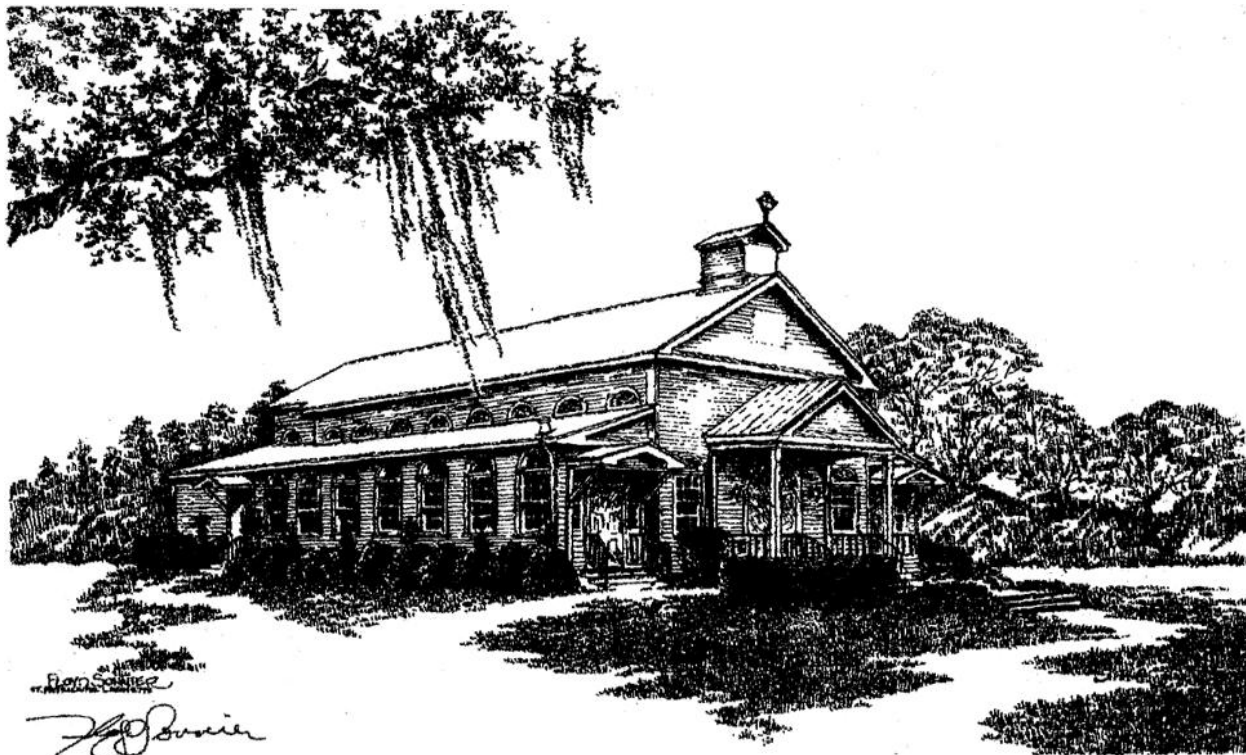


St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth 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, October 18

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Bouvier family (*living*); Ron Venable, Penny Richard, Cindy Lavergne

Sunday, October 19

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Ashton Petitjean

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, October 20

7:30 a.m.: Josephine Leday

Tuesday, October 21

7:30 a.m.: Geri P Kreamer

Wednesday, October 22

7:30 a.m.: Margaret Vizzi

Thursday, October 23

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, October 24

7:30 a.m.: Garber family

“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. 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.

Celebration of Hope & Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross in Lafayette will be hosting its annual Mass of Hope and Thanksgiving for all who have been affected by any type of cancer. Fr Andrew Schumacher will be the celebrant. There will also be an inspirational guest speaker and prayer trees to honor each person’s journey. All are invited to attend.

Find Mass when traveling

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they’re away from home or traveling. Check out masstimes.org for useful information.

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Friendsgiving in Christ

Our annual fall social is scheduled for Sunday, November 16 following the 10 a.m. Mass. To make more room for faith, food, and fellowship as we come together as a growing parish family, this year’s event will be held at City Club in River Ranch. Please mark your calendars, as sign-up sheets will soon be ready. As in previous years, St Patrick’s will provide the catered main dishes, and attendees are asked to bring their best dish to share – casserole, vegetable, salad, desert, whatever you like.

