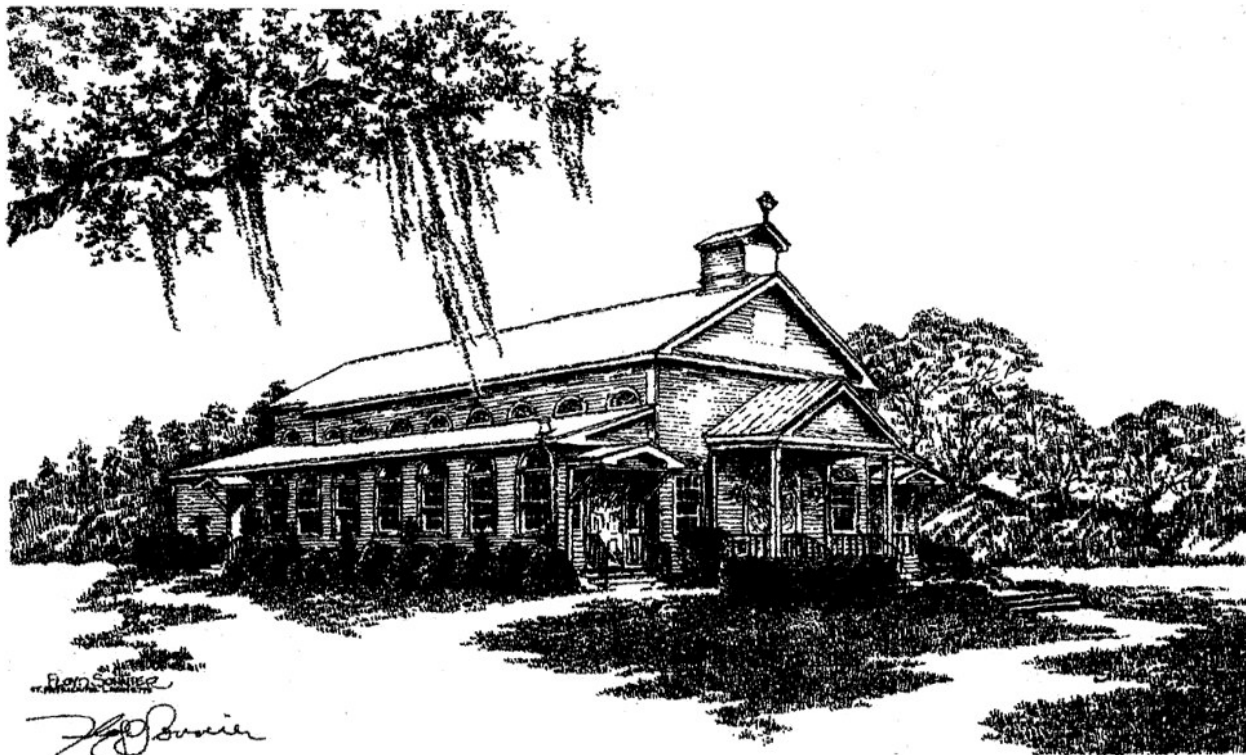


St. Patrick Catholic Church

*December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent*



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, December 6

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Bouvier family (*living*); Cindy Lavergne; Marlen Comeaux; Marliene Bellard; Valarie Hernandez; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye; Pat Low (*living*)

Sunday, December 7

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Jeremy & Megan Dean; Special Intention

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, December 8

7:30 a.m.: For Parishioners

Tuesday, December 9

7:30 a.m.: Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune

Wednesday, December 10

7:30 a.m.: Geri P Kreamer

Thursday, December 11

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, December 12

7:30 a.m.:

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.

Advent Mission

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, December 8, 9, 10 from 6-8 p.m. Fr Tony Ricard, presenter.

Festival de la Vie

Parc Sans Souci, January 17, 2026, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us to pray for a greater respect for every life. For all the details, visit diolaf.org/prolifefestival.

