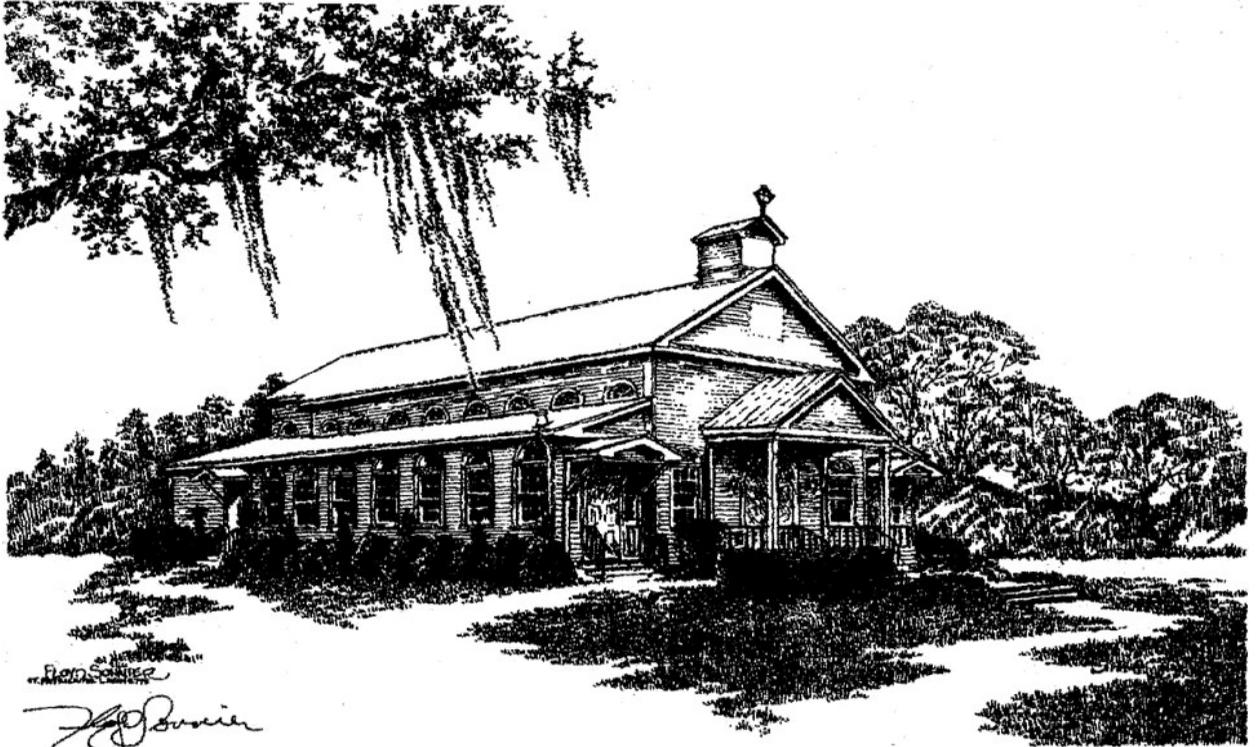


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 15, 2026
Fourth 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, March 14

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes;
Nanette & Jerry Bouvier *living*; Anna Mae
Caillier

Sunday, March 15

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

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, March 19

7:30 a.m.: Raymond Garry

Friday, March 20

7:30 a.m.: Lee P Singleton, Sr

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.

Lenten Mission: Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, Wednesday, March 18, beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a talk from Fr J Patrick Hough, SJ, on "Triumph of Grace over Tribulation" and Eucharistic Adoration. Fr Hough is the Director of the Jesuit Spirituality Center and Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau.

***Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my
disciple. ~ Luke 14:27***

Lenten Way of the Cross

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

**St Patrick
Holy Week Schedule**

Monday-Wednesday

March 30 – April 1, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 2, 6 p.m.

No morning Mass.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

April 3, 3 p.m.

No morning Mass.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 5, 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Parish hall closure

Beginning April 1, the parish hall and adoration chapel will be closed for renovations.

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.

Find Mass when traveling

There are several resources available to help Catholics find Mass when they're away from home or traveling. Check out *masstimes.org* for useful information.

Let us pray for:

Bill and Louise Ganucheau, who celebrate their anniversary on March 16.

Dee Boudreaux, who celebrated her 93rd birthday on March 9. Jerry Boudreaux who is recovering from four broken ribs.

Victor Fontenot, Fr Guillory's uncle, who died on March 12.

Debbie Slaughter Conque, who is recuperating at home.

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 fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2566-2567

Man is in search of God. In the act of creation, God calls every being from nothingness into existence. "Crowned with glory and honor," man is, after the angels, capable of acknowledging "how majestic is the name of the Lord in all the earth." Even after losing through his sin his likeness to God, man remains an image of his Creator, and retains the desire for the one who calls him into existence. All religions bear witness to man's essential search for God. God calls man first. Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response. As God gradually reveals himself and reveals man to himself, prayer appears as a reciprocal call, a covenant drama. Through words and actions, this drama engages the heart. It unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$4,084
Online giving January.....	\$6,948
Online giving February	\$6,792

From the Pastor's Desk

By the time you're reading this, we will have successfully enjoyed our annual St Patrick's Day breakfast, which was held on Saturday morning, March 14, at City Club. This social event brings together so many different people who call St Patrick's their spiritual home, whether they attend our parish on the weekends, for Sunday Mass, or whether they come only during the week for daily Mass. However it works out, people who come to St Patrick's are always welcome at our parish socials.

The planning, the decorating, the organizing is all taken care of by a team of volunteers in conjunction with our parish office. For all their hard work and cheerful dedication, I am truly grateful. For me as pastor, our parish socials are a rather hands-off affair. I get to show up and enjoy the events while our parishioners take care of everything else, giving me a chance to visit with so many of you, which is a real delight. If you would be interested in helping with our parish socials, or any aspect of parish life, please let me know. Volunteers are always welcome, and we know well that "many hands make light work," as the old proverb goes.

This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is called Laetare Sunday, from the entrance

antiphon of that Mass, which in Latin begins, *Laetare Ierusalem*, "Rejoice, O Jerusalem" (Is 66:10). Jerusalem and her people are told to rejoice because her mourning is nearly over and her consolation is near.

We use this Sunday in the middle of Lent to pause and reevaluate our Lenten practices, reminding ourselves that we need to hold firm in our practices of self-denial – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Soon enough, the time for fasting will be over, and the time for rejoicing will again be upon us. Until then, we must remain steadfast, and if we have slacked in our penances, we simply pick ourselves up and start again.

For Laetare Sunday, rose-colored vestments can be used in place of the usual violet vestments worn for Lent, the

lighter color rose being a sign that anticipates the joy to come and encourages us to persevere in our commitments.

Please note our Mass schedule for Holy Week and Easter, which is published on the inside of the bulletin. The liturgies of Holy Week are special, and I encourage you to consider attending them, especially Holy Thursday evening and the afternoon Good Friday Service.

Fr Guillory

