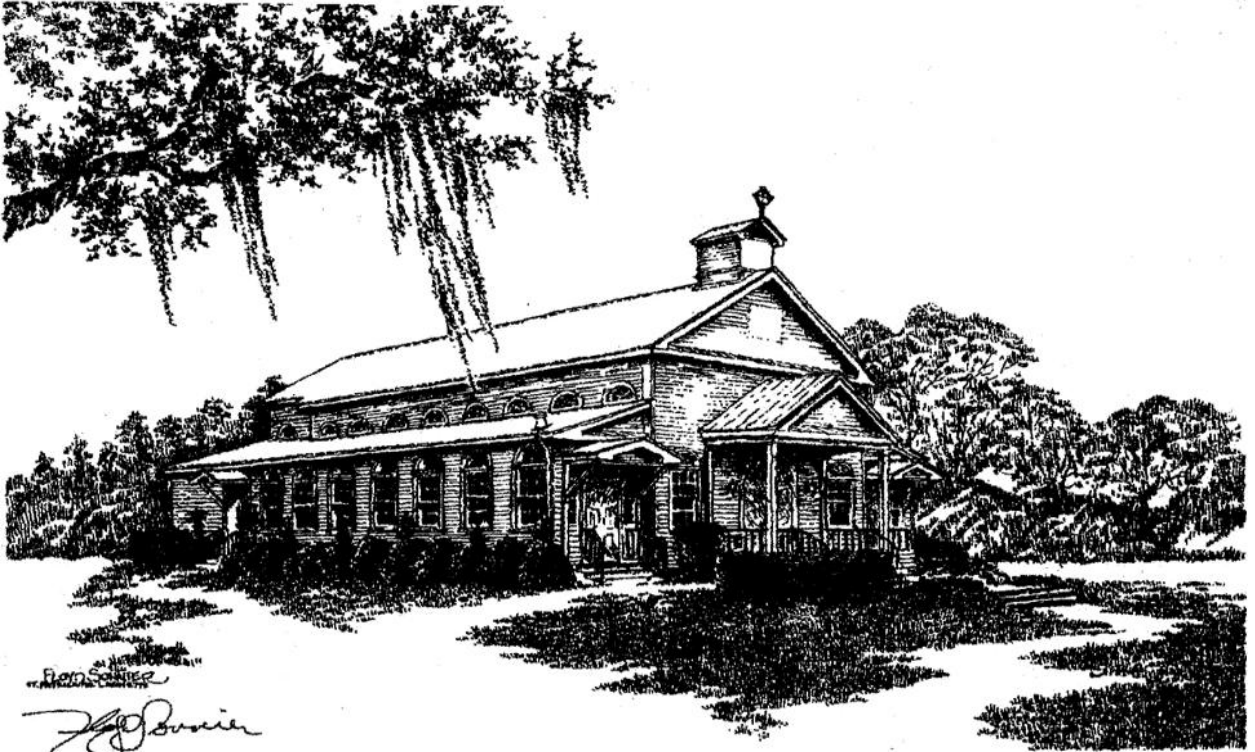


St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 17, 2026 – Ascension of the Lord



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, May 16

8 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Nick & Johnnie Gachassin

Sunday, May 17

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

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, May 18

7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory; Albert Doucet *living*

Tuesday, May 19

7:30 a.m.: Jon & Elisa Schnur *living*

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 a.m.: Ed Roy

Thursday, May 21

7:30 a.m.: Philip Schnur *living*

Friday, May 22

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

FOCUS missionary

Isaac Ambs, a FOCUS missionary serving at Our Lady of Wisdom, addressed St Patrick's at Masses a few weeks ago. To learn more about FOCUS and Isaac and to support Isaac's work as a missionary, go online to focus.org/missionaries/isaac-ambs.

Revival – A Grieving Mother's Retreat

June 12-14, at St Charles College Retreat Center in Grand Coteau, hosted by Red Bird Ministries. Retreat cost is \$450 and includes a private room and bathroom. Check-in Friday at 3-4 p.m. Concludes on Sunday at 4 p.m. For mothers grieving from the loss of a child from miscarriage through adulthood. For more information or to register for this retreat visit www.redbird.love/revival.

Remember Me

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia/Alzheimer's. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Call 337-235-1483 or email setonrememberme@gmail.com for more information.

