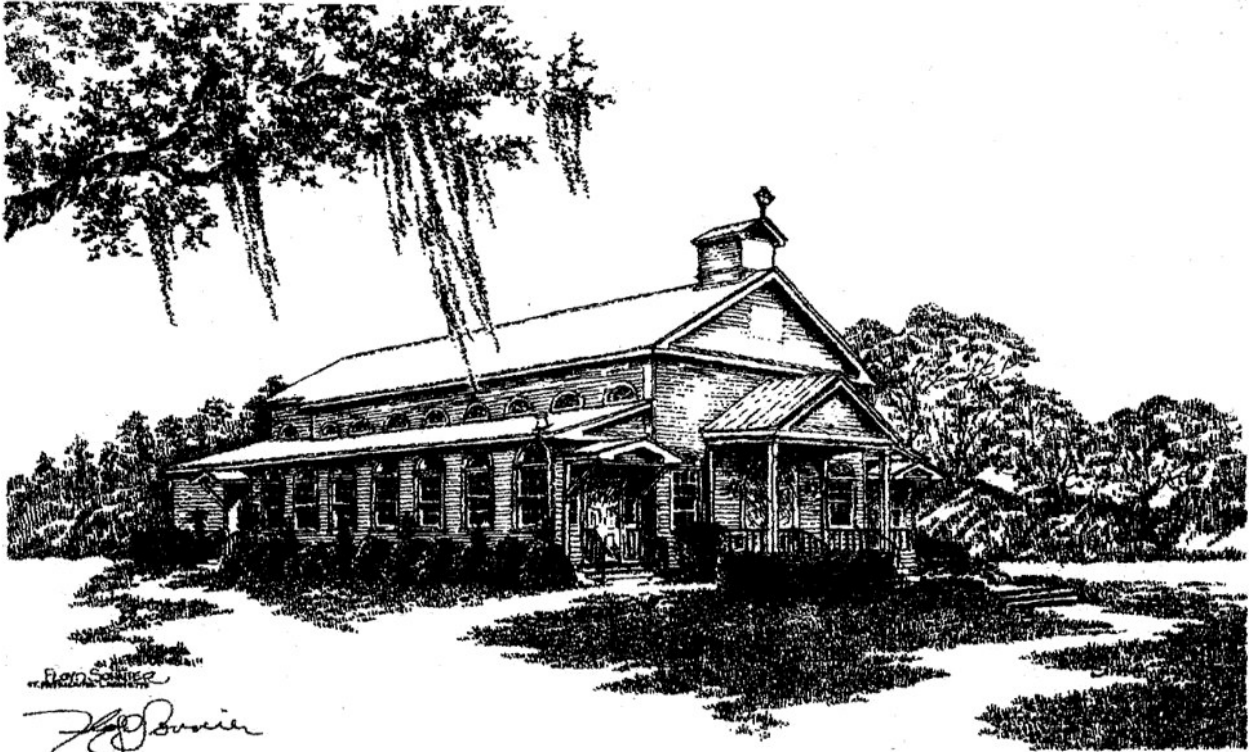


St. Patrick Catholic Church

September 21, 2025
Twenty-fifth 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 20

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

Sunday, September 21

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, September 22

7:30 a.m.: Dr Pauly Azar

Tuesday, September 23

7:30 a.m.: Geri P Kreamer

Wednesday, September 24

7:30 a.m.: Shirley Stinson

Thursday, September 25

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, September 26

7:30 a.m.:

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.

“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 or call 281-358-9195.

Healing Hearts

A Catholic support group for *women* whose relationships have been affected by the pornography/sexual addiction of a spouse or loved one. Strict confidentiality is observed by all. Call 337-441-2517 for more information.

Healing House

Free grief support for children age 4-17 who have experienced or are about to experience the death of a sibling or primary caregiver. 160 S Beadle Rd, Lafayette. Visit healing-house.org for more information.

Come, Lord Jesus!

This weekly study/support group focuses on the upcoming Sunday readings in a small group setting. A group meets at St Patrick on Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m., in the office building conference room. For all interested in Scripture and deepening their faith in connection with the holy Eucharist. For more information please call Mike Samson at 337-257-7888 or email: michaelsamson@bellsouth.net.

Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

On behalf of Pope Leo, Bishop Deshotel grants a Jubilee indulgence to each person who visits any one of the designated pilgrimage churches within the Diocese: St Landry in Opelousas, St Peter in New Iberia, St Mary Magdalen in Abbeville, St John Cathedral in Lafayette, the chapel of the Carmelite monastery in Lafayette. Call the church offices to for times they will be open for pilgrims. People who visit these churches, receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance, and pray the Apostle's Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and Glory be for the intentions of the Holy Father may gain a plenary indulgence for oneself or for the poor souls in Purgatory.

Let us pray for:

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

Lois Delahoussaye, who celebrates her 96th birthday on September 22.

Bob Theriot, 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 Twenty-fifth Sunday

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on the seventh commandment, nn. 2401-2402

The seventh commandment forbids unjustly taking or keeping the goods of one's neighbor and wronging him in any way with respect to his goods. It commands justice and charity in the care of earthly goods and the fruits of men's labor. For the sake of the common good, it requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right to private property. Christian life strives to order this world's goods to God and to fraternal charity. In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labor, and enjoy their fruits. The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race. However, the earth is divided up among men to assure the security of their lives, endangered by poverty and threatened by violence. The appropriation of property is legitimate for guaranteeing the freedom and dignity of persons and for helping each of them to meet his basic needs and the needs of those in his charge. It should allow for a natural solidarity to develop between men.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,341
Catholic University of America.....\$852

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear St Patricians, thank you so much for your generous and continued support of those in need in our community, which you have done through the **Bishop's Services Appeal** (diolaf.org/bsa), Catholic Charities of Acadiana's **St Theresa of Calcutta fund**, (catholiccharitiesacadiana.org), the **Love Your Neighbor** box in the back of the church, and LeRosen school (tinyurl.com/lerosencafe). Just so you know, we donated a clothes dryer to LeRosen school, which was delivered and installed last Monday!

The takeaway line in today's Gospel is "You cannot serve both God and mammon," mammon referring to wealth and coming from an Aramaic word meaning "that in which one trusts." Too many pursue wealth, riches, material possessions because these things render life less precarious, making difficulties and hardships easier to overcome. But placing our trust in mammon also has its downsides, which is perhaps why on our American currency, the phrase "In God we trust" appears. Money is useful and necessary, but it is no substitute for trusting in God, and it can and does quickly lead astray those who serve it and pursue it. Mammon is a cruel master, and makes those in its grips cruel and hard in turn.

The prophets of old and Jesus in particular spent much time and many words trying to turn the hearts of those with much toward those with little, and often to no avail. Mammon, once it seizes a heart, will not easily release its grip. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), which we will read and meditate on next Sunday, illustrates just this point.

Mammon goes by several names: greed, covetousness, avarice. It's disturbing to realize that we have so many words, so many different ways of describing this particular affliction of soul and defect of character, this vice, this sin.

In the moral and catechetical tradition of our Church, avarice is one of the seven deadly sins. Each deadly sin spawns other related vices. Because avarice is the excessive love of possessing riches, it is reluctant, first of all and above all, to be separated from those riches and all they mean and represent and signify and make possible.

So the first vicious result of avarice is a hardening of the heart toward mercy. The avaricious person refuses to give to the poor, to come to their help. The hardened heart will demonize the poor, blame them, deem them unworthy of receiving its largesse, but this is mere excuse, pretext. Greed anesthetizes the conscience, numbing it to the point where even blatant poverty and need will simply not register. The greedy will not share their wealth, which is already more than they could ever possibly or reasonably need. Covetousness makes us exaggerate how much we will really need for ourselves, making us excessively anxious and worried about our own safety, security, and well-being. This is not freedom; it is servitude.

So avarice is a vice, but the opposing virtue goes by a surprising name : *liberality*. In our Catholic moral tradition, the "*liberal*" person is one who is free from the grips of mammon, who enjoys liberty (freedom) from greed, who is not possessed by his or her possessions. Consequently, such a "*liberal*" is open-handed in making good use of money, giving freely to good works, chief among them, coming to the aid of the poor, and doing so willingly, joyfully, intentionally. Free from love of mammon, the "*liberal*" is free to serve God in the manner in which God has so often, so frequently, and so repeatedly said he wishes to be served: in the least and the forgotten, in the poor and the stranger, in those who hunger and thirst, who are afraid, stripped bare, and alone. In this sense, then, let every Christian disciple strive to be and even boast of being a *liberal*! This is the way of wisdom, the way of life and salvation.

Fr Guillory