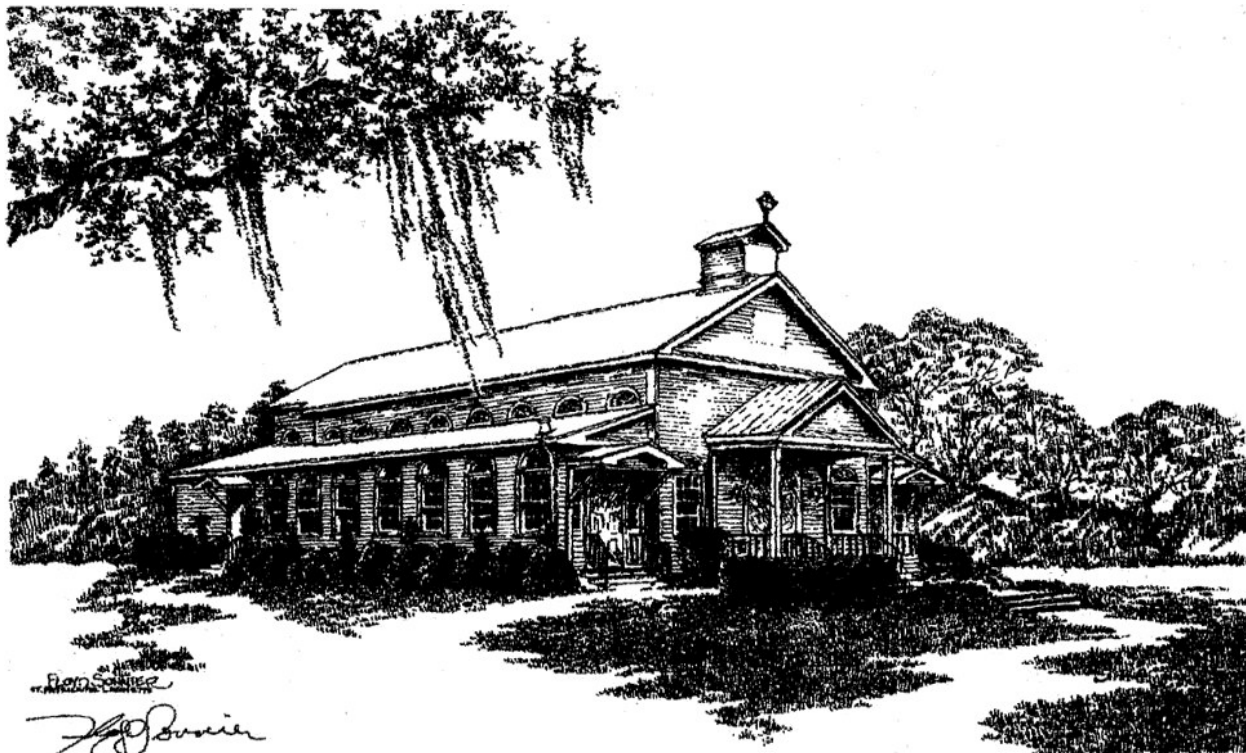


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

**September 14, 2025**  
***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***



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 13**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes;  
Bouvier family (*living*)

#### **Sunday, September 14**

**8:30 a.m.:** John P Zagar; Helen Vallot;  
Marlene Bellard; Ludden Bellard; Gerald  
Beasley

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

#### **Monday, September 15**

**7:30 a.m.:** Charlie Castille

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

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

#### **Wednesday, September 17**

**7:30 a.m.:** Emma Cother

#### **Thursday, September 18**

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

#### **Friday, September 19**

**7:30 a.m.:** Wayne Bernard

### **Annual “Blue Mass”**

On Thursday, October 2, Feast of the Guardian Angels, the Diocese of Lafayette will hold its annual “Blue Mass” at 12:05 p.m. in Cathedral Hall at Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.

### **Annual “White Coat Mass”**

On Tuesday, October 14, at 6 p.m. the “White Coat Mass” will be celebrated at St Pius X Church. All medical professionals are asked to wear their white coats as a sign of unity and connection with the intention of this special Mass. Reception to follow.

### **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.gcetrements.org](http://www.gcetrements.org) or contact retreat captain Louise Stelly 337-540-7037.

*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

### **“The One Thing Necessary; Unveiling Your Path to Sainthood”**

Hosted by Fullness of Truth-Louisiana, October 31 through November 1 at St. Anne’s Church in Youngsville. Renown speakers include Matthew Leonard, Dr. Michael Barber, Fr. Michael Russo; and Fr. Michael Champagne. For tickets, schedule and more information, visit [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org) or call 281-358-9195.

### **Legion of Mary Rosary Crusade**

The Legion of Mary is looking for 100 million Rosaries to be prayed starting now and continuing all over the world. They are asking people to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, peace in the Church, and peace in the womb. Email [rshennum56@gmail.com](mailto:rshennum56@gmail.com) to commit.