Catechetical Summer Conference

The Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Catechetics is pleased to announce its annual Catechetical Summer Conference taking place June 2-4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Immaculata Center. Each day will include keynote presentations and four one-hour sessions covering: Theology of the Body for beginners (K-5); Catholic Social Teaching; Forming Saints: Catholic Education through the four Pillars Formation. Lunch will be provided daily. Teachers who attend all three days will earn up to 12 formation hours for the upcoming school year. Open to all parish staff and interested members of the laity. To register or for more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/4rekrkyn>. For financial assistance, please contact Angela Fruge' at agfruge@diolaf.org.

Bereavement/grief support

Hospice of Acadiana offers a weekly support group for those who are bereaved or have experienced the death of a loved one. Call 337-232-1234 for more information.

Diocese of Lafayette, Quo Vadis Days

Community of Jesus Crucified is hosting Quo Vadis 2026, June 23-25, in St Martinville. A time of recollection to reflect on where you are going in your own life. We will explore that question through prayer, fraternity, recreation and talks on discernment. To register or for more information call (337) 261-5690, or visit lafayettevocations.com/retreats.

Let us pray for:

Mickie Sibley, who is retiring as organist at St Patrick's after 19 years of service to our parish.

Charlotte Marie Connor, who was born healthy and happy on May 5, and for her parents Gabriel and Natalie Connor.

Ray and Kathy Arceneaux, who celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on May 17.

Larry Lewis, Sarah Brabant, Debbie Savage Conque, Kathy Delahoussaye, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Brenda King, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Harry DeMette, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, Ronald Wiltz, 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 Ascension of the Lord

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2650-2653

Prayer cannot be reduced to the spontaneous outpouring of interior impulse: in order to pray, one must have the will to pray. Nor is it enough to know what the Scriptures reveal about prayer: one must also learn how to pray. Through a living transmission (Sacred Tradition) within "the believing and praying Church," the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God how to pray. The tradition of Christian prayer is one of the ways in which the tradition of faith takes shape and grows, especially through the contemplation and study of believers who treasure in their hearts the events and words of the economy of salvation, and through their profound grasp of the spiritual realities they experience. The Holy Spirit is the living water "welling up to eternal life" in the heart that prays. It is he who teaches us to accept it at its source: Christ. The Church "exhorts all the Christian faithful ... to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures... Let them remember, however, that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that a dialogue takes place between God and man. For 'we speak to him when we pray; we listen to him when we read the divine oracles.'"

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$6,572

From the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday, we bid farewell to Mickie Sibley, who has been organist for our 4 p.m. Mass for the past two decades. As Mickie retires, we wish her well and thank her for her many years of dedication to St Patrick's. I am pleased to announce that, beginning in July, Michelle MacFadyen will take over from Mickie. Michelle and her husband, JP, frequently come to Mass at St Patrick's, and Michelle is eager to get started.

I am so grateful to all our musicians: Faye Drobic, organist, who has been with us since 2005; Shana Sampia, vocalist and organist, since 2012; Natalie Connor, vocalist, since 2021; and Jane Fournet, substitute vocalist. With faith and dedication, they share so willingly and beautifully their musical gifts and talents, which build us up as we gather to worship and to celebrate the mystery of the holy Eucharist.

It rarely happens – and in fact, it has not happened in the seven years that I've been with you at St Patrick's – but on the weekend of June 20/21, all of our musicians will be away, as they have other scheduled commitments. Instead of scrambling to find additional substitute musicians, we'll have "quiet Masses" that weekend. It will be a somewhat different experience, especially for a congregation

like ours that enjoys singing at Mass. In fact, many of the priests who cover for me when I'm away remark how wonderful it is that St Patrick's is a "singing congregation." That's a testament to our musicians, but also to you, our parishioners, who are not afraid to sing joyfully to the Lord "in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph 5:19).

Graduation season is upon us, and a number of our young St Patricians will soon be celebrating the end of their school days, and the beginning of university studies, work, and the rest of life. So, congratulations are in order to Lucy Drozda, graduating from John Paul the Great Academy to Kolton LeBlanc, graduating from Teurlings Catholic High School, and to Sadie Thevenot, graduating from St Thomas More Catholic High School. May the next steps in

your lives be filled with discovery, joy, and grace! Congratulations to all 2026 graduates.

As summer approaches and vacation days arrive, remember to plan to attend Mass when you're traveling. Using sites such as *masstimes.org* can help you find Catholic churches, where you can attend Mass or go to confession while on the road or relaxing on vacation.

In Guillory

