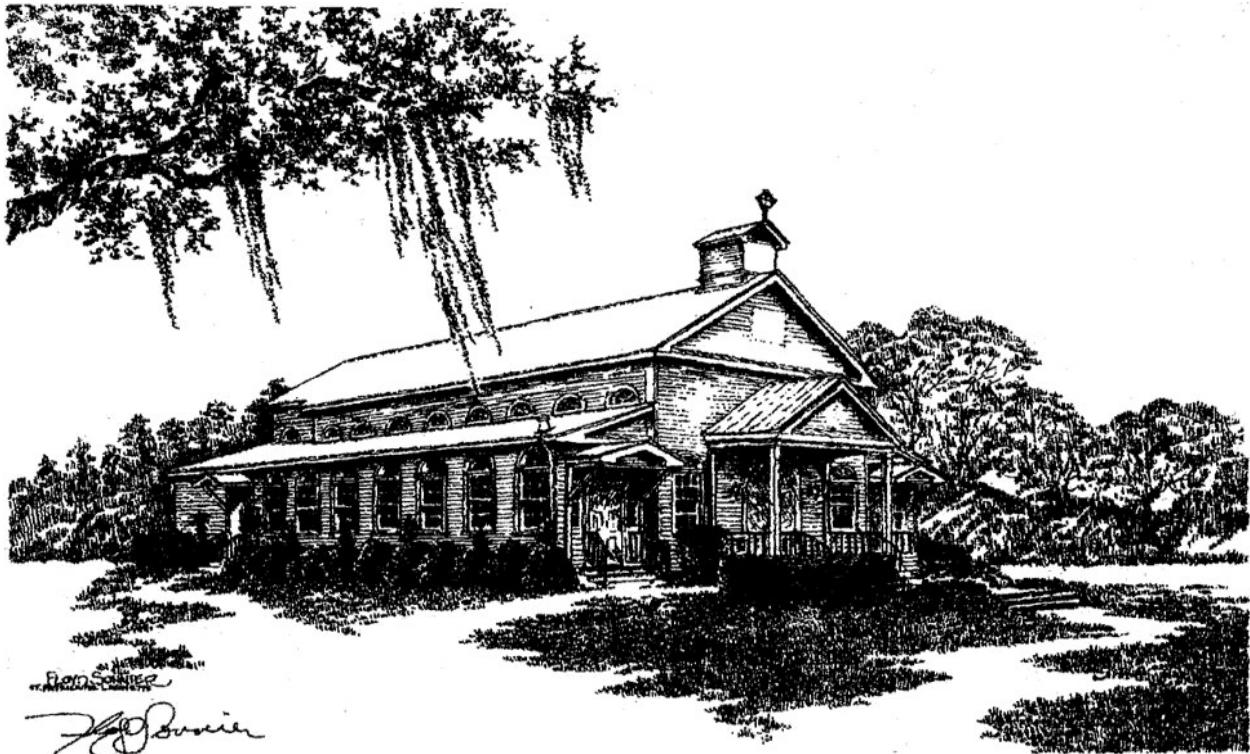


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord



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 10

4 p.m.: Mary Ann Cormier; Annette Ebert; Penny Lavergne; Bobby DiAngelo; Josie Russo; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Ken & Geneva Phillips family

Sunday, January 11

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

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, January 12

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 13

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, January 14

7:30 a.m.: Luke Berthelot family

Thursday, January 15

9 a.m.: Luke Berthelot family

Friday, January 15

7:30 a.m.: Nick & Johnnie Gachassin

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.

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.



Adult faith formation evening

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

Save the date

Our annual St Patrick's breakfast social will be held on Saturday, March 14 at City Club. Mark your calendars!

Studium to Studio

Each week, the Lafayette chapter of Lay Dominicans records a 30-minute program on various topics of interest to a Catholic audience, hosted by St Patrick parishioners Jeff and Cheryl Drozda. All the episodes (so far, over 100 of them) can be found on the YouTube channel "Studium to Studio." Episodes are aired on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on Christ our King Radio, 90.5 AM, KLFT.

Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC)

ICC offers free online adult Catholic education programs. Visit the Institute of Catholic Culture online for more information and to register at instituteofcatholicculture.org.

Catholic in Recovery

Meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral and at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at St Pius X Church. Also online meetings. For more information visit the website catholicinrecovery.com.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend

The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Upcoming weekend dates for 2026 are January 16-18, May 15-17, August 21-23, October 16/18. For cost of weekend and to learn more, visit www.ceelafayette.org or contact Mike & Phillis Totaro at 337-962-5798 or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com.

Come & See

Have you thought about the priesthood lately? Wish to learn how to discern God's Will for your life? Join other men ages 16+ for a weekend of prayer and fellowship with the seminarians of Saint Joseph Seminary College in Saint Benedict, LA. March 27 through 29. Meals & lodging provided. Visit www.lafayettevocations.com/retreats for registration and retreat forms.

Let us pray for:

Donald Hernandez, 87, who died on January 5.

Sarah Brabant, 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.

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 Baptism 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. 2249

Beginning with the Old Testament, all kinds of juridical measures (the jubilee year of forgiveness of debts, prohibition of loans at interest and the keeping of collateral, the obligation to tithe, the daily payment of the day-laborer, the right to glean vines and fields) answer the exhortation of Deuteronomy: "For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor in the land.'" Jesus makes these words his own: "The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." In so doing he does not soften the vehemence of former oracles against "buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals..." but invites us to recognize his own presence in the poor who are his brethren: When her mother reproached her for caring for the poor and the sick at home, St Rose of Lima said to her: "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus."

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Holy Mary Mother of God.....	\$3,005
Offerings.....	\$4,699
Building Fund.....	\$4,261

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

From the Pastor's Desk

With today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, we mark the last day of the Christmas season. It's finally "safe" to take down your Christmas decorations, which we will do in churches all across the world today.

Speaking of Christmas decorations, I want to thank each of our parishioners who volunteered to put decorate our little church for Christmas and to take them down again. I won't name them all here, but I do want to state publicly how grateful and appreciative I am of all who serve our parish in this way. It is a great help to me personally, but it is also a moment where we get to know each other in a spirit of service and comradery.

Anyone who might want to volunteer for decorating during Christmas and Easter or who might want to help with our parish socials or other events, please let me know and we'll surely find some way for you to serve your parish and your fellow parishioners.

On a very practical note, this past week some of you may have noticed some work being done all around the church. We are having an irrigation system installed to better maintain the landscaping and to prepare for other landscaping improvements in the future. Over the past couple of years, we've gone through extended periods without rain, sometimes for nearly a month or more, and this has

had its toll on the plants and greenery around the church. With the new watering system in place, we can more easily maintain the neat and charming look of our little parish.

The annual celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, falling as it does at the beginning of the new year, should make us think back to our own beginnings in the faith. Most of us will not remember our own baptisms, as we were baptized when we were only a few weeks old.

At that important moment, it was our parents and godparents who spoke for us and on our behalf, the words of faith and belief that led to our baptism. Faith is one of the greatest gifts that parents can give to their children. And in having their children baptized, parents and godparents must promise to model for their children what it means to follow Christ. The example of a Christian life lived faithfully and courageously is what draws others to Christ and his Church.



The grace of baptism is precisely what makes it possible for us to follow Christ more closely as we grow as his disciples. As adults, the grace we received long ago in baptism is now ours to make fruitful. In a real sense the choice is ours, whether to listen to the Father's beloved Son and become his disciple or to walk away from him to serve some other "god." May each of us always choose the way that leads to life and heed the voice of him who has the words of everlasting life.

Fr Guillory