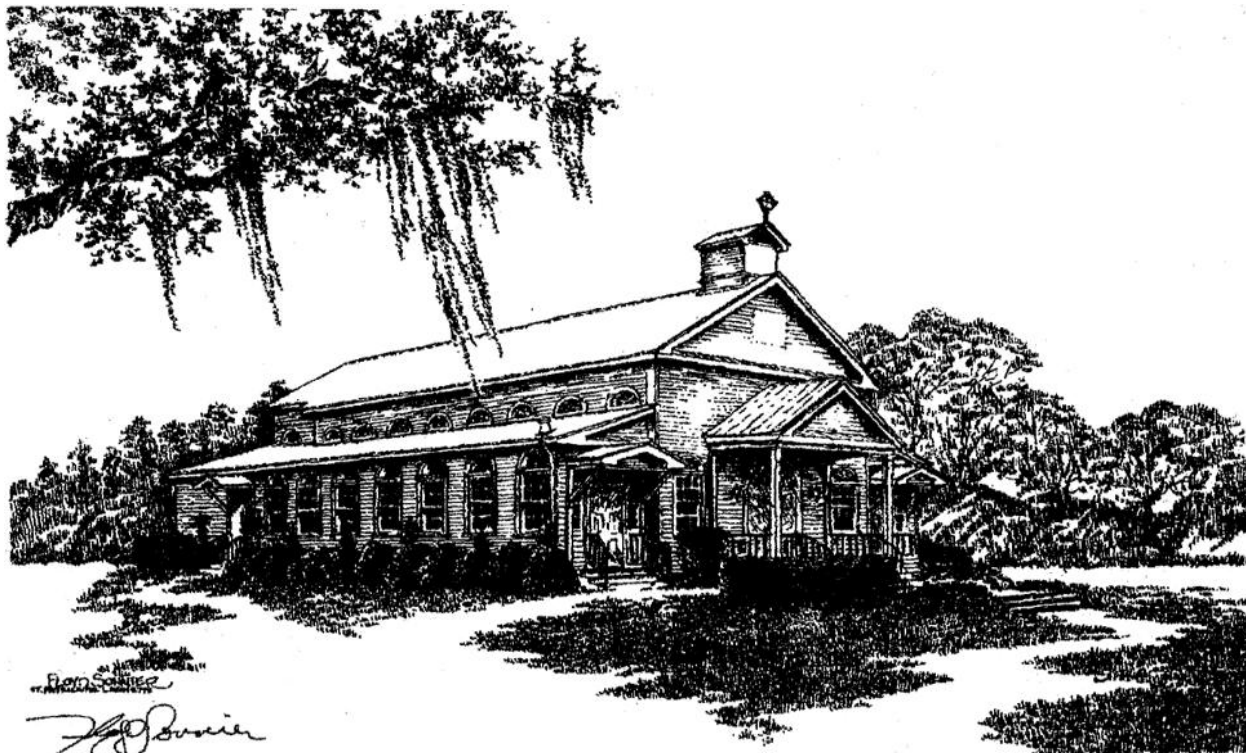


St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 16, 2025
Thirty-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, November 15

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes;
Bouvier family (*living*); Cindy Lavergne;
Margaret Vizzi; Emma Cother

Sunday, November 16

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, November 17

7:30 a.m.: Geri P Kreamer

Tuesday, November 18

7:30 a.m.: Reeves Gauthreaux

Wednesday, November 19

7:30 a.m.: Natalie Russell

Thursday, November 20

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, November 21

7:30 a.m.: Special Intention

Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 28

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving day at St Patrick's.

Financial Report Fiscal Year 2024-2025

As per diocesan regulations, St Patrick Parish hereby publishes a summary of its financial activity for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2025. A regular meeting of the Parish Finance Council, consisting of Michael Doumit, Geneva Phillips, Brenda DeMette, Todd Schoeffler, and Oren Spruill, was held on October 30, 2025, during which Fr Guillory presented a detailed report on Parish income and expenses. The report was reviewed and approved. The appropriate documents were then signed and filed with the competent diocesan office. Here is a summary of that report:

Total income: \$606,970.42

Total expenses: \$383,503.26

Income over expenses: \$223,466.80

2026 Church calendars

Each year, our parish makes available wall calendars for the liturgical year. Please find them at the doors of the church and take one home with you.

Remembrance Mass

For those that lost a loved one to Suicide. November 22, 10 a.m. at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Visit diolaf.org/suicide-survivors or call 337-261-5653 to register the name of your loved one who died by suicide to be remembered during the Mass.