### **Remember Me**

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia/Alzheimer’s. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Please email [setonrememberme@gmail.com](mailto:setonrememberme@gmail.com) or call 337-235-1483 or for more information.

**Redbird Ministries**

Faith, grief, bereavement support for parents who are suffering the loss of a child. See [www.redbird.love](http://www.redbird.love) for more information, meetings, and events.

**Al-Anon Meetings**

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick’s parish hall. Open to anyone wishing to attend.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at St. Patrick’s parish hall at 6:45 a.m., Monday through Friday (open), and at 8 a.m. on Saturday (closed).

**Find Mass when traveling**

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they’re away from home or traveling. Look at [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) for useful information.

**Let us pray for:**

Jonathan LeJune and Elizabeth Sandridge who are expecting their first child at the end of October.

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](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.

**Collect for the Feast of the Holy Cross**

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.

**From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on social justice, nn. 1941-1942**

Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples. International solidarity is a requirement of the moral order; world peace depends in part upon this. The virtue of solidarity goes beyond material goods. In spreading the spiritual goods of the faith, the Church has promoted, and often opened new paths for, the development of temporal goods as well. And so throughout the centuries has the Lord’s saying been verified: “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.” For two thousand years this sentiment has lived and endured in the soul of the Church, impelling souls then and now to the heroic charity of monastic farmers, liberators of slaves, healers of the sick, and messengers of faith, civilization, and science to all generations and all peoples for the sake of creating the social conditions capable of offering to everyone possible a life worthy of man and of a Christian.

**Thank you for last week’s stewardship**

Offerings.....	\$5,676
Building fund.....	\$5,096
Online giving (August).....	\$8,202

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we are reminded that Jesus manifested his love for the world by the cross, by taking on himself the suffering of the world and all its sin. For him, the cross was suffering and death. For us, it has become consolation and life. In his great love for the world, lost in sin and suffering, God sent his only Son to redeem the world, by taking on its sin and suffering.

Now, as Christians, we are called to follow the example of the Savior, to reach out to those who are bound by sin, who are in the grips of suffering, and to come to their assistance as we can, with the consolation of truth and with the balm of charity.

This is why I never tire of putting before you, the parishioners of St Patrick's, opportunities for doing good for those who are least among us, who need our help. It is a chance for you to demonstrate how the Holy Cross is victorious in you and how the power of redeeming grace is at work through you.

This is why I have asked you to consider supporting the **Bishop's Services Appeal**, which you can still do by visiting [diolaf.org/bsa](http://diolaf.org/bsa) and contributing to the good works made possible by the BSA.

This is why I recently drew your attention to Catholic Charities of Acadiana's **St Theresa of Calcutta fund**, that is designed to meet the urgent needs of the poor, those needs not readily provided for by the typical food or sheltering services. You can give by going online to [catholiccharitiesacadiana.org](http://catholiccharitiesacadiana.org) to learn more and to contribute to this worthy cause.

That is why there is now a **Love Your Neighbor** box in the back of the church to collect contributions for our neighbors in need. The items most needed are listed on the box, items for women and children, especially those whose husbands and fathers are not present to help provide for them.

This is why I want to make you aware of the needs of LeRosen School, located behind St Patrick Church. I was recently invited to attend a "school café" at LeRosen, where various civic and non-profit groups met to learn what LeRosen is and how we can help.

**LeRosen Preparatory** is K-12 program of Lafayette Parish School System that handles students referred for disciplinary problems. What I learned at the café was remarkable. Students at LeRosen are given intensely personalized attention, are taught to rise to high expectations, and are treated with respect and love and so are expected to respond accordingly. The administrators, teachers, and staff who spoke with us were among the most joy-filled people I've ever met in public schools. They love, love, love what they do, and what they do is very hard work among some of the most neglected, forgotten, and mistreated students in Lafayette Parish. As a testament to the work of LeRosen, most of its students, if they had the choice, would remain at LeRosen rather than return to their regular schools.

And so, I want to put before you yet another opportunity to support and help those most in need. LeRosen Prep has created an Amazon classroom wishlist, which you can find at: [tinyurl.com/lerosencafe](https://tinyurl.com/lerosencafe). The items there are mostly of two kinds: things to reward the students (K-12) for meeting benchmarks and making improvements and things to help the students (uniform pants, belts, socks, underwear, spray deodorants).

Just so you know how much my heart is in supporting this school and its amazing work. St Patrick's will be donating a clothes dryer to Lerosen. To safeguard the dignity of the students, some of whom come from unimaginable home conditions, the staff at Lerosen will do a student's laundry so that the student can attend school with clean clothes and not suffer the stigma and embarrassment of having to wear dirty clothes to school.

*Fr Guillory*