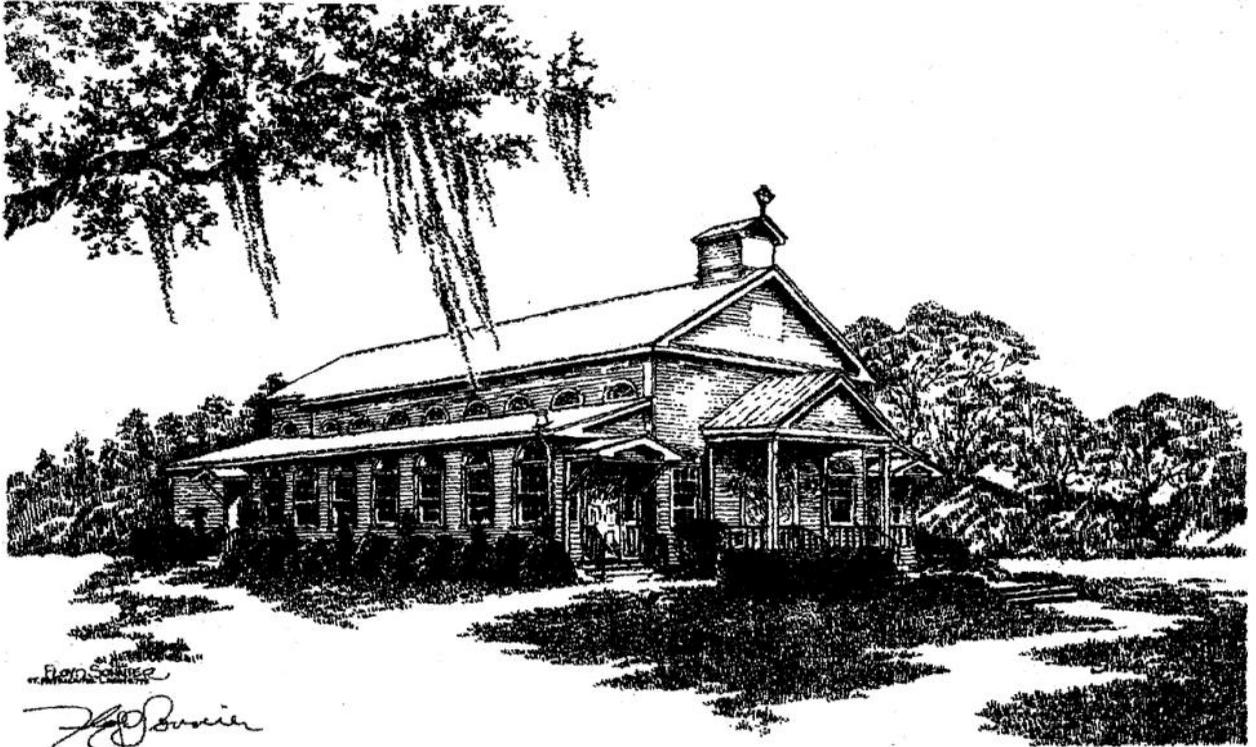


St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 22, 2026
Fifth 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 21

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Nanette & Jerry Bouvier *living*; Anna Mae Caillier; Robert "Bob" Martin; Tony Daily

Sunday, March 22

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, March 23

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 24

7:30 a.m.: Raymond Garry

Wednesday, March 25

7:30 a.m.: Ed Roy

Thursday, March 26

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, March 27

7:30 a.m.: Velma Singleton

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.

Adult faith formation at St Patrick's

Tuesday, March 24, 6 p.m. in the office classroom. Mr Jeffrey Cormier, theology teacher at STM, will present on the holy Eucharist.

Good Friday Children's Way of the Cross

On Good Friday, April 3, at 10 a.m., Sr Mary Peter will host an outdoor Stations of the Cross at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church led by children. Email Sister at srmarypeter.shj@gmail.com if you have a child who would like to participate. All are invited.

Last confessions before Easter

Many priests will be hearing confessions at St Pius X Church, on Wednesday, April 1 from 4-7 p.m.

**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.

Lenten Mission: Holy Cross

Holy Cross is holding it's annual Lenten Mission Tuesday, March 31 beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a talk from Fr Michael Champagne with Community of Jesus Crucified. Fr Champagne's talk is on "The Good Samaritan and Ministry to the Suffering". The evening will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration.

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.

Lenten Way of the Cross

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

Let us pray for:

Sarah Brabant, Debbie Savage Conque, Kathy Delahoussaye, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Bryan Lege, Harry DeMette, Jarrell Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, 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 fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2626-2628

Blessing and adoration

Blessing expresses the basic movement of Christian prayer: it is an encounter between God and man. In blessing, God's gift and man's acceptance of it are united in dialogue with each other. The prayer of blessing is man's response to Gods' gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing. Two fundamental forms express this movement: our prayer ascends in the Holy Spirit through Christ to the Father – we bless him for having blessed us; it implores the grace of the Holy Spirit that descends through Christ from the Father – he blesses us. Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,247
Catholic Relief Services.....\$1,123

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

~ Hebrews 13:16

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent, begins what is called Passiontide. In these last two weeks of Lent, we turn our hearts and mind to contemplate the mystery of Jesus' suffering and death.

As a sign to remind us that Good Friday is closing in on us, many Catholic churches veil their statues and images so that we can focus our attention on the cross of Christ.

This is why you will see the statues of the saints and angels covered in St Patrick's until Easter.

Next Sunday, March 29, is Palm Sunday, when the first account of the passion of Jesus is read during the Gospel. This year, we will hear the

Passion account from the Gospel of Matthew. On Good Friday, we read the passion account from the Gospel of John. Red is worn on both Palm Sunday and Good Friday, to honor the blood of Christ shed for the salvation of the world as we read of his suffering, crucifixion, and death.

If you would like, I invite you to participate a little more deeply in the Church's liturgy by wearing red on Palm Sunday and

Good Friday. Sure, this is a somewhat "playful" gesture, but it can also be a *prayerful* reminder of how God suffered and died out of love for us, to redeem us, to free us from sin and everlasting death.

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I want to take this opportunity well in advance of Good Friday to remind you that all Catholics from age 14 up are bound to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

Additionally, Catholics ages 18-59 are bound to fast on Good Friday, limiting themselves to one meal and two smaller bites that do not equal a full meal.

Further, Good Friday is not a day for festivities of any kind, and that includes

crawfish boils, which nearly always take on a party atmosphere. It is inappropriate to participate in such a festivity on Good Friday, even if we technically observe the rules of abstinence from meat and fasting. The spirit of Good Friday is one of silence, sorrow, penitence, and prayer. And the spirit of a Louisiana crawfish boil is the very opposite, something better reserved for the joy and gladness of Easter.



Fr Guillory