Advent Preached Retreat

The Vulnerability of Rest, an Advent Preached Retreat, will take place at Grand Coteau Retreats beginning 4-6 p.m. December 8 until December 10 after lunch. This is a silent, group-guided retreat led by Fr. Sibley. It offers time for prayer, reflection, and rest helping retreatants prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. For more information or to register to go gcretreats.org or call 337-662-5251.

Bereavement/grief support

Hospice of Acadiana offers a weekly support group for those who are bereaved or have experienced the death of a loved one. Call 337-232-1234 for more information.

Child Smile Project

Join the Office of Justice and Peace in bringing joy to those in need through the Annual Child Smile Project. Donate gifts to children whose parent or parents are incarcerated and to children who struggle with special circumstances. Visit diolaf.org/smile to view the wish list and purchase a gift through Amazon or deliver to: Diocese of Lafayette, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Stephanie Bernard at 337-261-5694 or sbernard@diolaf.org.

Let us pray for:

Tom Hebert, who is recuperating from heart bypass surgery.

Gail Roetker, who died on November 8.

Linda Drozda, mother of parishioner Jeff Drozda, who died on November 10.

Robin Roy, whose birthday is November 18 and Joyce Stelly, who turns 95 on November 20.

Brent Prather, who is having heart surgery on November 18.

*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.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,112
Archdiocese for Military Services.....\$974

Collect for the Thirty-third Sunday

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

From the Catechism, on the Church's social teachings, nn. 2424-2345

Any theory that makes profit the exclusive norm and ultimate end of economic activity is morally unacceptable. The disordered desire for money cannot but produce perverse effects. It is one of the causes of the many conflicts which disturb the social order. A system that "subordinates the basic rights of individuals and of groups to the collective organization of production" is contrary to human dignity. Every practice that reduces persons to nothing more than a means of profit enslaves man, leads to idolizing money, and contributes to the spread of atheism. "You cannot serve God and mammon." The Church has rejected the totalitarian and atheistic ideologies associated in modern times with "communism" or "socialism." She has likewise refused to accept, in the practice of "capitalism," individualism and the absolute primacy of the law of the marketplace over human labor. Regulating the economy solely by centralized planning perverts the basis of social bonds; regulating it solely by the law of the marketplace fails social justice, for "there are many human needs which cannot be satisfied by the market." Reasonable regulation of the marketplace and economic initiatives, in keeping with a just hierarchy of values and a view to the common good, is to be commended.

From the Pastor's Desk

Two Sundays ago we celebrated All Souls' Day instead of the thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. That means we were not able to read and hear the gospel passage where Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector (Lk 19:1-10).

In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus, who was "short in stature," had to climb up into a tree. This must have been an odd sight, such a prominent and wealthy man up in a tree like little boy at play. That Zacchaeus would subject himself to such a public spectacle reveals that something was stirring in his heart as Jesus approached.

Jesus, seeing Zacchaeus in the tree, speaks to him plainly and calls him by name: "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." *Quickly...* Jesus wants Zacchaeus to respond right away. *I must stay...* It is imperative for Jesus to receive Zacchaeus' hospitality. And the tax collector does not disappoint: "He came down quickly and received him with joy."

This makes us wonder who is extending hospitality to whom. Zacchaeus, as a tax collector, would have been hated by his fellow Jews as a collaborator with the occupying Roman forces. They branded him a public sinner and would have scorned his company, reviled him for growing rich by collecting the taxes that the Romans imposed upon them.

Though Zacchaeus receives Jesus and his companions into this house, it seems that Jesus is actually the one who

extends hospitality to Zacchaeus, welcoming him so that he could repent, and repent he does: "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over."

We are reminded here of what St John teaches in his first letter: "We love because God first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). Fear of losing salvation, fear of hell can be a powerful motivator to repentance. But this gospel passage shows us that for some hearts, those that are "seeking to see who Jesus is," being welcomed by Jesus to be in his company can achieve the same desired effect, and "with joy." All because he first loved us and desires to stay with us, in our hearts and in our homes.

In Guillory

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities of Acadiana needs volunteers. Here is how you can help:

St. Joseph Diner: sign up to serve during the most needed shifts: breakfast and dinner.

Food Net Bank: emergency food bags need to be filled; often they have no one to help.

Check the online calendar and sign up where there are vacancies (catholiccharitiesacadiana.org). For questions contact Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org.

United Christian Outreach, 422 Carmel Dr., is also in need of volunteers. Please contact parishioner Geneva Phillips at 337-280-2065 for more information.