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 for useful information.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

~Luke 1:46-47

St Patrick

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve, December 31

4 pm.

New Year's Day, January 1

9 a.m.

The Light is on for You

Confessions will be heard in most parish churches throughout the Diocese from 6:30-8 p.m. each Wednesday of Advent: December 3, 10, 17. Fr Guillory will be hearing confessions at St Pius Church on those evenings. Prepare for the coming of the Lord through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Holyday of Obligation

Monday, December 8 is a holyday of obligation. Mass at St Patrick's will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. There will be a regular parish collection on this day.

Redbird Ministries

Faith, grief, bereavement support for parents who are suffering the loss of a child. See www.redbird.love for more information, meetings, and events.

Let us pray for:

Briggs Berthelot and Mickie Sibley, who celebrate their birthdays on December 11.

Janell Venable, who celebrates her birthday on January 13.

Doug Nicko, Terry Guidry, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Bob Guidry, Bryan Lege, Harry DeMette, Jarrell Sparrow, 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 second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

From the Catechism, on the Church's social teachings, nn. 2431-2432

The responsibility of the state in economic matters. Economic activity, especially the activity of a market economy, cannot be conducted in an institutional, juridical, or political vacuum. On the contrary, it presupposes sure guarantees of individual freedom and private property, as well as a stable currency and efficient public services. Hence the principal task of the state is to guarantee this security, so that those who work and produce can enjoy the fruits of their labors and thus feel encouraged to work efficiently and honestly. Another task of the state is that of overseeing and directing the exercise of human rights in the economic sector. However, primary responsibility in this area belongs not to the state but to individuals and to the various groups and associations which make up society.

Those responsible for business enterprises are responsible to society for the economic and ecological effects of their operations. They have an obligation to consider the good of persons and not only the increase of profits. Profits are necessary, however. They make possible the investments that ensure the future of a business and they guarantee employment.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$3,889
Online giving November.....\$7,662

Next week's second collection is for Retirement Fund for Religious.

From the Pastor's Desk

On Monday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. December 8 is a holyday of obligations, so we Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on that day. You may attend Mass anywhere you like, but here at St Patrick's, we'll celebrate Mass at our regular daily Mass time, 7:30 a.m.

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Advent is all about preparing ourselves spiritually for the birth of the Savior at Christmas. Part of that preparation – which has nothing to do with decorations or shopping or gifts or parties and get-togethers – is making a way into our hearts to receive Christ the Lord. And this we do by repenting of and confessing our sins in the sacrament of holy reconciliation.



For a long while now our Diocese has made Advent a prime occasion for encouraging Catholics to return to the sacrament of reconciliation, where they can experience the healing mercy of God's forgiveness as part of the joy that Advent promises and that Christmas brings. This is perfectly in line with what Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke: *"there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance"* (15:7).

Do you want to experience joy? Then ask the Lord to have mercy on you in confession. Do you want to bring joy to heaven? Then be reconciled with God in the sacrament of penance. It's that simple. In fact, it's so simple that our school children do it. Just this past week I have heard confessions at a number of our local Catholic schools where our children, from third to twelfth grade, are making their Advent confessions. Our children show us the way: *"unless you turn and become like children,"* Jesus says, *"you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Mt 18:3).

So what if you're nervous. Do it anyway. So what if it's been a long, long time. Do it anyway. The Lord is there, and he is waiting for you to come and ask him for forgiveness, which is the thing he most wants to do for you. So honor him by asking. Demonstrate your faith by seeking his forgiveness. He will show you his mercy and love. He will grant you his salvation.

The "light is on for you" each Wednesday night of Advent from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in most parish churches. If you want, go to a different church, go to a priest who doesn't know you, but go! The only thing you have to lose is the burden and heaviness of sin, which only the Lamb of God can take away. Mercy awaits! Joy is at hand! God wants to grant you his pardon and his peace. Go to confession and just ask. *Fr Guillory*