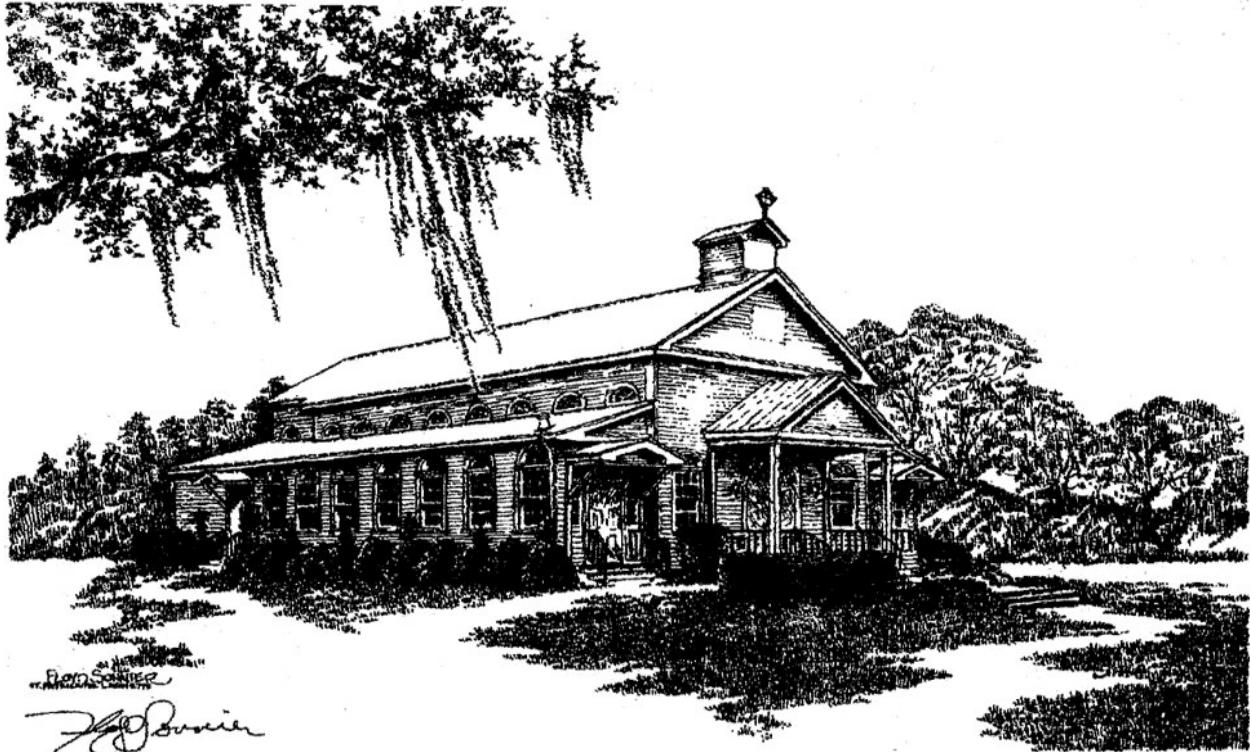


St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 25, 2026
Third 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 24

4 p.m.: Mary Ann Cormier; Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alania Bouvier *living*; Polly Garber *living*; John Doucet Sr; Peggy & John Doucet Jr; Don Nix; Shelia Beasley; Marliene Bellard; Faye Bellard

Sunday, January 25

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, January 26

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 a.m.: Ronal Lege *living*

Wednesday, January 28

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, January 29

9 a.m.: Cheryl Lynn Cormier

Friday, January 30

7:30 a.m.:

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.



Lenten Day of Reflection

Praying through the Eyes of the Saints, The School of Prayer, presented by the Diocese of Lafayette Office of Catechetics, will be held at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, on Saturday, February 21, from 8:15 a.m. until 12 noon. Guest speaker is Fr. John Dugas, Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Mathilda in Eunice. Registration fee is \$20. Seating is limited. To register or for more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y8nfd2j9>.

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.

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.

Retrouvaille weekend

Hope and renewal for struggling marriages. Contact Bill & Missie at 985-232-5963 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

Save the date

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

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, February 2, 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.

Let us pray for:

Ron Lege, who celebrates his birthday on January 27 and Dana Guidry who celebrates her birthday on January 28.

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.

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 Third Sunday

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

From the Catechism, on the fifth Commandment, nn. 2307, 2313, 2315-2316

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. Non-combatants, wounded soldiers, and prisoners must be respected and treated humanely. Actions deliberately contrary to the law of nations and to its universal principles are crimes, as are the orders that command such actions. Blind obedience does not suffice to excuse those who carry them out. Spending enormous sums to produce ever new types of weapons impedes efforts to aid needy populations; it thwarts the development of peoples. Over-armament multiplies reasons for conflict and increases the danger of escalation. The production and the sale of arms affect the common good of nations and of the international community. Hence public authorities have the right and duty to regulate them. The short-term pursuit of private or collective interests cannot legitimate undertakings that promote violence and conflict among nations and compromise the international juridical order.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,453

Next week's collection is for St Patrick's building and maintenance fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

In this Sunday's gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus takes up the mantle of John, who had been arrested, and repeats the message of the Baptist: "Repent and believe," he preaches, "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." These are the first words of Jesus's public preaching, the announcing of the kingdom. And they fulfill the prophecy from Isaiah that "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light." This passage from Matthew's gospel is the foundation of the third luminous mystery as St John Paul II proposed when he offered the luminous mysteries for the faithful to meditate on when praying the Rosary. The other luminous mysteries are 1) the baptism of the Lord, 2) the wedding at Cana, 4) the transfiguration of the Lord, 5) the institution of the Eucharist.

Keeping our eyes on the calendar ahead, we note that Lent begins on February 18 with Ash Wednesday. This year there are six Sundays between Christmas and Lent, a little pause between these two intense holy seasons. While we enjoy this little respite of "ordinary time," it is still not too early to start thinking about how to make a good Lent. One suggestion is to examine our New Year resolutions to see how well those are holding up and to decide whether we might make those into some sort of Lenten penance. This could help us reconnect now with our

resolutions and prepare the way for a spiritually fruitful Lent.

In the second part of this Sunday's gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples, the brothers Peter and Andrew and another set of brothers, James and John. They are all fishermen. Jesus's words to them are simple: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Even simpler are his words to Matthew, the tax collector: "Follow me." In both cases, these disciples act at once, leave everything behind, and go with Jesus.

The call to discipleship can be just that quick, even today. But discerning the call to follow Jesus as a priest takes more time and discernment, both on the part of the man who may believe he is called to the priesthood and on the part of the Church who must affirm that call.



It is exciting that in our Diocese there are so many young men who are willing to discern the call to the priesthood. Fourteen entered seminary formation last year, and it seems we are on track to have at least ten new seminarians for this upcoming year. To help in their discernment and initial formation, the Diocese has just acquired a property in Roberts Cove, just north of Rayne, to be a house of formation for our first-year seminarians. May many more heed the call to follow Jesus and to become fishers of men.

Fr Guillory