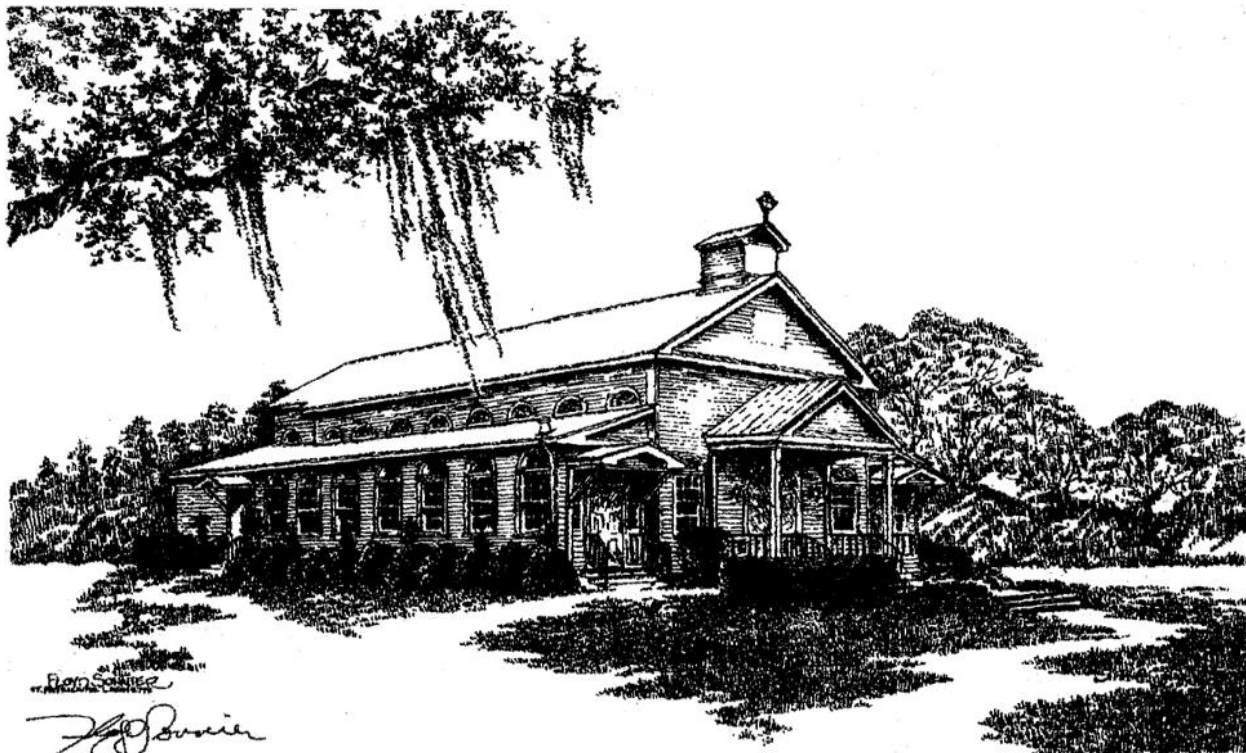


St. Patrick Catholic Church

*January 18, 2026
Second 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, January 17

4 p.m.: Mary Ann Cormier; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Ron Venable; Alaina Bouvier; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye

Sunday, January 18

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

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, January 19

7:30 a.m.: Luke Berthelot family

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 a.m.: Ed Roy

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 a.m.: Luke Berthelot family

Thursday, January 22

9 a.m.: Josie Beaudier *living*

Friday, January 23

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

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.



Save the date

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

Day of Recollection

A day retreat being held Thursday, February 19, featuring guest speaker Laura Huval, at St Edmond in Lafayette from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mass and reconciliation to follow. Cost to attend is \$15 per person and includes lunch and door prizes. For pre-sale tickets and more information call 337-981-0874 or go to www.stedmondlafayette.org.

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.

St Patrick's office closure

St Patrick's office will be closed Monday, January 19 and will reopen Tuesday, January 20 at 9 a.m.

Come & See

Have you thought about the priesthood lately? Want 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 St Joseph Seminary College in St Benedict, La. March 27 through 29. Meals and lodging provided. For registration and retreat forms see lafayettevocations.com/retreats.

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 for more information.

Let us pray for:

Verica Mae Alexander, daughter of parishioner Raymond Garry, who is recovering from surgery.

Sharon Savoie, our sacristan, who celebrates her birthday on January 18.

Sarah Brabant, Terry Guidry, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Bob Guidry, Bryan Lege, Harry DeMette, Jarrell Sparrow, Priscilla Narcisse, Brandon Boudreaux, 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

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

From the Catechism, on the fifth Commandment, nn. 2302, 2304, 2307

By recalling the commandment, "You shall not kill," our Lord asked for peace of heart and denounced murderous anger and hatred as immoral. Anger is a desire for revenge. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin. The Lord says, "Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment."

Respect for and development of human life require peace. Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity. Peace is "the tranquility of order" ... the work of justice and the effect of charity.

The fifth commandment forbids the intentional destruction of human life. Because of the evils and injustices that accompany all war, the Church insistently urges everyone to prayer and to action so that the divine Goodness may free us from the ancient bondage of war.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$5,515

Next week's second collection is for the Church in Latin America.

From the Pastor's Desk

With all the busyness and celebrations surrounding Christmas and the New Year, the end of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 seems to have passed without much notice or fanfare. The Jubilee of Hope began on Christmas Eve of 2024 and ended on January 6, 2026, the feast of the Epiphany.

These ordinary Jubilees, which occur every twenty-five years, are moments of extraordinary graces for the Church. Biblically, jubilees were celebrated every fifty years and were meant to be times of joy following the pardon and remission of debts. Imagine that! Every fifty years, your personal debts would be forgiven and you would be given a new chance to start all over. For the poor and the oppressed, the jubilee year was supposed to be a lifeline, a mercy commanded by God to allow them to be relieved of the burden that was crushing them. Sadly, it seems that even in biblical history, the jubilee was rarely honored by the people of Israel. Those with wealth and power ignored it or found ways to justify avoiding the forgiveness of debts commanded by God. And so the poor among them continued to suffer, and what little they had was taken away from them.

The poor cry out and the Lord hears them; the Lord commands and the wicked refuse to hear (see Ps 34). Understanding this helps us to understand why the prophets were always so insistent in trying to call to

conscience the powerful and the wealthy in Israel, to turn their hearts toward their poor brethren in imitation of their God, who held the plight of the oppressed close to his heart and who commanded that they be treated preferentially, with kindness and compassion.

Biblically, sin is often thought of as a kind of debt, a burden that weighs down and crushes because it cannot be repaid. Sin, like debt, must simply be forgiven. When a debt is forgiven, there is nothing more to pay back, except to express sincere and profound gratitude. Likewise, when sin is forgiven, there is nothing more to do but to accept such mercy with true thankfulness and to begin again, freed from the burden, to live in the freedom of grace.

In the Lord's prayer, the word rendered as "trespasses" actually means debt, and in some older translations, we read "forgive us our debts

as we forgive those indebted to us." Sin is a kind of debt, one that cannot be repaid, but must be simply forgiven. The Lord's prayer teaches that we will be forgiven by God in the same way that we forgive others. If I wish to be released from my debt to God, I must release others from their debt to me.

In this way, I can be faithful to the biblical jubilee command to set free all those in any kind of debt to me. And surely then I will be found pleasing to God and will receive his mercy.

Fr Guillory

