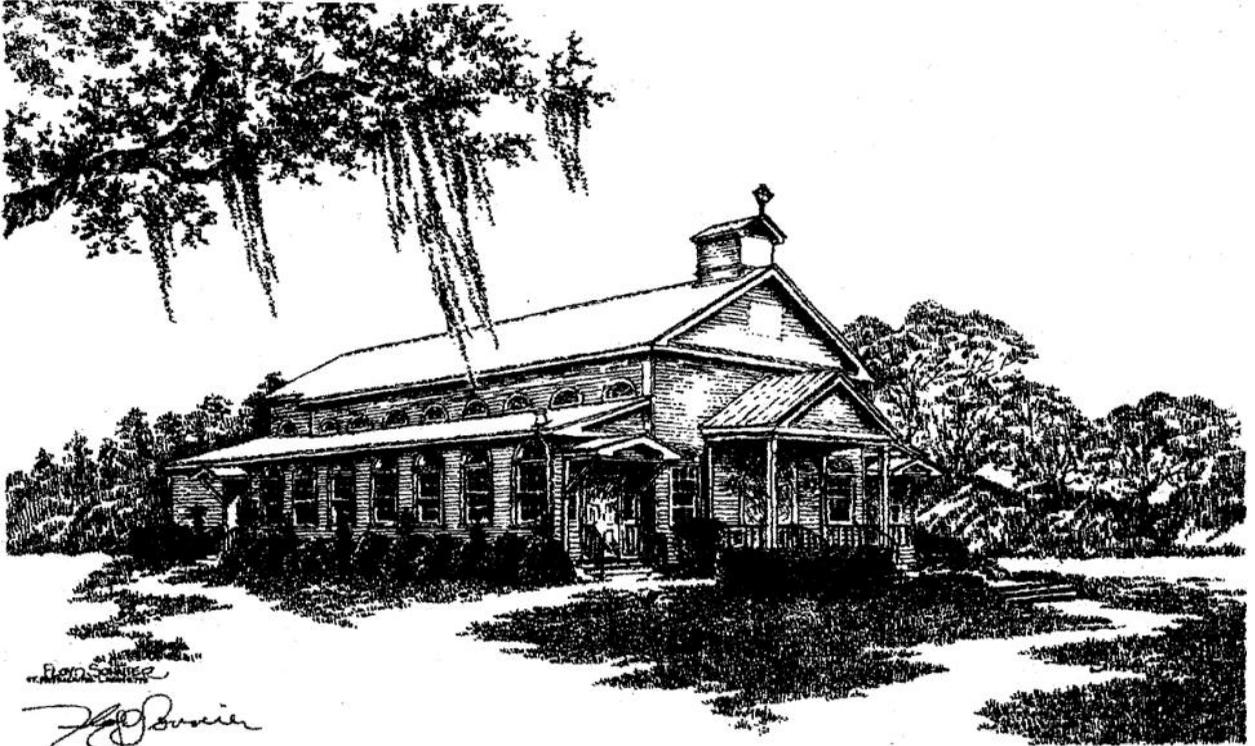


St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent



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, February 21

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alania Bouvier *living*; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable; Bart, Jules & Isola LeJeune; Frank Garber; Marliene Bellard; Faye Beasley; Ludden Bellard

Sunday, February 22

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, February 23

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Tuesday, February 24

7:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, February 25

7:30 a.m.: Raymond Garry

Thursday, February 26

7:30 a.m.: Leroy Leday

Friday, February 27

7:30 a.m.:



Lenten Way of the Cross

Friday mornings during Lent, beginning at 7:05 a.m. in church.

Adult faith formation at St Patrick's

Tuesday, February 24 at 6 p.m. in the office conference room. Parishioner Gabriel Connor presents on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Pope Francis' last encyclical, *Dilexit nos*.

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 below or emailing Nancy at signlanguagespecialties@gmail.com. Classes are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.