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

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.

Retrouvaille weekend

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

Let us pray for:

Ted and Kay Hampton, who celebrate their wedding anniversary on October 20.

Jacob Shay, grandson of parishioners Freddy and Linda Vallot, who is recuperating from a motorcycle accident.

Exie Clare, daughter of Jonathan LeJune and Elizabeth Sandridge, who was born on October 3.

Bob Theriot, Karen Nicko, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Bob Guidry, 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-ninth Sunday

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

From the Catechism, on the seventh commandment, nn. 2410-2412

Promises must be kept and contracts strictly observed to the extent that the commitments made in them are morally just. All contracts must be agreed to and executed in good faith. Contracts are subject to commutative justice, which regulates exchanges between persons in accordance with a strict respect for their rights. Commutative justice obliges strictly: it requires safeguarding property rights, paying debts, and fulfilling obligations freely contracted. Without commutative justice, no other form of justice is possible. In virtue of commutative justice, reparation for injustice committed requires the restitution of stolen goods to their owner. Those who, directly or indirectly, have taken possession of the goods of another, are obliged to make restitution of them, or to return the equivalent in kind or in money, if the goods have disappeared, as well as the profit or advantages their owner would have legitimately obtained from them. Likewise, all who in some manner have taken part in a theft or who have knowingly benefited from it – for example, those who ordered it, assisted in it, or received the stolen goods – are obliged to make restitution in proportion to their responsibility and to their share of what was stolen.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$3,136
Diocese of Long Xuyen.....	\$4,880

From the Pastor's Desk

I want to share with you a thought, taken from today's Gospel parable, about how the Scriptures train us for righteousness.

In the parable, for whatever reason, the dishonest judge keeps putting off the widow, who is asking for a "just decision."

We don't know why the judge was procrastinating. Maybe he had a heavy docket and many important judicial matters to attend to. Maybe the widow's complaint was an extremely minor case, of no real importance or concern. Maybe she was just annoying: her voice, her demeanor, her demanding ways. Who knows? For whatever reason, the judge did not want to deal with her, so he put her off – "for a long time" the Gospel says – and yet she "kept bothering" him, to use the judge's description of the widow's persistence.

On the part of the judge, we see the vice of procrastination, putting off whatever unpleasant or unappealing task needs doing. Procrastination is a lack of fortitude, an absence of constancy and courage.

The reasons for procrastination are manifold – fear, boredom, anxiety, insecurity, frustration, resentment, self-doubt. Procrastination is not about laziness. Rather, it's an unhealthy way of dealing with negative emotions. In a word, procrastination is poison – emotional poison, spiritual poison. Procrastination is not a good work, not a good thing, not an attitude of righteousness.

In the parable, the poison of procrastination is toxic to the judge himself, who finally overcomes his frustration and resentment toward the widow, but only by acting out of another fear: violence against himself. Now we see how true it is that procrastination is poison: fear, frustration, anxiety all lead to procrastination, and procrastination leads to more fear, insecurity, and anxiety. Poor fellow, this judge!

The judge's procrastination is also toxic to the widow, who, probably poor and with few resources and little other recourse, is made to suffer a long delay in what was probably a simple and straightforward matter of justice.

I don't mean to give a discourse on procrastination, only to draw one possible lesson for training in righteousness that this Gospel parable gives us. The judge procrastinates in a simple, straightforward matter that he could deal with quickly, but for whatever reason he puts off. His procrastination damages him and his reputation. It hurts the widow. Much of our procrastination, too, concerns simple, straightforward tasks that we just put off.

To train for righteousness against procrastination, we have to just do it. Whatever little tasks we're putting off, make a list of them, knock them off one by one, and then enjoy the reward: less emotional and spiritual clutter, less stress, less anxiety, more emotional and spiritual resources to deal with the more important tasks in life or to enjoy the better things, the higher gifts, the greater pleasures in life. Just do it. And leave the rest to God, who wishes us to be free of all worry and fear.

In Guillory