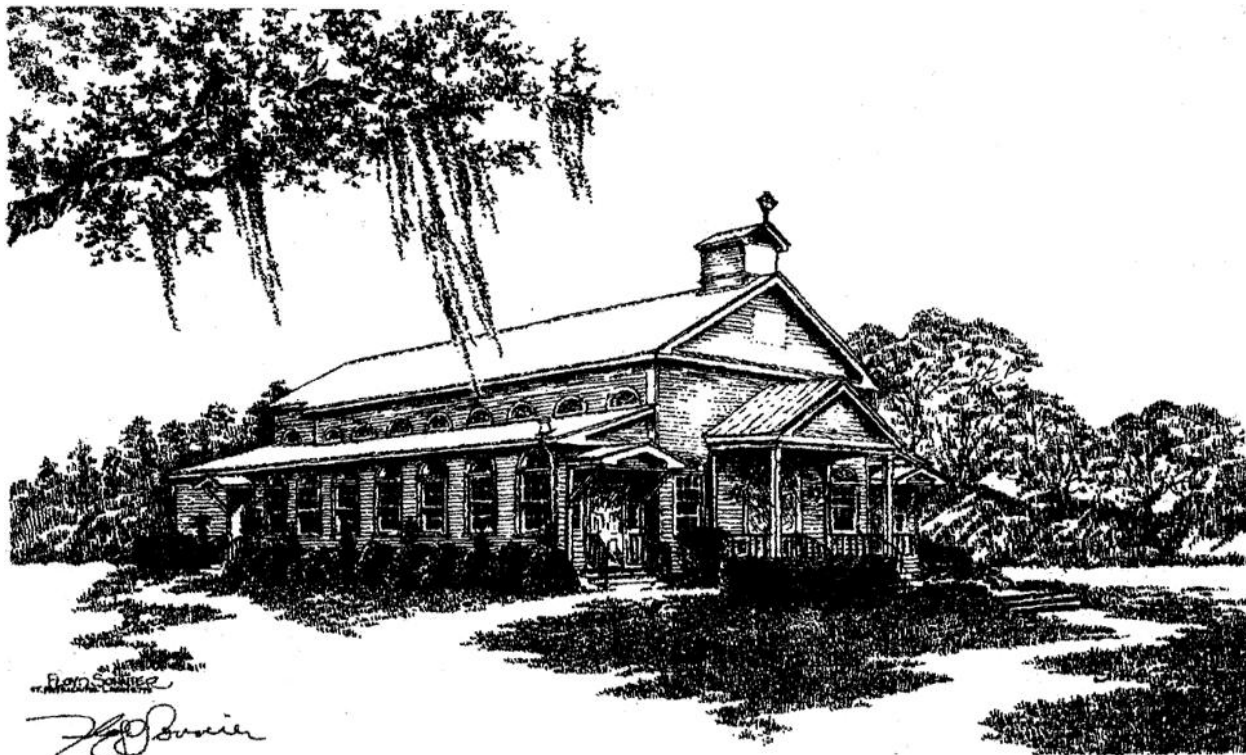


St. Patrick Catholic Church

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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, January 3

4 p.m.: Leo Drobic; Richard & Lenore Holan; Mary Ann Cormier; Fr Rex Broussard; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes

Sunday, January 4

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, January 5

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 a.m.: Luke Berthelot family

Wednesday, January 7

7:30 a.m.: Luke Berthelot family

Thursday, January 8

9 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, January 9

7:30 a.m.: Luke Berthelot family



Festival de la Vie

Parc Sans Souci, Saturday, 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.

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.

Remember Me

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia/Alzheimer's. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Call 337-235-1483 or email setonrememberme@gmail.com for more information.

Sign Language Classes

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. St Patrick Church classroom. Taught by Nancy Nicholson. Sign up by scanning the QR code or emailing Nancy at signlanguagespecialties@gmail.com. Classes are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.



Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., at St Patrick's parish hall. Open to anyone wishing to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St Patrick's parish hall at 6:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, and at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Open to anyone wishing to attend.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" to will be held Monday, January 5, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick's. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Adult faith formation evening

Wednesday, January 14, 6 p.m. Jennifer Sibille will present a bible study called "*A Covenant Journey through the Old Testament.*" Held in the conference room in St Patrick's office building.



We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

~ Matthew 2:2

Let us pray for:

Mitch Palmer, who celebrates his birthday on January 6.

Sarah Brabant, Don Hernandez, 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 Epiphany of the Lord

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

From the Catechism, on the Church's social teachings, nn. 2448, 2447

In its various forms – material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death – human misery is the obvious sign of the inherited condition of frailty and need for salvation in which man finds himself as a consequence of original sin. This misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Savior, who willingly took it upon himself and identified himself with the least of his brethren. Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$4,652
Christmas.....	\$7,241

From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas! And Happy New Year!

Now that the new year has begun, many of us have made resolutions to improve ourselves in some way in 2026. Our resolutions often focus on our personal health – better diet, more exercise, weight loss, giving up harmful habits. Or we focus on our personal spiritual growth – more time in prayer, making a retreat, attending Mass during the week. Sometimes we target other things – clean out a closet or a shed; reestablish contact with family or friends; serve or volunteer somehow in our community.

New Year's resolutions such as these are a sign of our beginning again, our starting over and recommitting ourselves to pursuing something good and wholesome, for ourselves and for others. It is part of the process of conversion, *metanoia*, as it is called in the Scriptures. Resolution is part of our repentance and our response to God's mercy. After all, in the act of contrition, don't we pray, *I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace ... to amend my life?*

If you want to improve your spiritual life, you may wish to consider attending Mass once or twice during the week. Weekday Masses typically last about 25 to 30 minutes and have a different feel from Sunday Masses. They are quieter, shorter, sometimes more contemplative in

nature. There is only one reading, the psalm, and the gospel. The homily is typically quite short, just a brief reflection one of the readings or on the saint of the day.

It would also be worthwhile to consider making a retreat. Grand Coteau offers both preached retreats, where a group gathers a few times a day for Mass and for spiritual conferences, or individual retreats, where you meet with a priest director once a day, who guides you in making several prayer sessions during the day. The grounds at Grand Coteau are beautiful, and most of the facilities are freshly renovated. You can find all sorts of information online at gcretreats.org.

People come all parts of the United States to make retreats at Grand Coteau. For instance, this Sunday, a priest-friend of mine is arriving from Omaha, Nebraska to make a week-long retreat at Grand Coteau.

I was hoping to join him so that we could make our annual retreat together, but I already had other commitments scheduled, so I'll have to make my retreat at another time.

Whatever resolutions you make for 2026, offer them first to God and ask for the grace of perseverance. And don't be discouraged if you fall short along the way. Instead of giving up, just begin again. That, in fact, may be the best resolution of all.

Fr Guillory