Eucharistic Adoration

Join Bishop Deshotel at Cathedral of St John the Evangelist for eucharistic adoration as we pray for the Diocese of Lafayette, Monday, February 23 at 6 p.m. following 5:30 p.m. Mass. Confessions will be available during this time as well.

A Mission for Marriages: Forming the Spirituality of Marriage & Family Life

Saturday, March 7, at City Club, hosted by Jason Angelette. Event begins at 7 p.m. For tickets or more information visit: jpgacademy.org/galadinner.

Lenten Mission: I Confess

March 9-10, 6 p.m. at Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, hosted by Fr. Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P., a native of Louisiana, who currently serves as the University Chaplain and Vice President for Ministry and Mission at The Catholic University of America.

*O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Psalm: 51:17*

Holy Hour for Vocations

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

Cemetery plots for sale

Parishioner Chad Williams has two plots for sale at Memorial Park. For more information, please contact him directly at 337-849-5936.

Let us pray for:

Debbie Slaughter Conque, who is recuperating in the hospital after being struck by a vehicle.

Beryl Williams, step-mother of parishioner Chad Williams, who died on February 14.

Sarah Brabant, Kathy Delahoussaye, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Bryan Lege, Harry DeMette, Jarrell Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, 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 first Sunday of Lent

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

From the Catechism, on man's freedom, nn. 1741-1742

By his glorious Cross Christ has won salvation for all men. He redeemed them from the sin that held them in bondage. "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Gal 5:1). In him we have communion with the "truth that makes us free" (Jn 8:32). The Holy Spirit has been given to us and, as the Apostle teaches, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor 3:17). Already we glory in the "liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). The grace of Christ is not in the slightest way a rival of our freedom when this freedom accords with the sense of the true and the good that God has put in the human heart. On the contrary, as Christian experience attests especially in prayer, the more docile we are to the promptings of grace, the more we grow in inner freedom and confidence during trials, such as those we face in the pressures and constraints of the outer world. By the working of grace the Holy Spirit educates us in spiritual freedom in order to make us free collaborators in his work in the Church and in the world: *Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.*

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$5,495

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday we reflected at some length on the psalms, especially on the responsorial psalm, taken from Psalm 119, the longest of the 150 psalms in the book of Psalms.

This Sunday, as the penitential season of Lent begins, our responsorial psalm is taken from Psalm 51, which is the best known of the seven penitential psalms. This is one of the psalms of David, who composed this psalm as a prayer of repentance after the prophet Nathan

Psalm 51 is prayed in the Liturgy of the Hours every Friday at lauds, also known as morning prayer. Friday being a penitential day, in which we recall the crucifixion and death of the Lord Jesus.

To pray well during Lent is to pray penitentially and to meditate on the passion of the Lord. Reading and reciting the seven penitential psalms is a wonderful way of praying with the scriptures and of training our hearts in true repentance. The other six penitential psalms are: Psalm 6, *"Do not reprove me in your anger, Lord"*; Psalm 32, *"Blessed*

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confronted him over his adultery with Bathsheba and his murder of Bathsheba's husband Uriah (2 Sam 11).

The Psalm begins with an anguished plea for God's mercy, asking to be cleansed from all guilt and transgression. David fully acknowledges his sin, but repentant, he begs God for mercy and to create a new heart in him, so that he will no longer sin and, having been made new by grace, he may sing God's praises and know the joy of salvation.

is the one whose fault is removed"; Psalm 38, *"Lord, do not punish me in your anger"*; Psalm 102, *"Lord, hear my prayer"*; Psalm 130, *"Out of the depths"*; and Psalm 143, *"Lord, hear my prayer."*

Also, you may wish to join us in church every Friday morning of Lent at 7 a.m. to pray the Way of the Cross together. The penitential psalms and the Way of the Cross: together, these make a great prayer program for a holy and fruitful Lent.

Fr Guillory