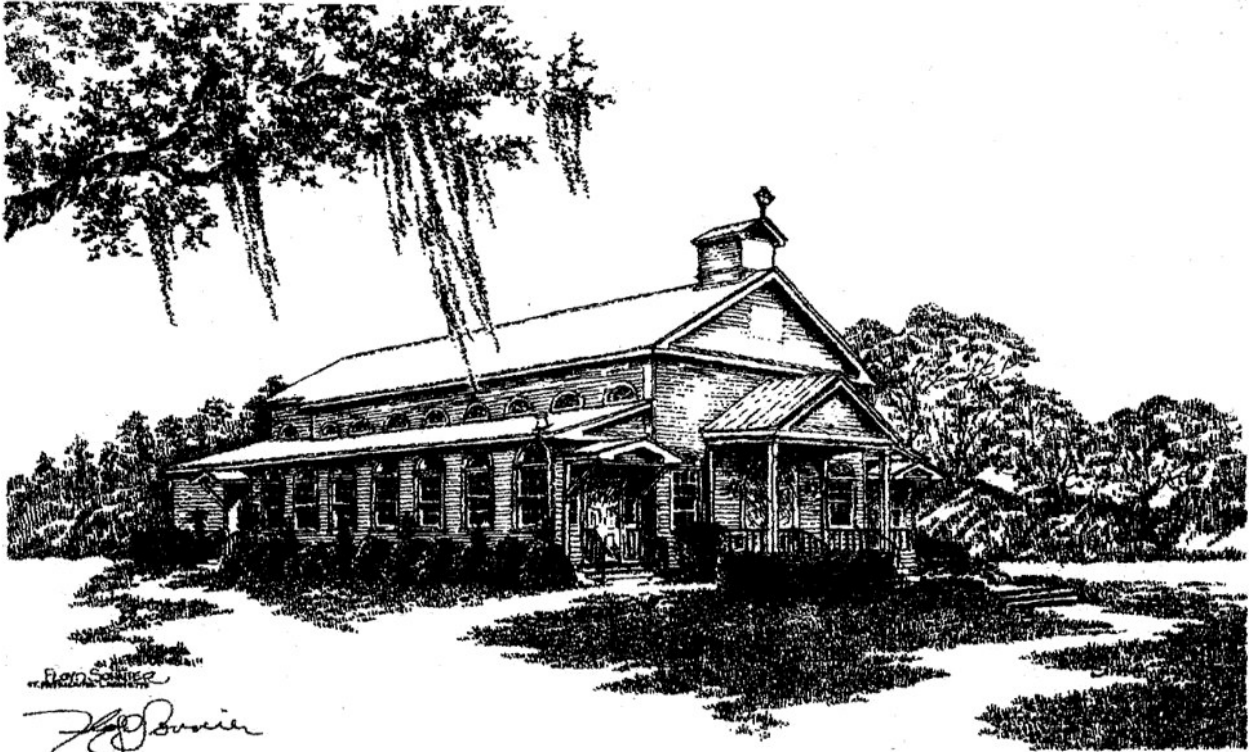


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

*December 14, 2025  
Third 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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## **Third Sunday of Advent**

### **December 14, 2025**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

##### **Saturday, December 13**

**4 p.m.:** Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes

##### **Sunday, December 14**

**8:30 a.m.:** John P Zagar; Helen Vallot

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

##### **Monday, December 15**

**7:30 a.m.:** Josepha Boudreaux (*living*)

##### **Tuesday, December 16**

**7:30 a.m.:** Josepha Boudreaux (*living*)

##### **Wednesday, December 17**

**7:30 a.m.:**

##### **Thursday, December 18**

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

##### **Friday, December 19**

**7:30 a.m.:** Josepha Boudreaux (*living*)

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

*~Isaiah 35:4*

#### **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](http://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](mailto:sbernard@diolaf.org).

#### **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](http://diolaf.org/prolifefestival).

#### **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](http://healing-house.org) for more information.

#### **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.

#### **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](http://masstimes.org) for useful information.

#### **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.**

## 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 themselves or for the souls in Purgatory. The Jubilee Year will end on January 6, 2026. Be sure to visit a pilgrimage church soon!

### Let us pray for:

Sarah Brabant, 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](mailto:office@stpat.org).*

***Pray for one another,  
that you may be healed.  
~James 5:16***

## 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 third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

### From the Catechism, on the Church's social teachings, nn. 2433-2434, 2436

2433 Access to employment and to professions must be open to all without unjust discrimination: men and women, healthy and disabled, natives and immigrants. For its part society should, according to circumstances, help citizens find work and employment.

2434 A just wage is the legitimate fruit of work. To refuse or withhold it can be a grave injustice. In determining fair pay both the needs and the contributions of each person must be taken into account. "Remuneration for work should guarantee man the opportunity to provide a dignified livelihood for himself and his family on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level, taking into account the role and the productivity of each, the state of the business, and the common good." Agreement between the parties is not sufficient to justify morally the amount to be received in wages.

2436 Unemployment almost always wounds its victim's dignity and threatens the equilibrium of his life. Besides the harm done to him personally, it entails many risks for his family.

## Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$7,056
Building Fund.....	\$4,482
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,164

*Honor the Lord with your wealth ...  
then will your barns be filled with plenty.  
~ Proverbs 3:9,10*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, when the third candle, rose in color, is lit. The rose color is a symbol of the coming joy of the birth of the Lord. Rose is used, optionally, on only two days of the year. One is today, called Gaudete Sunday, a name taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass for the third Sunday in Advent, which reads in Latin, "Gaudete in Domino semper..." *Rejoice in the Lord always.* The other occasion for using rose falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent, called Laetare Sunday, a name again taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass for that Sunday, which reads in Latin, "Laetare, Ierusalem" *Rejoice, Jerusalem.*

In both these holy seasons, Advent and Lent, each marked by a certain kind of penitential character, the Church wishes to highlight the underlying joy that is to come, pointing to the joy of Christmas during Advent and to the rejoicing of Easter during Lent. And so we have the option of using rose for the liturgies of these two Sundays to symbolize our hope in the coming joy.

In the Roman Missal, there are two antiphons given for each Mass, the entrance antiphon and the communion antiphon. Antiphons are short phrases

used in the liturgy, usually drawn from Scripture, that are sung or recited before psalms, much like the refrain in the responsorial psalm at Mass.

Antiphons can offer us a certain understanding of what exactly is being commemorated or celebrated in the liturgy. Take the entrance antiphon for today's Mass, which is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:4-5): *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.* In the liturgical

context of Advent, this verse takes on a new meaning, pointing us to the birth of the Lord. And at the beginning of Mass, it sets the tone for today's celebration.

The communion antiphon for the third Sunday of Advent is taken from the prophet Isaiah (35:4), and it reads: *Say to the faint of heart:*

*Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.* This echoes the prophetic promise that God will come to save his people and that as a consequence we have nothing to fear. Recited at communion, the antiphon reminds us that the Lord Jesus strengthens and renews our inmost being as we receive him worthily in the gift of the holy Eucharist.



*In Guillory*