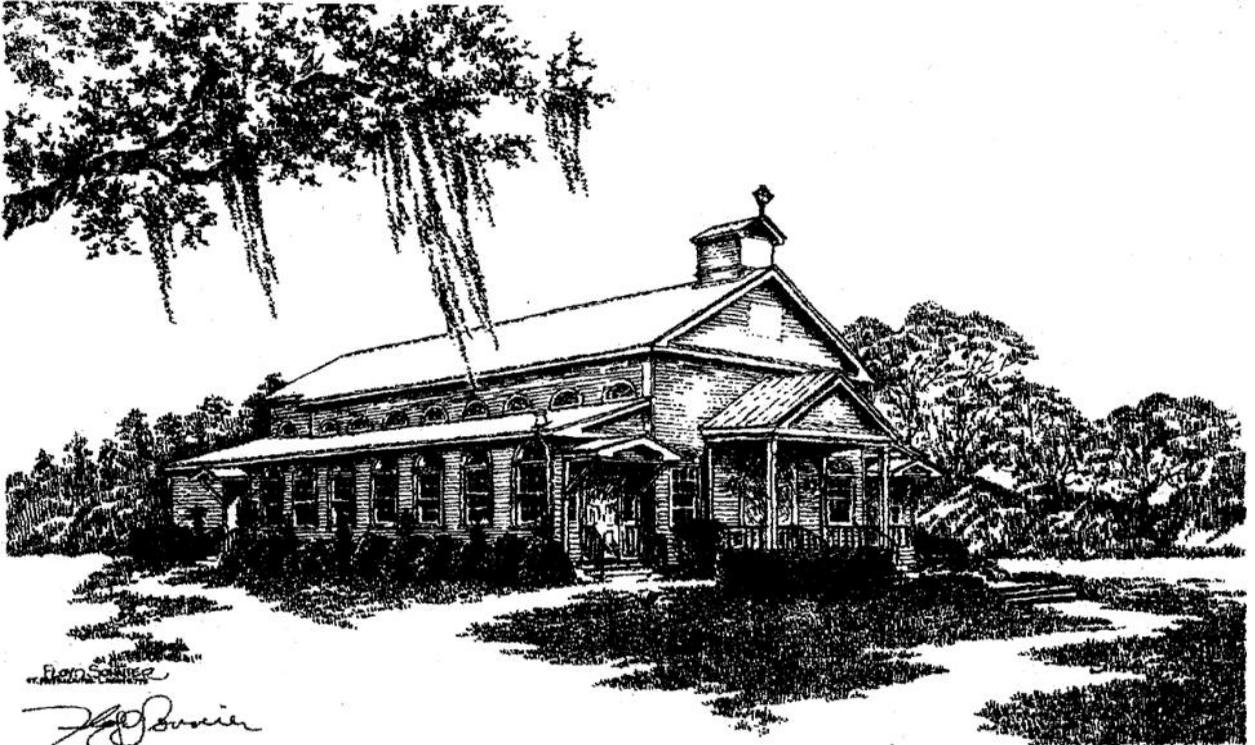


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 1, 2026
Second 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 28

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Alania Bouvier *living*; Nanette & Jerry Bouvier *living*; Ed Roy

Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, March 2

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 3

7:30 a.m.: Raymond Garry

Wednesday, March 4

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, March 5

7:30 a.m.: Ronald Lege family

Friday, March 6

7:30 a.m.: Amelie Garber *living*



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. Speaker is Fr. Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P., a Carencro native who currently serves as the university chaplain and vice president for ministry and mission at Catholic University of America.

Lenten Mission: Hearing God's Voice

Join us this Lent for a powerful Lenten Mission with Jonna Schuster at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Broussard. March 2 through 4 from 6-7:30 p.m. Come spend time in prayer, reflection, and encouragement as we learn practical ways to recognize and respond to the voice of God in our daily lives. Free childcare is available for ages 1-4 in the One Heart Nursery.

Angola Bus Trip

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Justice and Peace is offering free transportation to anyone who has a loved one at Angola and would like to visit with them. The trip is scheduled for Sunday, March 29. Bus departures: 7 a.m. St. Edward Church in New Iberia; 7:30 a.m. St. Paul Church in Lafayette. Please note, there are important visitor guidelines. To reserve your seat, for more information regarding the trip, including the guidelines, call Stephanie Bernard, prison ministry coordinator, at 337-264-5694.

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, 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.

Lenten Way of the Cross

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

Cemetery plots for sale

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

Let us pray for:

Charles and Kate Bull, who celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary on March 1.

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 second Sunday of Lent

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2559-2561

Prayer as God's gift – Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

If you knew the gift of God! – The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.

You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. – Paradoxically our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the living God. Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and also a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of God.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$5,103
Ash Wed. (Catholic Charities).....	\$2,693
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$1,308

From the Pastor's Desk

During Lent it is a common practice for Catholic to gather together to pray the Way of the Cross, especially on Fridays. Most parish churches host a communal Way of the Cross to encourage this devotion and prayer.

Here at St Patrick's, it has long been our tradition to pray the Way of the Cross together on Friday mornings before morning Mass. So at 7:05 a.m. on Fridays of Lent, we recite together the Way of the Cross as composed by St Alphonsus Liguori, a well-known and beloved set of meditations of the sufferings of Jesus.

Traditionally, there are fourteen stations that make up the way of the cross. The idea is to meditate prayerfully upon the sufferings of Jesus as exemplified in each station. To help us with our prayerful reflection on the Lord's Passion, spiritual writers for centuries have composed various prayers and commentaries that are meant to deepen our appreciation of each of the stations along the Way of the Cross.

So there is no one "official" set of prayers to be used by all Catholics for the Way of the Cross. But it is true that in many places there is a traditional favorite that is used year after year. A wonderful variety exists for praying the Way of the Cross, and we should not hesitate to explore

new options, which may deepen our devotion to Jesus Crucified.

In my home parish in Kaplan, I grew up reciting a Way of the Cross with texts drawn from the scriptures. In the seminary we used another Way of the Cross drawn from ancient liturgical texts. And of course, the texts by St Alphonsus are wonderful. Additionally, in our mis-salettes, beginning on p. 56, there is another set of scriptural meditations on the Way of the Cross. Plus, over the years, I've managed to acquire another half-dozen or so versions that I pray with from time to time. I've come to appreciate all these meditations, though I still have my favorites.



Each year on the evening of Good Friday in Rome, the Pope attends a Way of the Cross with thousands of other people, during which newly composed meditations and reflections are offered. Many

of these Ways of the Cross can be found on the Vatican website or elsewhere on the internet, and they can make for good and prayerful reflection.

The simplest way to make a Way of the Cross is, I suppose, just to look at each station, one by one, with faith, hope, and love. Not a word even has to be spoken. Sometimes it is enough that the heart takes in the scene before it and answers with silent reverence and compassion.

Fr Guillory